

Materials related to MDF /MEGC

Economic and Community Development, Department of

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Z336

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding for competitive grants to regional service providers to support town housing ordinance development, planning board and public processes in each participating municipality.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000
Initiative: Provides funding for community housing implementation grants to individual towns to support community housing priorities.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		1,550,000
Total	0	1,550,000
Initiative: Establishes 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions through June 8, 2024 and provides funding for the associated All Other costs to administer the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development.		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services		243,874
All Other		206,126
Total	0	450,000
Summary - GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services		243,874
All Other		2,756,126
Total	0	3,000,000

MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding to accommodate the increased costs associated with staff support for the Maine Economic Growth Council.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		35,000
Total	35,000	35,000
Summary - GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other		35,000
Total	35,000	35,000

<u>Total Agency/Department</u>		
All Funds	1,214,298	3,244,198
GENERAL FUND	244,198	3,244,198
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	970,100	



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Testimony to the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations & Financial Affairs and Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business

MARCH 7, 2022

In Support of Funding in L.D. 1995: FY2022-2023 "Supplemental Budget Bill" -- for the Maine Economic Growth Council

My name is Yellow Light Breen, President & CEO of the Maine Development Foundation, offering our testimony in support of the proposed supplemental appropriation of \$35,000 annually to the Maine Economic Growth Council (through DECD as fiscal agent).

MDF is a statewide non-profit, non-partisan membership organization uniquely chartered by the Legislature in 1977 to work across the business, government, and non-profit/education sectors to provide an objective, respected, long-range vision and strategies for growing Maine's economy. We do this through our trusted economic research, leadership programs, and several signature public-private partnerships.

By statute, MDF administers the Maine Economic Growth Council, an independent body created in statute in 1993 to develop and assess our progress toward a long-term vision for Maine's economic growth. Council members are jointly appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House, and President of the Senate, and represent a broad cross-section of leaders across key constituencies, including the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

The proposed additional funding is to cover the actual costs annually for MDF to support the operations of the Council as provided in statute, including the production of the annual *Measures of Growth* (MOG) report and associated costs of contracted MDF staff time and researchers, and print, online, and mobile dissemination to the Legislature and the public. These are actual costs of MEGC annual operations and production that MDF is no longer able to sustain subsidizing from other internal resources in the recent environment of pandemic and associated economic and fundraising challenges.

The Council's annual *MOG* report is an objective, data-driven, and trusted assessment of Maine's progress toward the Council's vision of "a high quality of life for all Maine people". *MOG* includes key indicators and benchmarks that support a vibrant and sustainable economy, thriving communities, and a healthy environment. The 27th *Measures of Growth* report was released in December 2021.

MDF uses *MOG* as the cornerstone for the Policy Leaders Academy program of economic education workshops and bus tours for Legislators.

The current baseline funding level of \$55,395 per annum, which has been unchanged since 2012-2013, is below the actual minimum amount necessary to support these efforts. We encourage you to support this bump up to adequate funding for the Maine Economic Growth Council's activities, and look forward to continuing to work with the Council to provide a valuable and trusted perspective for Maine leaders.

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In most fiscal years, even though MDF has expended more staff time and expenses for the MEGC and the *Measures of Growth* than is appropriated and contracted for by the State of Maine -- MDF places such great importance on the work of MEGC that whenever possible MDF seeks to "do this right" and absorbs these additional expenses within its other resources, including private membership dues and philanthropic support (as well as, in some cases, additional discretionary support provided from time to time by DECD).

MDF finds that in SFY22-23, the economic disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic has put heavy pressure on the ability to maintain or increase membership dues and other private sector fundraising and philanthropic sources -- at the same time as critical revisions and improvements to the report and its public accessibility have clearly still been required.

