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Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority To Assess the Effects of Funding and Policy Decisions on the Maine Turnpike and I-295 between Portland and Augusta

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

1 **Sec. 1. Study of tolls examining funding, policy, interchange location**
2 **decisions and long-term cost-of-living, land use and economic effects.**
3 **Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, referred to in this resolve as "the
4 department," and the Maine Turnpike Authority, referred to in this resolve as "the
5 authority," shall conduct a study of past and existing tolls along the sections between
6 Portland and Augusta of the Maine Turnpike, from Exit 44 to Exit 113, and I-295
7 examining: the policy for determining the placement of interchanges; operational and
8 capital funding and the effects on cost of living for individuals and families; operational
9 costs to businesses; and land use and economic effects on municipalities along both
10 corridors; and be it further

11 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the department and the authority jointly shall
12 report the results of the study under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on
13 Transportation no later than February 28, 2014. Upon receipt and review of the report,
14 the committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This resolve requires the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike
17 Authority to study the funding models, policy, interchange location decisions and long-
18 term cost-of-living, land use and economic effects of tolls for the section of the Maine
19 Turnpike from Exit 44 to Exit 113 and of I-295 between Portland and Augusta. The
20 resolve requires the department and the authority to report the results of the study to the
21 Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 28, 2014, and the
22 committee has authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th
23 Legislature.