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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

Resolve, To Direct a Plan for Energy Independence for Maine

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and

Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HANLEY of Pittston, RILEY of Jay, STEWART of Presque Isle, Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of York, POULIOT of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York.

- Sec. 1. Energy independence plan. Resolved: That the Governor's Energy 1 Office shall adopt a 10-year energy independence plan, including conservation and 2 renewable energy strategies, for the State to become a net exporter of energy by 2030. 3 The plan must include a comprehensive set of actionable policies to achieve energy 4 independence. To develop the plan, the office shall: 5 1. Direct a collaborative, strategic planning process including the following agencies 6 7 and stakeholders: A. Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Division of 8 Building Codes and Standards; 9 10 B. Department of Environmental Protection; C. Department of Transportation; 11 12 D. Efficiency Maine Trust, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 97; 13
- E. Office of the Public Advocate;

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- F. Public Utilities Commission; and
- G. The regional organization referenced under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 3-B that supports implementation of the regional greenhouse gas initiative among the northeast states; and
  - 2. Review relevant research, reports and plans relating to:
- A. The state energy plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9;
  - B. State transportation plans under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23;
- C. The triennial, energy efficiency, alternative energy resources and conservation plan under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104;
- D. The state climate action plan, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577; and
  - E. The regional greenhouse gas initiative among the northeast states.
    - **Sec. 2. Plan report. Resolved:** The Governor's Energy Office shall submit the energy independence plan required under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2019 along with suggested legislation necessary to implement the plan. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the plan.

33 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Governor's Energy Office to adopt a 10-year energy independence plan, including conservation and renewable energy strategies, for the State to become a net exporter of energy by 2030. It requires the office to develop the plan through a collaborative stakeholder process. The plan must be submitted to the Joint

- Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 31, 2019 along with suggested legislation necessary to implement the plan. The resolve authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the plan.