Over the past couple of years, the importance of adapting the Council's work and *MOG* to reflect and measure the State's 10-Year Maine Economic Development Strategy (2019); the Governor's Economic Recovery Committee's associated pandemic recovery recommendations (2020); and the state's climate action strategies, has been recognized by the Council, the Legislature, and DECD. The need for more insight about racial disparities in the economy has been urgent. And, the need to adapt the product to be a user-friendly digital and mobile-optimized resource has been long overdue.

On three occasions in 2021, the IDEAB Committee unanimously endorsed increasing the funding for the MEGC: its March report back to AFA on the proposed biennial budget; its May report back to AFA on the budget change package; and its unanimous report on the committee amendment to LD 1476 (on the Special Appropriations Table). As the Committee noted last March, *"increased funding would enable the Council and the Maine Development Foundation to sustain an enhanced level of effort that was funded from one-time outside sources in 2019 and 2020. This increased funding supports the alignment and integration of the Council's efforts and of Measures of Growth to better inform and track the State's long-range economic development strategy and economic recovery strategies -- work the Committee considers significant, especially at this time."* In regard to LD 1476, the funding would *"upgrade and maintain digital user accessibility to information about key performance indicators of economic and social progress in the State."*

Despite the lack of increased funding in 2021, as in the past MDF proceeded to do the critical work by supplementing the appropriated resources and absorbed essentially all the costs of our staffing from our core membership and fundraising so that the appropriated funds could cover the new digital and mobile versions of the *MOG*. Doing so in this economic and fundraising environment has proven to be even more difficult than we forecast, and is a level of internal subsidy that MDF simply cannot sustain without a material and painful financial hit.

We urge you to support the Governor's proposed supplemental item for the MEGC to sustain and continuously improve the value of this critical economic benchmarking work.

Respectfully submitted,
Yellow Light Breen, President & CEO

Testimony in Support of LD 1995
Maine Economic Growth Council Supplemental Budget

Stephen Von Vogt, Co- Chair, Maine Economic Growth Council
March 7, 2022

**To: JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS;
INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS:**

Senator Breen, Representative Pierce and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Curry, Representative Roberts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business:

My name is Stephen Von Vogt and I reside in Portland Maine. I am the president of Maine Marine Composites, an ocean engineering firm in Portland Maine as well as a principal in several companies involved in energy development and the reuse of shuttered industrial facilities in Maine for new purposes and uses. In my professional career, I have been involved on the ground in efforts to develop and redevelop the economy in Maine. I have also been **one of the longest serving non-legislative member of the Maine Economic Growth Council.**

I want to support the supplemental budget appropriation for the Economic Growth Council budget of \$35,000 per year listed on page A-45 of the Governor's supplemental budget package.

To know where you are going, you must know where you are today and where you have come from. The Measures of Growth report is a valuable guide to policymakers at all levels, helping them to focus their efforts and understand the connections between and among the major issues affecting the economy and the well-being of Maine people.

Overall, the long-term insights provided by the Measures of Growth are still invaluable because the extreme short-term economic and public health impacts of the 2020 recession and pandemic magnify the importance Maine's workforce, innovation, connectivity and show the impacts of both our longstanding strengths and our most notable challenges on shaping the recession and our path forward.

The Council is staffed by and the report is produced by the Maine Development Foundation and is overseen by an incredible group of non-partisan individuals comprised of representatives of many sectors of the Maine economy, Maine's academic institutions, both houses and parties of the legislature, economic development, trade groups and experts. It provides consistent and invaluable benchmarks by which policy makers and guide and steer the economic future of the state. It tells us where we are, where we have been and where we hope to go. It is an incredible value delivered by volunteers in the interest of the economy of the State of Maine. It is consistent and well produced under the guidance of the Maine Development Foundation – and it has only gotten better and more useful and can continue to do so if resourced adequately.

Recurrently, the annual base appropriations of \$55,395, while appreciated, have been inadequate to the tasks and expectations of the Council – and the Council is grateful that MDF has opted to apply its own fundraising efforts to augment the critical scope of

work, along with occasional discretionary support by DECD. Over the past three years, those supplemental resources have enabled the Council to actively participate in developing and then aligning metrics to track Maine's 10-Year Economic Development Strategy developed in 2019; to retain highly credible contracted Maine economists to assemble the Measures of Growth data; to amplify the measurement of racial equity and climate outcomes in the report; and most recently, to migrate the Measures of Growth to a true digital and mobile-friendly product with a strong user experience for the public rather than one massive pdf file.

