

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services
To Conduct a Surplus Property Inventory**

Preamble. Whereas, the State continues to experience a severe shortage of affordable housing; and

Whereas, the cost of land is one of the biggest barriers to the development of new affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to conduct an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct an inventory of surplus state-owned land and structures, pursuant to the authority and process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1742, subsection 23. The inventory must include all surplus vacant land, unimproved structures and improved structures. The department shall provide the inventory to and consult with the Maine State Housing Authority in determining the suitability of land and structures for use in the development of affordable housing, consistent with Title 30-A, section 4754, subsection 3. The department shall report on the outcomes of the inventory and make recommendations regarding affordable housing to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 1, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to surplus state-owned land and structures including a requirement that the department provide an annual report related to surplus state-owned land and structures.