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Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Update Its Current Priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's Allowable Grant Requests To Include Support of Population Growth Strategies around the State in Concert with the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 8, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Gorham.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is essential for population growth strategies to be supported in concert with the State's 10-year economic development strategy produced by the Department of Economic and Community Development; and

Whereas, applications for a grant that may support these population growth strategies given by the Northern Border Regional Commission for calendar year 2021 are due before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

Whereas, without a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission, certain population growth strategies may not be implemented to the detriment of citizens and regions in the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to update its current priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's allowable grant requests to include support of population growth strategies around the State in concert with the State's 10-year economic development strategy. Resolved: That, on the effective date of this resolve, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall update its priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's allowable grant requests for the State to include support of population growth strategies around the State consistent with or recommended by the State's 10-year economic development strategy produced by the department pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13056.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

28 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to update its priorities under the Northern Border Regional Commission's allowable grant requests for the State to include support of population growth strategies around the State consistent with or recommended by the State's 10-year economic development strategy produced by the department.