

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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S.P. 317 - L.D. 991

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an
Economic Evaluation Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service
between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area**

Sec. 1. Economic evaluation study. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall conduct an economic evaluation study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The study must include an economic evaluation of commuter and passenger rail service that builds upon data and potential next steps included in the Lewiston-Auburn Passenger Rail Service Plan published in May 2019. The economic evaluation must incorporate 2 of the "Full Build Preferred Alignments" contained in that report as follows: "Alignment 1A" for the Pan Am Railroad corridor; and "Alignment 1B" for the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad corridor from Auburn to Yarmouth Junction and connecting to the Pan Am Railroad corridor from Yarmouth Junction to Portland.

The department shall also conduct a high-level alternatives analysis for both rail corridors identified in this section to support selection of a preferred alignment and for comparison to other transportation connections between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by March 1, 2022. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings and recommendations provided in the department's report.

Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation may accept funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study under section 1. The total cost of the study may not exceed \$200,000. No funds may be collected by or transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments for no less than 10% of the overall cost of the study from municipalities that would be affected by the expansion of passenger rail service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The department may enter into agreements with the relevant municipalities for the municipalities to pay their relevant portions to fund the study in installments. If the municipalities have not fulfilled their commitment to provide 10% of

the overall costs of the study by the dates agreed upon with the department, the department may discontinue the study. If the department discontinues the study, any remaining municipal funds must be returned to the relevant municipalities and any remaining department funds appropriated for the study must be returned to the accounts from which they were appropriated.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation for an economic evaluation study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. Ten percent of the cost of the study must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by the train service with the remaining cost provided by existing funding within this account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$180,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>