

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

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H.P. 1102 - L.D. 1488

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety

Sec. 1. Dam safety peer review. Resolved: That the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall submit a request to the Association of State Dam Safety Officials to conduct a peer review of the State's dam safety efforts under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, chapter 24, to be completed by September 30, 2023.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder review. Resolved: That, if the peer review under section 1 is completed by September 30, 2023, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall convene a stakeholder group to review and allow for public input on the peer review. The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to, the following stakeholders: federal agencies, state and local emergency management officials, hazard assessment and public safety experts, including dam safety experts, civil engineering organizations, environmental organizations, municipal dam operators and private dam owners. The review must include, but is not limited to, discussion of recommendations to address any deficiencies identified in the peer review. The department may designate an outside entity to facilitate and assist in the review under this section.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, if the peer review under section 1 is completed by September 30, 2023, by January 1, 2024, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs that includes the results of the peer review received pursuant to section 1, a summary of the stakeholder review under section 2 and any recommendations for the improvement of dam safety resulting from the stakeholder review, including suggested legislation. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

Sec. 4. Financial assistance. Resolved: That, in addition to the funds provided in this legislation, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management may use available funds from any public or private source, including, but not limited to, any available federal funding, for the peer review under section 1, the stakeholder review under section 2 and the development of the report under section 3 and shall disclose those funding sources in the report.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a dam safety peer review.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000