The invaluable work of the Council and the constant improvement to the utility of the Measures of Growth for policymakers and the public should not depend on MDF's ability to unsustainably cannibalize from its own scarce internal resources in these economically challenged times – they should be worthy of adequate public funding as proposed in the supplemental. With this support, we and MDF can continue to ensure the Council work products remain contemporary, evolving, and go deeper on the economic issues of our time.

We know the Legislature has been appreciative of the work of the Council and value of Measures of Growth – to the extent that the IDEAB Committee on three separate occasions in 2021 advocated unanimously in the budget or separate bills for a similar increase for Council work to what is now before you.

I urge you to continue this fine work and support the budget appropriation. Thank you.



Testimony to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
in support of
FY22 Supplemental General Fund Budget Providing Funding to Accommodate the Increased Costs
Associated with Staff Support for the Maine Economic Growth Council

7 March 2022

Keith Bisson, President

Keith.Bisson@ceimaine.org

Senator Breen, Representative Pierce, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee: My name is Keith Bisson, and I am president of Coastal Enterprises, Inc (CEI). I live in Brunswick. On behalf of CEI, I am testifying today to express CEI's support for the Governor's proposed budget request of \$35,000 for the Maine Economic Growth Council to accommodate the increased costs associated with staff support for the Maine Economic Growth Council.

CEI is a 45-year-old Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) with a mission of supporting good jobs, environmentally sustainable enterprises, and shared prosperity in Maine. CEI provides business advice and financing to thousands of entrepreneurs in Maine. In 2021, we advised 3,640 businesses and individuals and loaned \$35.8 million to 95 businesses and projects. In the energy and real estate sectors, CEI specializes in financing for small businesses, natural resources, and downtown community revitalization projects. Our business advisors provide operational assistance and workforce consulting to existing and new enterprises.

As a proud Mainer, I am honored to serve as a member of the Maine Economic Growth Council because I believe in the value of data-driven decision-making to help make Maine's economy work for everyone. Measures of Growth is an important tool for the people of Maine and especially for policymakers who face such challenging decisions in this difficult time. It informs the work we do at CEI.

The Council and the Measures of Growth reports are important for assessing near-term challenges as well providing long-term insights about the importance of growing Maine's workforce, innovation, and connectivity, issues that are critical to the state's future.

Measures of Growth has shown that it is dynamic and evolves to help us meet new challenges. The relatively new Racial/Ethnic Income Equity metric, for example, underscores persistent income and poverty related disparities between Maine's white households and those of all other races and ethnicities. In Maine and across the U.S., COVID has exposed intolerable disparities in the health and welfare of non-white populations. This is an example of why tracking data over time is so important and can help us become a stronger state. As a Commissioner on the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations, I am grateful for the inclusion of these metrics.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of this bill. CEI urges the committee to support the Governor's funding request for the MEGC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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To: Senator Catherine Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Teresa Pierce, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Chip Curry, Senate Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair

Re: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee Report on LD 221,
"An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State
Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30,
2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023"

Date: March 17, 2021

As chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, we write to convey to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs the recommendations of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee regarding items within its jurisdiction in the proposed biennial budget, LD 221.

Please find attached the report forms with initiatives applicable to the IDEA Committee.

