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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1234, L.D. 1850, “An Act to Improve Interagency Coordination on Renewable Energy Construction Projects”

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

'Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects'

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

'Sec. 1. Data related to renewable energy construction projects. Resolved:

That the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall coordinate with state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to renewable energy construction projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate how to display and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State, including through the development of a database. For the purposes of this resolve, "renewable energy construction project" or "project" means a source of electrical generation that has a nameplate capacity of 500 kilowatts or more and relies on a source of generation described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C, subparagraph (2). The evaluation must provide a method to make the data publicly available and, to the extent practicable, a method for obtaining information from renewable energy construction project developers, including, but not limited to:

- 1. The project's name;
- 2. The project owner's name and contact information, including, but not limited to, the project owner's mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- 3. The project's location;

1 4. A description of the purposes for which the land on which the project is located was
2 used prior to the development of the project;

3 5. The project's nameplate capacity;

4 6. The anticipated start date of construction of the project;

5 7. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, chapter 43;

6 8. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, section 1306-A or 3213;

7 9. Whether the project owner has sought, intends to seek or has received state or federal
8 assistance, including, but not limited to, tax credits, grants or loans;

9 10. The status of environmental and construction permits the project has applied for or
10 received;

11 11. The status of any approval requested for the project under Title 38, section 484-C
12 or 484-D or Title 38, chapter 35; and

13 12. Whether the project owner intends to seek certification for the project under Title
14 35-A, section 3210 and, if so, under which resource class.

15 **Sec. 2. Evaluation criteria. Resolved:** That the office's evaluation required under
16 section 1 must consider:

17 1. Whether state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to projects
18 currently have access to the information listed in section 1 and have the ability to make the
19 information publicly available;

20 2. Efficient and cost-effective methods to gather information listed in section 1 that is
21 not held by a state agency;

22 3. Whether information in addition to that listed in section 1 should be collected from
23 project developers or owners for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends;

24 4. Whether existing state databases can be modified to most efficiently display any
25 information in addition to that listed in section 1 required by this resolve;

26 5. Appropriate criteria for the inclusion of a project with a nameplate capacity of more
27 than 500 kilowatts, including, but not limited to, criteria related to the project's in-service
28 date;

29 6. A reasonable frequency for database updates;

30 7. Whether and through what mechanism the office may or could be given the authority
31 to require the provision of timely and accurate information by project developers or owners;

32 8. Whether additional staff or financial resources may be necessary to develop and
33 maintain the data under section 1 or if it is feasible to maintain this data within existing
34 resources of the office; and

35 9. Potential funding sources to support the development and long-term maintenance of
36 the data under section 1.

37 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the office, in consultation with the state agencies
38 listed in section 1, shall submit a report on the evaluation under this resolve to the Joint
39 Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026. The report
40 must contain recommendations related to how to display and maintain data regarding

1 renewable energy construction projects in an efficient, meaningful and publicly accessible
2 manner for the purposes of identifying renewable energy trends in this State. The
3 committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature
4 based on the report.'

5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
6 number to read consecutively.

7 SUMMARY

8 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. It directs the Governor's Energy
9 Office to coordinate with state agencies that permit, regulate or provide state assistance to
10 renewable energy construction projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of
11 Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture,
12 Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities Commission, to evaluate how to display
13 and maintain data regarding renewable energy construction projects in an efficient,
14 meaningful and publicly accessible manner for the purposes of identifying renewable
15 energy trends in Maine, including through the development of a database. The evaluation
16 must provide a method to make the data publicly available and, to the extent practicable, a
17 method for obtaining information from renewable energy construction developers. The
18 amendment establishes evaluation criteria that the office must use in conducting the
19 evaluation. The office must submit a report on the evaluation to the Joint Standing
20 Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026, and the committee
21 may report out a bill based on the office's report.

22 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

23 (See attached)