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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 592, L.D. 1451, “An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Establish Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility, referred to in this resolve as "the working group."

Sec. 2. Members; selection of chair and vice-chair. Resolved: That the working group is composed of the following members:

- 1. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;
- 2. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
- 3. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- 4. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- 5. One member from the Maine Office of Community Affairs, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;
- 6. One member who is a representative of a statewide organization advocating for older adults, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;
- 7. One member who is a representative of an organization representing persons with disabilities, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the

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1 Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine
2 Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

3 8. One member who is a representative of a statewide nonprofit organization
4 advocating on behalf of persons with low incomes, appointed by the Commissioner of
5 Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and
6 the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on
7 Aging;

8 9. One member who is a representative from a statewide association of public transit
9 providers, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the
10 Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine
11 Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging;

12 10. One member with lived experience with the Department of Health and Human
13 Services' nonemergency transportation program, appointed by the Commissioner of
14 Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and
15 the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on
16 Aging;

17 11. One member who is a representative of a statewide coalition focused on expanding
18 transportation access, appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation in consultation
19 with the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Moving Maine Network,
20 the Maine Transit Association and the Maine Council on Aging; and

21 12. One member who is a representative of a youth-led organization, appointed by the
22 Commissioner of Transportation in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and
23 Human Services and the Moving Maine Network, the Maine Transit Association and the
24 Maine Council on Aging.

25 The working group shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its members.

26 **Sec. 3. Duties; implementation plan. Resolved:** That the working group shall
27 develop an implementation plan that includes a timeline, a budget and a staffing plan and
28 a detailed work plan to:

29 1. Establish a mobility management approach among state agencies to increase
30 efficiency, accessibility and sustainability of transportation across the State. The working
31 group shall examine the creation of mobility management hubs and improving
32 transportation for populations experiencing transportation insecurity. For the purposes of
33 this resolve, the following terms have the following meanings.

34 A. "Mobility management" means a collaborative approach for managing and
35 delivering coordinated transportation services to persons, especially nondrivers,
36 including older adults, persons with disabilities and persons with low incomes, and that
37 focuses on meeting persons' needs through a wide range of transportation options and
38 service providers and focuses on coordinating these services and providers to achieve
39 a more efficient transportation service delivery system.

40 B. "Mobility management hub" means a program that provides capacity for
41 coordination between multiple community providers and organizations to support
42 persons in accessing transportation supports and services and is designed to be
43 welcoming and accessible to persons of all mobility needs.

1 C. "Populations experiencing transportation insecurity" means groups facing financial,
2 systemic and relational barriers that contribute to the barriers to accessing needed
3 services or destinations comfortably, conveniently and affordably;

4 2. Build interagency coordination between the Department of Transportation, the
5 Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, the Department
6 of Labor and other state agencies as determined relevant to increase efficiency and
7 coordination of transportation funding; and

8 3. Use federal guidance and models from other jurisdictions to remove barriers to and
9 to develop methods of cost sharing between federal and state programs to improve access
10 to transportation across the State.

11 **Sec. 4. Development of implementation plan. Resolved:** That the Department
12 of Transportation and the working group, in developing the implementation plan under
13 section 3, shall:

14 1. Review best practices in other states and jurisdictions, such as the 2023 "Would a
15 System of Regional Mobility Managers Benefit Massachusetts?" study from the
16 Massachusetts Department of Transportation;

17 2. Use the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit
18 Administration's 2023-2026 Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Strategic Plan
19 and the Department of Transportation's Maine Strategic Transit Plan 2025 to identify
20 mobility management efforts to meet the needs in the State;

21 3. Identify the regional structure and services that would be offered under a mobility
22 management program;

23 4. Determine the level of funding needed to sustainably operate a mobility management
24 program; and

25 5. Identify additional funding mechanisms, including, but not limited to, the United
26 States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration formula grants under
27 49 United States Code, Sections 5310 and 5311.

28 The Department of Transportation may organize members of the working group into
29 subgroups and hire consultants for the development of the implementation plan under
30 section 3.

31 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, on behalf of the
32 working group, shall submit a report with the implementation plan developed under section
33 3, including any necessary legislation and estimated appropriations, to the Joint Standing
34 Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2026. The committee may report out
35 legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

36 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
37 number to read consecutively.

38 **SUMMARY**

39 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and requires the Department of
40 Transportation to establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and
41 Mobility. The working group is tasked with developing an implementation plan to improve
42 access to transportation across the State through interagency coordination and engagement

1 with stakeholders. The amendment requires the Department of Transportation to submit a
2 report with the implementation plan, including any necessary legislation and estimated
3 appropriations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2026.
4 The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session
5 of the 132nd Legislature.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**