The committee voted "In" all initiatives unanimously with the following exception:

- Department of Economic and Community Development, page A-138, Ref. #691 (page 7 of the report back document) – The IDEA Committee voted 10-1 in favor of this initiative. (In favor: Sens. Curry and Cyrway; and Reps. Austin, Bailey, Collamore, Ducharme, Geiger, Hasenfus, Pebworth, and Roberts. In opposition: Rep. Andrews. Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Rep. Bernard)

In addition to the initiatives contained in Part A, the IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present in opposition to Language Part, Part OOO. Samantha Warren, Director of Government and Community Relations at the University of Maine System, requested that the Committee vote in opposition to the language changes in Part OOO. Ms. Warren informed the Committee that when the increased appropriations for the Maine Economic Improvement Fund were requested, new language that reflected some of the ways that MEIF was leveraged during the pandemic was included. It was not their intent to rewrite the current statute related to the

Maine Technology Institute and they believe the current sectors listed in Title 5, section 15301, subsection 2 are sufficient. (Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

Finally, the committee would like to recommend the following amendments:

1. **Maine Economic Growth Council (0727)** within the Department of Economic and Community Development, page A-144 (page 19 of the report back document) – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to increase the appropriation for the Maine Economic Growth Council to **an on-going appropriation of \$85,000 per year**. The increased funding would enable the Council and the Maine Development Foundation to sustain an enhanced level of effort that was funded from one-time outside sources in 2019 and 2020. This increased funding supports the alignment and integration of the Council’s efforts and of *Measures of Growth* to better inform and track the State’s long-range economic development strategy and economic recovery strategies – work the Committee considers significant, especially at this time. (Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

Program Summary - General Fund	Budgeted 2021-22	Budgeted 2022-23
All Other	\$55,395 <u>\$85,000</u>	\$55,395 <u>\$85,000</u>

2. **Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund (Z286)** administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, page A-208 (page 30 on the report back document) – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to reduce the appropriation for this fund to \$25,000 a year this biennium and to appropriate the remaining \$50,000 a year to support existing programs within FAME that are heavily utilized, but underfunded, such as those outlined in the Committee’s other recommendations. Although the Committee supports the work of the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program, the program has yet to utilize the funds appropriated to it during the last biennium due to factors outside of FAME’s control, such as uncertainties in federal work permits and the pandemic. As a result, the program currently has funds that can meet the anticipated demand over the biennium. This recommendation to reduce funding is a one-time recommendation in response to the current situation. (Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

General Fund	Budgeted 2021-22	Budgeted 2022-23
All Other	\$75,000 <u>\$25,000</u>	\$75,000 <u>\$25,000</u>

1. **Student Financial Assistance Programs (0653)** administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, page A-209 (page 32 of the report back document) – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to appropriate an on-going additional \$10,400,000 to the Student Financial Assistance Programs - \$10,000,000 for the Maine State Grant Program, in order to increase the minimum grant award from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and \$400,000 to the Doctors for Maine’s Future Scholarship Program to support medical school scholarships for eligible students who attend a qualifying Maine-based medical school program and have a substantial connection to Maine. The Committee voted in favor of supporting LD 292, *An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant*

Program, and LD 272, *An Act To Sustain the Doctor's for Maine's Future Scholarship Program*, for which these funds are requested. The Committee believes that both of these programs, as well as the Nursing Education Loan Prepayment Program mentioned below, are successful programs that are vital to the economy and people of Maine. (Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

General Fund	Budgeted 2021-22	Budgeted 2022-23
All Other	\$17,670,394	\$17,670,394
Maine State Grant Program	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>
 General Fund Total	 \$17,670,393 <u>\$28,070,394</u>	 \$17,670,393 <u>\$28,070,394</u>

3. **Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program**, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present for a one-time appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program established in Title 10, section 1019. The Committee voted in support of LD 119, *An Act To Increase Faculty in Nursing Education Programs by Amending the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program*, for which these funds are requested, although there was a divided report on the dollar amounts that could be awarded to individuals. Representative Ducharme’s support for these funds is dependent on the reduced amounts put forth in the minority amendment. (Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

2. **Administrative Services (0094)** with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, pages A-420 – A-421 (pages 34-36 on the report back document) – The IDEA Committee voted 7-3 in favor of recommending an on-going General Fund appropriation of \$20,000 to the Administrative Services Division with DPFR for the purpose of conducting Sunrise Reviews pursuant to Title 5, section 12015, subsection 3. As the volume and complexity of these reviews has increased, the department no longer has the adequate or appropriate funding or staff to conduct them. (In favor: Sens. Curry and Cyrway; and Reps. Bailey, Geiger, Hasenfus, Peabworth, and Roberts. In opposition: Reps. Austin, Collamore, and Ducharme. Absent: Sen. Luchini; and Reps. Andrews and Bernard.)

