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In Senate, February 16, 2023

An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and Representative: BRIDGEO of Augusta.

| 1 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
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| 2 | Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D is enacted to read: |
| 3 | §4364-D. State-owned solar energy project |
| 4 5 6 | Prior to commencing construction on a solar energy project on property owned by the State, the State shall hold a public hearing in the municipality where the solar energy project is planned to be located. |
| 7 | SUMMARY |
| 8 9 10 | This bill requires the State to hold a public hearing in a municipality where a solar energy project on property owned by the State is planned to be located prior to commencing construction on the project. |