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Resolve, Directing the Office of Procurement Services to Study Adapting the Procurement Process to the State Climate Action Plan

Sec. 1. Adapting procurement program to climate action plan. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Procurement Services, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions, referred to in this resolve as "agencies," to study adapting the State's procurement program to the state climate action plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577, referred to in this resolve as "the climate action plan." The office shall exclude from the study procurements conducted by the Public Utilities Commission for energy or transmission infrastructure pursuant to Title 35-A. The office shall survey the past 3 fiscal years of requests for proposals.

The office shall include in its survey:

1. An assessment of the volume and percentage of procurements for goods and services that provide an opportunity to consider the climate change impact of the deliverables of the requests for proposals and the volume and percentage of procurements that provide no such opportunity;
2. A determination and quantification of the extent to which agencies have already adapted the deliverables of their requests for proposals over the past 3 fiscal years to the climate action plan;
3. A review of agencies identifying the opportunities they may have missed to consider the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals under the climate action plan when initiating bids for goods and services; and
4. A review of agencies identifying potential issues based upon their experience with the procurement process and knowledge of what goods and services they commonly contract for.

Using the results of its survey, the office shall develop a report and recommendations, including recommendations to change the State's procurement laws, for how best to incorporate the goals of the climate action plan as priorities in the State's procurement program, allowing for exceptions or waivers as are reasonable and appropriate.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 3, 2025, the office shall report on its findings and recommendations under section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.