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**STATE OF MAINE  
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129TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1134, L.D. 1572, Bill, “An Act To Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Engage Stakeholders in an Examination of Fair Chance Housing Policy Options'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Fair chance housing examination. Resolved:** That the Maine State Housing Authority shall in collaboration with stakeholders examine fair chance housing policies considered or adopted in other jurisdictions. This examination must consider policies that may be adopted in the State to address housing issues for formerly incarcerated individuals and to expand housing opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals without creating an excessive burden for housing providers.

The authority shall invite stakeholders that include but are not limited to:

- 1. Formerly incarcerated individuals;
- 2. Housing providers that own, lease or manage residential housing units that:
  - A. Are owned or subsidized by the Federal Government or the State; or
  - B. Are financed in whole or part by government subsidies or tax credits;
- 3. Landlords or representatives of statewide organizations representing landowners and property managers;
- 4. A representative from a statewide organization that represents the interests of currently incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and
- 5. A representative from a statewide civil legal aid and economic justice organization.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That no later than February 15, 2021 the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report that includes findings and recommendations to

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.  
2 The report must include a summary of any meetings that occur pursuant to section 1, a  
3 list of participants in the examination of fair chance housing policies, suggestions to  
4 increase the awareness among housing providers of the challenges faced by formerly  
5 incarcerated individuals in finding housing and any other relevant information. The report  
6 may include suggested legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature  
7 having jurisdiction over housing matters may report out legislation to the First Regular  
8 Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.'

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Maine State Housing  
11 Authority in collaboration with stakeholders to examine fair chance housing policies  
12 considered or adopted in other jurisdictions to evaluate options for the State to adopt that  
13 would address housing issues and expand housing opportunities for formerly incarcerated  
14 individuals without placing an excessive burden on housing providers. It requires the  
15 authority to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
16 jurisdiction over housing matters that includes findings and recommendations and  
17 includes a summary of any meetings that occur regarding the examination, a list of  
18 participants in the examination, suggestions to increase the awareness among housing  
19 providers of the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated individuals in finding housing  
20 and any other relevant information. It allows the authority to include suggested  
21 legislation in its report. Lastly, it allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
22 having jurisdiction over housing matters to report out legislation based on the report.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 **(See attached)**