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## **Resolve, To Continue Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation Options for the State**

**Sec. 1 Continuation of stakeholder group; membership. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection with a stakeholder group authorized pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16 shall continue to evaluate the options and actions available to Maine people and businesses to prepare for and adapt to the most likely impacts of climate change in accordance with Resolve 2009, chapter 16; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Reports. Resolved:** That, by January 31, 2011, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a report on the progress on developing a plan for state climate change adaptation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters. By January 31, 2012, the Department of Environmental Protection shall submit a final plan for state climate change adaptation to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters; and be it further

**Sec. 3 Authority to submit a bill. Resolved:** That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may submit a bill relating to each report under section 2 to the 125th Legislature.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection with a stakeholder group to continue to evaluate the options and actions available to Maine people and businesses for adapting to the most likely impacts of climate change pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16. It requires the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters in 2011 and 2012 and authorizes the committee to submit a bill relating to each report to the 125th Legislature.