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H.P. 675

House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

### **An Act To Advance Maine's Economic Growth by Investing in Innovative, Next-generation Technology and Research**

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Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DUCHARME of Madison, TUELL of East Machias.

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 enact measures in response to the Governor's Economic Recovery  
6       Committee's recommendations for growing and sustaining Maine's economy. The  
7       measures will enhance Maine's production of bioproducts through its agriculture, forestry  
8       and fisheries industries working in collaboration with research centers throughout the State  
9       and will create commercially viable, next-generation technologies. The measures will also  
10      enable the State to leverage its assets in industry, research universities, community colleges  
11      and public sector partnerships to adopt innovative, commercially viable technologies and  
12      increase workforce development, including the creation of retraining opportunities using  
13      the current workforce's skills to encourage Maine residents to stay in Maine instead of  
14      taking their skills and knowledge to another state.