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In Senate, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a
Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That
Municipality**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and
Representative: BRIDGEO of Augusta.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D is enacted to read:

§4364-D. State-owned solar energy project

Prior to commencing construction on a solar energy project on property owned by the State, the State shall hold a public hearing in the municipality where the solar energy project is planned to be located.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to hold a public hearing in a municipality where a solar energy project on property owned by the State is planned to be located prior to commencing construction on the project.