

Resolve 11-06/07
Council Rule waived to add to agenda
Referred to Legislative Committee for action:
1/3/07 6-0 (Cohen, Leeman gone; Carr absent)

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF JOINT LEGISLATIVE RULE
REQUIRING A 2/3 VOTE IN BOTH THE MAINE HOUSE AND SENATE
TO OVERRIDE THE STATE'S LD1 BASED SPENDING LIMIT**

WHEREAS, tax reform is a major issue facing state, county and local governments throughout Maine; and

WHEREAS, Maine Municipal Association, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Service Center Coalition, the Maine Education Association, the Maine Better Transportation Association, and the Maine Hospital Association have joined together to endorse a package of legislative proposals called *The Responsible Government Spending and Investment Act*; and

WHEREAS, one of the components in that Act is a joint legislative rule that would require a 2/3 vote in both the Maine House and Maine Senate in order for the State Legislature to override the State's LD 1 bases spending limits; and

WHEREAS, the passage of such a joint rule by the Legislature is necessary to place the State Legislature under the same restrictions that are being proposed for other levels of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council endorses the passage of such a joint rule by the Maine State Legislature and respectfully requests the members of the Portland Delegation to support such a joint rule.