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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1426, L.D. 2225, “An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Transfer from unappropriated surplus of General Fund; Infrastructure Adaptation Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000,000 by the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency.

Sec. 2. Administration of Infrastructure Adaptation Fund program. Funds appropriated under section 4 must be administered by the Department of Transportation and must be awarded by interagency boards using competitive processes. The interagency boards shall allocate up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided to infrastructure projects related to wharves and piers that support commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses in this State and the remainder to projects related to noncoastal municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvement projects that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency. Project rating criteria may include the potential extent of public safety; emergency management and infrastructure resiliency benefits; future climate conditions; ability to leverage federal and other funding; and community, economic and environmental benefits. All projects must demonstrate increased resilience to future storm and flooding impacts. The award criteria must prioritize proposals that demonstrate a significant and compelling community benefit; recipients that are not covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funds; and recipients that demonstrate that the damage is not covered by insurance and that all emergency relief

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1 currently available has been exhausted. The administration of the funds must include
 2 sufficient documentation and record-keeping requirements to provide assurance that funds
 3 have been awarded consistent with the program guidelines and used for the intended
 4 purpose.

5 **Sec. 3. Transfers from Infrastructure Adaptation Fund authorized.** Funds
 6 provided under section 1 may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation
 7 of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor for purposes described in section
 8 1 and to facilitate the administration of the funds as described in section 2.

9 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 10 allocations are made.

11 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

12 **Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318**

13 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for municipal, state or regionally significant
 14 infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of
 15 essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure
 16 resiliency. Project types may include working waterfront infrastructure, culverts, storm
 17 water systems, water system upgrades and other interventions that support infrastructure
 18 repair and reducing or eliminating climate impacts, especially coastal and inland flooding.
 19 Funds may be used to support project planning and federal matching funds. Funds will be
 20 used for public infrastructure projects with project exemptions available for some types of
 21 private infrastructure upgrades with significant community benefits, such as working
 22 waterfronts. For the purposes of this fund, working waterfront infrastructure is defined as
 23 wharves and piers that support the State's commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses.

24 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
25 All Other	\$50,000,000	\$500
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27 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment, which is one of 2 minority reports of the committee, replaces the bill.
 33 As in the bill, it provides \$50,000,000 in funding to the Infrastructure Adaptation Fund
 34 program. This amendment provides the funding through a transfer from the unappropriated
 35 surplus of the General Fund instead of a transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.
 36 This amendment specifies that up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided must be used for
 37 projects related to wharves and piers that support commercial fisheries and aquaculture
 38 businesses in this State, with the remainder of the funds to be used for noncoastal
 39 municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and

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1 improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional
2 economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)