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H.P. 110

House of Representatives, January 19, 2017

### **An Act To Strengthen Intragovernment Communication**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARTIN of Sinclair.  
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BRYANT of Windham, DOORE of Augusta,  
GOLDEN of Lewiston, KORNFIELD of Bangor, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, SPEAR of  
South Thomaston.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA c. 7** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 7**

4 **AGENCIES**

5 **§201. Participation by agencies in legislative process**

6 Upon the request of a joint standing committee of the Legislature or a study  
7 commission or work group formed by legislative action, a commissioner or director of a  
8 state agency or the commissioner's or director's designee shall appear before and  
9 participate in a public hearing or work session of that committee, commission or work  
10 group. The request to appear must be in writing and must specify the date and time of the  
11 hearing or work session.

12 As used in this chapter, "state agency" means a state department, agency, office,  
13 board or commission or a quasi-independent agency, board, commission, authority or  
14 institution.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the commissioner or director of a state agency, which includes  
17 executive branch departments and quasi-independent agencies, to appear before a joint  
18 standing committee of the Legislature or a study commission or work group formed by  
19 legislative action and to participate in a hearing or work session of that committee,  
20 commission or work group. The committee, commission or work group must request the  
21 attendance of the commissioner or director in writing and provide the date and time of the  
22 hearing or work session.