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House of Representatives, February 10, 2015

**An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling,
Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State**

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.
Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin and
Representatives: DUCHESNE of Hudson, HARLOW of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery,
WELSH of Rockport, WHITE of Washburn.

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 proposes to implement recommendations from the Department of
6 Environmental Protection relating to solid waste handling, management and disposal
7 issues identified in a letter dated March 24, 2014 to the Department of Environmental
8 Protection from the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

9 Specifically, this bill would enact measures designed to:

10 1. Provide incentives for and encourage the increased use of methods of source
11 reduction, reuse, recycling and composting as a means of achieving the state-mandated
12 recycling goal of 50% under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2132, together
13 with a method for accurately measuring future achievements toward that goal;

14 2. Achieve economic stabilization of the 3 existing waste-to-energy facilities in the
15 State by January 1, 2016, with options for funding that stabilization;

16 3. Develop a plan to minimize the need for future expansion of landfill capacity in
17 Maine, including state-owned landfills;

18 4. Identify additional strategies to increase the beneficial use of waste materials,
19 particularly where there are potential economic benefits to be derived from these
20 materials; and

21 5. Develop other components of an overall comprehensive implementation plan
22 necessary and appropriate to better advance the goals of the State's solid waste
23 management hierarchy under Title 38, section 2101.