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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1153, L.D. 1548, “An Act To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Alleviate the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 and Public Health Outcomes'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall collaborate with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," to determine the appropriate levels of funding needed by historically disadvantaged communities, including the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations and bands in the State, in order to build community-based infrastructure and achieve health equity. Specifically, the department and the commission shall determine or identify:

- 1. The amount of federal funding allocated to the State in any federal law that provided stimulus funds due to the ongoing pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, that is directed toward or available for overall public health and health care purposes;
- 2. The amount of federal funding allocated to the State in any federal law that provided stimulus funds due to the ongoing pandemic related to COVID-19 directed toward or available for addressing racial health disparities;
- 3. The amount of state and federal funding over the past 5 years that has been directed to historically disadvantaged communities, including the federally recognized Indian tribes,

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1 nations and bands in the State, and any outcomes data or information related to that funding;  
2 and

3 4. Existing programs designed to target health disparities among historically  
4 disadvantaged communities, including the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations and  
5 bands in the State.

6 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services  
7 shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no  
8 later than January 15, 2022 describing the findings of the department and the commission  
9 required under section 1. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to  
10 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.'

11 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
12 number to read consecutively.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with  
15 a resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with the  
16 Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations  
17 to determine the appropriate levels of funding needed by historically disadvantaged  
18 communities, including the federally recognized Indian tribes, nations and bands in the  
19 State, in order to build community-based infrastructure and achieve health equity and to  
20 determine the levels of federal funding allocated to the State in any federal law that  
21 provided stimulus funds due to the ongoing pandemic related to COVID-19 that are  
22 available to support historically disadvantaged communities. It requires the department to  
23 submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later  
24 than January 15, 2022 describing the findings of the department and the commission. The  
25 joint standing committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular  
26 Session of the 130th Legislature.