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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 127, L.D. 174, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Ending Hunger by 2030 Advisory Group”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

**6. Strategic plan to end hunger.** Act as the lead among departments and agencies of State Government to implement a strategic plan to end hunger in the State by 2030. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, established in Title 5, section 3102, shall provide staffing services to the commissioner as necessary for purposes of this subsection. Strategies must include:

- A. Building infrastructure and capacity necessary within and outside State Government to coordinate implementation of the plan to end hunger in the State;
- B. Ensuring consistent, easy and equitable access to healthy and culturally appropriate food;
- C. Promoting, supporting and enabling economic security and opportunity for all households in the State;
- D. Focusing on collective responsibility to amplify the voices of persons experiencing food insecurity; and
- E. Closing the equity gap in household food insecurity by addressing underlying structural inequities.

The commissioner shall establish an advisory committee to guide the implementation of the strategic plan under this subsection to end hunger in the State. The advisory committee must be composed of members with expertise relevant to the strategic plan to end hunger in the State, including, but not limited to, expertise related to economic development, employment, housing, children’s issues, health care, education, transportation, emergency food and the social safety net as well as expertise that derives from lived experience of poverty and food insecurity. At least 1/3 of the members, or 3 members, whichever is greater, of the advisory committee must be persons with lived experience of food insecurity or generational poverty. The advisory committee shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters, health and

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1 human services matters, labor and housing matters, transportation matters and economic  
2 and community development matters no later than January 1st of each year until 2030  
3 regarding activities and progress made toward ending hunger in the State by 2030. The  
4 joint standing committees may each submit a bill to the Legislature each year relating to  
5 the subject matter of the report.'

6 Amend the amendment in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 28 in amendment) by  
7 striking out the following: "implement" and inserting the following: 'coordinate the  
8 implementation of'

9 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

10 '**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
11 allocations are made.

12 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

13 **Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135**

14 Initiative: Appropriates funding for one Public Service Coordinator II position and related  
15 All Other costs to support the coordination, communications and activities of the strategic  
16 plan to end hunger in the State by 2030.

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|----|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 17 | <b>GENERAL FUND</b>           | <b>2021-22</b> | <b>2022-23</b> |
| 18 | POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT | 0.000          | 1.000          |
| 19 | Personal Services             | \$0            | \$125,885      |
| 20 | All Other                     | \$0            | \$5,000        |
| 21 |                               |                |                |
| 22 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL            | \$0            | \$130,885      |

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24 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
25 section number to read consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
28 to act as the lead among departments and agencies of State Government to implement a  
29 strategic plan to end hunger in the State. Committee Amendment "A" requires the Office  
30 of Policy Innovation and the Future to act as the lead agency. The amendment also adds an  
31 appropriations and allocations section.

32 **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

33 **(Representative PLUECKER, B.)**

34 **TOWN: Warren**