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Resolve, to Establish the Innovative Factory-made Housing Working Group

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GERE of Kennebunkport and
Senator: CURRY of Waldo, Representatives: COLLAMORE of Pittsfield, EDER of
Waterboro, JULIA of Waterville, YUSUF of Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved:** That the Innovative Factory-
2 made Housing Working Group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is
3 established.

4 **Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint
5 Rule 353, the working group consists of 36 members appointed as follows:

6 1. Two members appointed by the Governor as follows:

7 A. One member representing the Finance Authority of Maine; and

8 B. One member representing the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of
9 Maine;

10 2. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

11 A. One member of the Senate who is a member of the party with the largest number
12 of seats in the Legislature and who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Housing
13 and Economic Development;

14 B. One member of the Senate who is a member of the party with the 2nd largest number
15 of seats in the Legislature and who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Housing
16 and Economic Development;

17 C. One member with expertise in career and technical education;

18 D. One member representing panelized construction manufacturers; and

19 E. Two members representing the off-site housing construction industry, one of whom
20 is a builder and one of whom is a developer;

21 3. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

22 A. One member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the party with
23 the largest number of seats in the Legislature and who serves on the Joint Standing
24 Committee on Housing and Economic Development;

25 B. One member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the party with
26 the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature and who serves on the Joint Standing
27 Committee on Housing and Economic Development;

28 C. One member representing the Maine Affordable Housing Coalition;

29 D. One member representing the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine;

30 E. One member representing the Associated General Contractors of Maine; and

31 F. One member representing an affordable housing financing organization;

32 4. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation, or the commissioner's
33 designee, and 3 members appointed by the commissioner from within the Department of
34 Professional and Financial Regulation as follows:

35 A. A representative of the Manufactured Housing Board;

36 B. A representative of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers; and

37 C. A representative of the Board of Real Estate Appraisers;

38 5. The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee;

- 1 6. The Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's designee;
- 2 7. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the
3 commissioner's designee;
- 4 8. The Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, or the
5 director's designee;
- 6 9. The Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, or the director's designee,
7 and 4 members appointed by the director as follows:
 - 8 A. One member with experience in building and zoning laws;
 - 9 B. One member with knowledge of factory-made housing building codes and the
10 International Residential Code;
 - 11 C. One member with knowledge of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code;
12 and
 - 13 D. One member representing local code enforcement officers;
 - 14 10. The State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's designee; and
 - 15 11. Eight members appointed by the director of the Maine State Housing Authority as
16 follows:
 - 17 A. One member representing the University of Maine Advanced Structures and
18 Composites Center;
 - 19 B. One member representing a modular housing company;
 - 20 C. One member representing a real estate and development company;
 - 21 D. One member who is a builder of single-family homes and duplexes;
 - 22 E. One member who is a builder of apartment complexes;
 - 23 F. One member representing the Maine State Housing Authority and who is involved
24 in housing program creation;
 - 25 G. One member representing the Maine Community College System with experience
26 in training students in the installation of modular homes; and
 - 27 H. One member with experience in housing program funding, appointed by the director
28 of the Maine State Housing Authority.

29 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
30 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the working
31 group.

32 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved:** That all
33 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
34 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
35 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
36 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group. If 30 days or more
37 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
38 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for
39 the working group to meet and conduct its business.

