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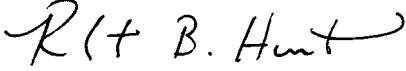
No. 1612

H.P. 1037

House of Representatives, April 11, 2023

An Act to Address Food Insecurity and Support Local Agriculture

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Report.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall
3 submit a report, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on
4 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on how the money appropriated under section 2
5 was spent. The department shall require Preble Street Food Security Hub to report to the
6 department how the money it received under section 2 was spent as a condition of receiving
7 the contract.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
9 allocations are made.

10 **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329**

12 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with Preble Street Food Security Hub to
13 help address food insecurity throughout the State.

14 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
15 All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

19 This bill provides one-time funding for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation
20 and Forestry to contract with the Preble Street Food Security Hub to help address food
21 insecurity throughout the State. The department is required to report on the distribution of
22 the funds by Preble Street.