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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 301, L.D. 876, “Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Issues Relating to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment”

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line from the end (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "highway" the following: 'and local road'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

'5. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 7 the following:

'8. A representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the resolve in section 3 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "highway" the following: ', local road'

Amend the resolve in section 3 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "highway" the following: 'and local road'

Amend the resolve in section 3 by inserting after subsection 7 the following:

'8. To collaborate with Internet service providers to consider so-called dig-once policies to encourage build-out to unserved areas;'

Amend the resolve in section 3 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the resolve in section 4 in the 5th and 6th lines (page 2, lines 23 and 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may individually or jointly" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the resolve in section 4 in the last line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "report." the following: 'The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may make recommendations regarding that bill to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds the Public Advocate and a representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce as members of the working group. It expands the scope of the duties to include consideration of dig-once policies to encourage broadband build-out to unserved areas of the State and removes the authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to submit legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)