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Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority to Study Strategies for Improving Abandoned Properties and Developing Housing Infrastructure

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MALON of Biddeford.

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority study. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4722 shall study strategies for improving abandoned properties and recommend strategies for municipal governments and regional organizations to create incentives for land improvements, including the use of state infrastructure banks or other means to guarantee loans, and a structure for repayment of those loans, for housing infrastructure projects serving a larger area built by private developers or others.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report based on its study in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Maine State Housing Authority to study strategies for improving abandoned properties and recommend strategies for municipal governments and regional organizations to create incentives for land improvements, including the use of state infrastructure banks or other means to guarantee loans, and a structure for repayment of those loans, for housing infrastructure projects serving a larger area built by private developers or others. The resolve requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by December 1, 2024 regarding the study.