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**Resolve, To Assess the Feasibility of the Production of Insulin in
Maine**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative JAVNER of Chester and
Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CONNOR of Lewiston, GRIFFIN of
Levant.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and
2 Human Services shall convene a commission consisting of the following 11 members:

- 3 1. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
- 4 2. A representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center
5 for Disease Control and Prevention;
- 6 3. A representative of the Maine Biomedical Research Board as established in the
7 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13104;
- 8 4. A representative of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine
9 Board of Pharmacy;
- 10 5. A representative of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation,
11 Bureau of Insurance;
- 12 6. A representative of the University of Maine System;
- 13 7. A resident of the State receiving treatment for diabetes or a representative of an
14 organization that represents or advocates for residents of the State receiving treatment for
15 diabetes;
- 16 8. Two physicians licensed to practice within the State having expertise in the
17 treatment of diabetes and related complications;
- 18 9. A research scientist having expertise in the synthesis or production of drugs or
19 biologics, including insulin; and
- 20 10. A representative of hospitals and health care providers within the State.

21 **Sec. 2. Feasibility assessment. Resolved:** That the commission established in
22 section 1 shall assess the feasibility of producing insulin in the State through the University
23 of Maine System and other appropriate institutions or through a public-private partnership
24 between the University of Maine System, other appropriate institutions and a licensed drug
25 manufacturer. The commission shall also assess the feasibility of providing the insulin
26 produced to low-income residents of the State at low or no cost through hospitals,
27 pharmacies and health care providers in the State or at a reduced cost on a means-tested
28 basis. In its assessment, the commission shall consider various factors including:

- 29 1. The number of low-income residents of the State who currently require insulin;
- 30 2. The ability of the University of Maine System by itself, in partnership with another
31 appropriate institution or through a public-private partnership with a licensed drug
32 manufacturer to produce insulin in an amount sufficient to fulfill the needs of low-income
33 residents of the State who require insulin;
- 34 3. Any long-term cost savings and revenue generation for the State and the University
35 of Maine System;
- 36 4. Any long-term cost savings and other benefits to low-income residents of the State
37 who would receive insulin at low or no cost;
- 38 5. Any costs to the University of Maine System and to the State to produce and
39 distribute insulin, including additional administrative costs;

