

Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Date: May 3, 2021
To: Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business
From: Rachel Olson, Legislative Analyst
Re: LD 919, An Act To Advance Maine's Economic Growth by Investing in Innovative, Next-generation Technology and Research (Collamore)

Bill Summary

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures in response to the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee's recommendations for growing and sustaining Maine's economy. The measures will enhance Maine's production of bioproducts through its agriculture, forestry and fisheries industries working in collaboration with research centers throughout the State and will create commercially viable, next-generation technologies. The measures will also enable the State to leverage its assets in industry, research universities, community colleges and public sector partnerships to adopt innovative, commercially viable technologies and increase workforce development, including the creation of retraining opportunities using the current workforce's skills to encourage Maine residents to stay in Maine instead of taking their skills and knowledge to another state.

Testimony: None submitted.

Additional Information: At the public hearing, the sponsor request this bill be considered for carryover in order to allow the sponsor and interested parties to further develop language related to the ideas expressed within the concept draft.