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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1311, L.D. 1967, “Resolve, to Establish the Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Pilot Program”

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

'Resolve, to Design a Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Pilot Program'

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

'Sec. 1. Maine home energy navigator and coaching pilot program. Resolved: That the Governor's Energy Office and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, referred to in this resolve as "the offices," in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Maine Office of Community Affairs, shall design a Maine home energy navigator and coaching pilot program, referred to in this resolve as "the pilot program." The pilot program must be designed to:

1. Provide community-based energy coaching services to residential consumers;
2. Provide guidance to residential consumers, particularly those in low-income and underserved communities, to understand and navigate energy efficiency and clean energy investment options to affordably meet their home energy needs;
3. Advise residential consumers on accessing available grants, rebates, financing and other assistance programs and incentives to meet their home energy needs;
4. Assist residential consumers in prioritizing identified energy-saving opportunities, including through the integration of weatherization strategies to reduce heating and cooling loads that could minimize the need for the installation of new equipment and lower future electric demands on the grid;
5. Help residential consumers review and analyze contractor recommendations regarding cost, payment and other relevant factors;
6. Minimize potential liability risks for the pilot program; and
7. Use grant funds and private partnerships to support pilot program implementation.

1 For the purposes of this resolve, "residential consumers" includes homeowners and
2 renters.

3 The offices shall consult with community-based organizations and tribal governments
4 regarding pilot program design and implementation considerations.

5 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the offices shall submit a report on the pilot program
6 design to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February
7 1, 2026. The report must include a description of the design of the pilot program, a
8 description of the technical assistance and educational materials to be developed as part of
9 the pilot program, an estimate of pilot program costs, a target number of residential
10 consumers to be served by the pilot program and a proposed timeline for implementation
11 of the pilot program. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second
12 Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.'

13 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
14 section number to read consecutively.

15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment replaces the resolve and changes the title. The amendment directs the
17 Governor's Energy Office and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, in
18 consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Maine State Housing Authority and the
19 Maine Office of Community Affairs, to design a Maine home energy navigator and
20 coaching pilot program. The pilot program must be designed to provide community-based
21 energy coaching services to residential consumers, including homeowners and renters, and
22 to provide guidance to residential consumers regarding energy efficiency and clean energy
23 investment options and financial considerations. The Governor's Energy Office and the
24 Office of Policy Innovation and the Future must submit a report on the pilot program design
25 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026,
26 including a description of the design of the pilot program, a description of the technical
27 assistance and educational materials to be developed as part of the pilot program, an
28 estimate of pilot program costs, a target number of residential consumers to be served by
29 the pilot program and a proposed timeline for implementation of the pilot program. The
30 committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature
31 based on the report.

32 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

33 (See attached)