

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Date: February 23, 2021
To: Transportation Committee
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LD 267 – Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect and Maintain Markers To Commemorate and Recognize the Lafayette Trail

SUMMARY: This resolve designates each portion of the Lafayette Trail for the purposes of the placement of suitable signs and markers by the Department of Transportation.

TESTIMONY:

<p>Proponents: <i>Sen. Deschambault, Julien P. Icher, Beverly Robbins</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsor – Requested Amendment: Add paragraphs to the “1824 Tour” to include stops in the towns of Old Berwick, Kennebunk, Saco, and Biddeford.• Julien P. Icher – Requested Amendment: Change so the signs and markers “may,” rather than “must,” bear the Lafayette Trail logo provided by The Lafayette Trail, Inc.	<p>Neither for Nor Against: <i>MaineDOT</i></p>
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NOTES:

This is a repeat of a bill before the Transportation Committee during the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. That bill was voted out of committee “Ought to Pass as Amended,” but never received final action due to the shutdown. As drafted, the current bill appears to represent the same language as the committee amendment from the 129th, 2R.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Preliminary fiscal information is not available at the time of writing. However, MaineDOT indicated in their testimony that the route as proposed would cost an estimated \$20,000 for the signs, poles, and staff hours.