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. Our committee analyst will work with your committee analyst to provide language to implement any of our recommendations should you choose to move forward with them. We are available to answer any questions that you may have on our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Chip Curry ^(RJO)

Sen. Chip Curry
Senate Chair

Tiffany Roberts ^(RJO)

Rep. Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

Cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
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Change Package
IDEA letter to AFA

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Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair *TR*^{RO}
Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business

Re: Report on LD 221: 2022-23 Biennial Budget – Change Package

Date: May 24, 2021

Our committee has voted on the initiatives contained in the Governor's Change Package for LD 221 that fall within the jurisdiction of our committee.

Please find enclosed a report showing the committee's votes on all the Change Package initiatives.

The following 10 members were present throughout the review and discussion and voted to support all the initiatives: Sen. Curry, Sen. Cyrway, Rep. Roberts, Rep. Geiger, Rep. Pebworth, Rep. Collamore, Rep. Austin, Rep. Hasenfus, Rep. Bailey, and Rep. Bernard. Rep. Ducharme was unable to be present for the entire review, but voted to support all of the initiatives taken up while he was present. Sen. Luchini and Rep. Andrews were absent.

In addition, the committee would like to continue to recommend the following amendments to LD 221, as put forth in our original letter:

1. **Maine Economic Growth Council (0727)** within the Department of Economic and Community Development, page A-144 – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to increase the appropriation for the Maine Economic Growth Council to an **on-going appropriation of \$85,000 per year**. The increased funding would enable the Council and the Maine Development Foundation to sustain an enhanced level of effort that was funded from one-time outside sources in 2019 and 2020. This increased funding supports the alignment and integration of the Council's efforts and of *Measures of Growth* to better inform and track the State's long-range economic development strategy and economic recovery strategies – work the Committee considers significant, especially at this time. (Absent: Sen. Luchini and Rep. Andrews)

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- Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund (Z286) administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, page A-208 – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to reduce the appropriation for this fund to \$25,000 a year this biennium and to appropriate the remaining \$50,000 a year to support existing programs within FAME that are heavily utilized, but underfunded, such as those outlined in the Committee’s other recommendations. Although the Committee supports the work of the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program, the program has yet to utilize the funds appropriated to it during the last biennium due to factors outside of FAME’s control, such as uncertainties in federal work permits and the pandemic. As a result, the program currently has funds that can meet the anticipated demand over the biennium. This recommendation to reduce funding is a one-time recommendation in response to the current situation. (Absent: Sen. Luchini and Rep. Andrews)

General Fund	Budgeted	Budgeted
	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$75,000 <u>\$25,000</u>	\$75,000 <u>\$25,000</u>

- Student Financial Assistance Programs (0653) administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, page A-209 – The IDEA Committee voted unanimously of those present to appropriate an on-going additional \$400,000 to the Student Financial Assistance Programs for the Doctors for Maine’s Future Scholarship Program to support medical school scholarships for eligible students who attend a qualifying Maine-based medical school program and have a substantial connection to Maine. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of supporting LD 273, *An Act To Sustain the Doctor’s for Maine’s Future Scholarship Program*, for which these funds are requested. The Committee believes that both of these programs, as well as the Nursing Education Loan Prepayment Program mentioned below, are successful programs that are vital to the economy and people of Maine. (Absent: Sen. Luchini and Rep. Andrews)

