Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Sec. 1. Feasibility analysis for passenger rail service from Portland to Lewiston. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, shall complete a feasibility analysis in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" federal funding program requirements to implement passenger rail service from the Portland Ocean Gateway Pier to downtown Lewiston. The study must identify the state-owned railroad corridor between Portland and Auburn and into Lewiston as the locally preferred alternative route for analysis. The report must include:

1. Identification of municipal station locations and coordination with existing passenger rail services and with municipality transportation planning agencies;
2. An analysis of market demand and potential economic benefits;
3. A detailed passenger service development plan;
4. An inventory of infrastructure and necessary capital investment, including electrification;
5. An evaluation of potential financial mechanisms and sources of funds;
6. An environmental impact analysis to meet "New Starts" federal funding program requirements for the proposed service, including station locations; and
7. An analysis of the potential for service between Boston and both Lewiston and Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

The study must be completed in a timely manner and meet 2021 federal infrastructure program requirements.

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

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal – Passenger Rail

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to complete a feasibility analysis to implement passenger rail service from the Portland Ocean Gateway Pier to downtown Lewiston.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, to complete a feasibility analysis to implement passenger rail service from Portland to downtown Lewiston. It appropriates one-time funds of $250,000 for the feasibility analysis.