

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 1402 - L.D. 2188

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Milk Commission that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following changes are made to the 4 levels of target prices for milk producers:

1. For the first 16,790 hundredweight produced per year by each producer, the target price is \$24.51 per hundredweight;
2. For production over 16,790 hundredweight to 49,079 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$23.37 per hundredweight;
3. For production over 49,079 hundredweight to 76,800 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$22.60 per hundredweight; and
4. For production over 76,800 hundredweight per year, the target price is \$21.88 per hundredweight.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Milk Commission 0188**

Initiative: Adjusts allocation from updating the cost of production and target prices used to make payouts through the dairy stabilization program.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$0	\$4,088,815
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,088,815</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.