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5. Administrative Services (0094) with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, pages A-420 – A-421 – The IDEA Committee voted 6-5 in favor of recommending an on-going General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 to the Administrative Services Division with DPFR for the purpose of conducting Sunrise Reviews pursuant to Title 5, section 12015, subsection 3. The minority recommends an on-going appropriation of \$20,000. As the volume and complexity of these reviews has increased, the department no longer has the adequate or appropriate funding or staff to conduct them. Similar recommendations have been put forward in amendments to LD 110. (Majority: Sen. Curry; and Reps. Roberts, Geiger, Pebworth, Hasenfus, and Bailey. Minority: Sen. Cyrway; and Reps. Austin, Bernard, Collamore, and Ducharme. Absent: Sen. Luchini and Rep. Andrews.)

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. Our committee analyst will work with your committee analyst to provide language to implement any of our recommendations should you choose to move forward with them. We are available to answer any questions that you may have on our recommendations.

Enclosure

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1091, L.D. 1476, “Resolve, Directing the Maine Economic Growth Council To Create and Share Measures of Progress”

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Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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'Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Create and Share Measures of Progress'

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Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. Measures of progress and dashboard. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development, referred to in this resolve as "the department," in collaboration with the Maine Economic Growth Council, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 929-A, the State Economist, the center for business and economic research at the University of Southern Maine and other organizations or agencies as necessary as determined by the department shall create measures of economic and social progress in the State and shall create a graphical user interface, referred to in this section as "the dashboard," that provides information about key performance indicators of economic and social progress. The content of the dashboard must be informed by the Maine Economic Growth Council's "2020 Measures of Growth Report" and must measure progress against the 7 growth strategies described in the State's economic development strategy "Maine Economic Development Strategy 2020-2029: A Focus on Talent and Innovation": growing local talent, attracting new talent, promoting innovation, building connections, providing supporting infrastructure, maintaining stable and predictable business rules and promoting hubs of excellence. The dashboard must be accessible on the Internet to help citizens and lawmakers to understand the State's status on key metrics, show change over time and highlight areas of strength and areas that need improvement. The department shall explore the use of indexes, scores and data visualization to promote ease of understanding and communication of the key performance indicators. The department shall identify sources and methods of ongoing data collection and analysis for the key performance indicators, which may include primary survey research, in order to provide quarterly updates of the dashboard. The department shall generate budgetary

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1 requirements and identify sources of funding for production and ongoing maintenance of
 2 the dashboard. The Maine Economic Growth Council shall generate budgetary
 3 requirements and identify sources of funding in order to effectively engage with
 4 stakeholders. The department may consult and otherwise collaborate with a statewide
 5 development foundation and other organizations or agencies as necessary as determined by
 6 the department in order to create the measures of progress and the dashboard. The measures
 7 of progress and the dashboard must be designed to facilitate communications between
 8 constituents and stakeholders, the building of consensus around shared goals and the work
 9 of policy makers in planning investments and otherwise setting policy. The department
 10 shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development,
 11 Economic Advancement and Business by December 1, 2021 on the creation of measures
 12 of economic and social progress in the State and the progress on designing and
 13 implementing the dashboard, including budgetary requirements and identified sources of
 14 funding. The report must also include recommended statutory changes in order to
 15 incorporate the measures of economic and social progress and the dashboard into existing
 16 law. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement
 17 and Business may report out a bill based on this report to the Second Regular Session of
 18 the 130th Legislature.

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

21 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**
 22 **Maine Economic Growth Council 0727**

23 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to upgrade and maintain digital user accessibility to
 24 information about key performance indicators of economic and social progress in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

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 30 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 31 section number to read consecutively.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Department of Economic and
 34 Community Development to work with the Maine Economic Growth Council and other
 35 stakeholders to create and share measures of progress. The amendment also directs the
 36 Maine Economic Growth Council to generate budgetary requirements and identify sources
 37 of funding. It also directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to
 38 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic
 39 Advancement and Business by December 1, 2021 on the progress of the department and
 40 council and to include recommended statutory changes. The committee is authorized to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1091, L.D. 1476

1 report out a bill based on this report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.
2 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)