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**Resolve, to Implement a 4-year Moratorium on Solar Energy
Subsidies and Direct the Department of Environmental Protection
to Study the Economic Impact of Industrial Solar Energy Projects**

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, LANDRY of Farmington, LEMELIN of Chelsea, THERIAULT of Fort Kent.

Sec. 1. Four-year moratorium on solar energy subsidies implemented.

Resolved: That an agency, department, bureau, office or independent governmental unit of the State may not provide or disburse any subsidy or assistance to a private person for the purpose of researching, developing, implementing, constructing or supporting a solar energy project for a period of 4 years after the effective date of this resolve.

Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection to study economic impact of industrial solar energy projects. Resolved: That the Department of

of industrial solar energy projects. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall study the economic impact of industrial solar energy projects in the State. By December 6, 2023, the department shall report the results of the study along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the study to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve implements a 4-year moratorium on solar energy subsidies provided or disbursed by the State to a private person and directs the Department of Environmental Protection to study the economic impact of industrial solar energy projects in the State and report the results of the study to the Legislature.