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**Resolve, To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Study the
Feasibility of Constructing a Gorham Connector**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McLEAN of Gorham.

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Sec. 1. Maine Turnpike Authority to study feasibility of constructing connector. Resolved: That the Maine Turnpike Authority shall study the feasibility of undertaking the planning, design and construction of a connector in the Town of Gorham in Cumberland County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the Maine Turnpike, referred to in this resolve as "the connector." In conducting the study, the authority shall examine the need for the connector, determine whether the authority is the best entity, from both efficiency and fiscal viewpoints, to construct the connector and evaluate all reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act. If the authority determines that it is the best entity to construct the connector, the authority shall provide options for funding the planning, design and construction of the connector.

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The authority shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 6, 2017. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature based on the findings and recommendations of the authority.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to examine the feasibility of the authority's planning, designing and constructing a connector from the Town of Gorham to the Maine Turnpike. The authority is required to examine all reasonable alternatives and report its findings and recommendations, including funding methods, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature based on the report of the authority.