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An Act to Study the Shared Use of the Public Right of Way

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill would establish a working group to study the shared use of the public right of
6 way by competing utilities, new modes of transportation, solar generation and new and
7 developing modes of electricity distribution. The working group would be required to
8 consider expanding the uses of the public right of way as valuable real estate, improving
9 the appearance of transmission poles and lines and how to maximize revenues from leased
10 usage of the right of way.