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131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1150, L.D. 1787, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Statutes”

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

Sec. 1. Subdivision laws review required. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a stakeholder group to review the subdivision laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A, Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4 and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The stakeholder group shall recommend a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the subdivision laws that promotes development in growth areas; reduces development pressure in rural areas; protects public health, safety and welfare; advances state goals to produce affordable housing; and streamlines the development review process.

Sec. 2. Membership of stakeholder group. Resolved: That, at a minimum, the stakeholder group must include:

- 1. A member of the Senate as follows:
 - A. During the 131st Legislature, a member of the Senate recommended by the President of the Senate; and
 - B. During the 132nd Legislature, a member of the Senate recommended by the President of the Senate;
- 2. A member of the House of Representatives as follows:
 - A. During the 131st Legislature, a member of the House of Representatives recommended by the Speaker of the House; and
 - B. During the 132nd Legislature, a member of the House of Representatives recommended by the Speaker of the House;
- 3. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;

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- 1 4. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the commissioner's designee;
- 2 5. A representative from a county registry of deeds;
- 3 6. A representative from a municipal government who has experience with subdivision
- 4 law;
- 5 7. A representative from a regional planning agency;
- 6 8. A person currently working as a code enforcement officer who assists municipal
- 7 planning boards with development of subdivision ordinances and subdivision review;
- 8 9. A resident of the State who owns land of significant acreage in the unorganized
- 9 territory;
- 10 10. A representative from an organization that advocates for land and natural resources
- 11 conservation; and
- 12 11. A representative of the real estate development industry.

13 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 6, 2025, the Department of
 14 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report that includes the stakeholder
 15 group's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint
 16 standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over subdivision review matters
 17 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187,
 18 subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The joint standing committees
 19 may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd
 20 Legislature.

21 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
 22 appropriations and allocations are made.

23 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**
 24 **Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236**

25 Initiative: Provides funding for contracted facilitator and legal services.

26 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
27 All Other	\$0	\$36,000
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29 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$36,000

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 31 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 32 section number to read consecutively.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment strikes the resolve and replaces it with a resolve that requires the
 35 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convene a stakeholder group to
 36 review and recommend a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of the subdivision
 37 laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187,
 38 subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The amendment lists the
 39 minimum membership requirements for the stakeholder group. The department is required

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1 to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction
2 over subdivision review matters under those laws by December 6, 2025.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)