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Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities by the Department of Environmental Protection

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Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Oxford and
Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, SCHMERSAL-BURGESS of Mexico, SOBOLESKI of Phillips, THORNE of Carmel, WOODSOME of Waterboro.

Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection to review efficiency of solid waste disposal facility licensing. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review the requirements in statute, department rules and department policies that apply to the licensing of solid waste disposal facilities. The purpose of the review is to identify efficiencies and inefficiencies in the license review process. The review must include a general review of the license review process and a targeted review of the license review process related to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company's waste-to-energy facility in the Town of Orrington. The review must also include, but is not limited to, a review of impediments to the efficient review of license applications, renewals and modifications; processing timelines and whether deadlines are typically met and, if not, causes for the delays; ways to improve staffing to eliminate inefficiencies; and methods to improve the licensing process. The department shall establish a stakeholder group to advise the department on matters relating to the review. By December 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report relating to the review, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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