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H.P. 436

House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

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**Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a State Firefighter Training Facility**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LAJOIE of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GOLDEN of Lewiston,  
GREENWOOD of Wales, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of Winslow, THERIAULT of China,  
Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

1           **Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety to study the feasibility of developing**  
 2 **statewide and regional training facilities for firefighting. Resolved:** That the  
 3 Department of Public Safety shall hire an independent consultant to study the feasibility  
 4 of establishing a statewide, centrally located firefighter training facility and several  
 5 regional firefighter training facilities. The regional training facilities must be located so  
 6 as to be within reach of at least 90% of the firefighters of the State within one hour. At a  
 7 minimum, the study must identify:

- 8           1. The best location for each regional firefighter training facility based on  
 9 demographics and environmental impact;
- 10           2. Other potential users of the firefighter training facilities;
- 11           3. The type of training to be provided at each facility;
- 12           4. The daily structuring of the operations of each facility;
- 13           5. The annual operational cost per facility;
- 14           6. Opportunities for the facilities to generate other revenue to offset annual  
 15 operational costs;
- 16           7. The benefits of the facilities to public safety; and
- 17           8. The funding and grant options available on a statewide and federal basis for  
 18 construction and maintenance of the facilities.

19           The Department of Public Safety shall submit a report based on the results of the  
 20 study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January  
 21 6, 2016; and be it further

22           **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 23 appropriations and allocations are made.

24 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

25 Initiative: Provides funds for an independent consultant to study the feasibility of  
 26 establishing a statewide firefighter training facility and regional firefighter training  
 27 facilities.

28	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
29	All Other	\$200,000	\$0
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31	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0

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## **SUMMARY**

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to hire an independent consultant to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide, centrally located firefighter training facility and several regional firefighter training facilities. It includes a General Fund appropriation and requires the department to submit a report based on the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 6, 2016.