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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1322, L.D. 1771, “Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Panel membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the panel consists of 17 members who are residents of this State and appointed as follows:

- 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate from the party holding the largest number of seats in the Senate. In making the appointments pursuant to this subsection, the President of the Senate shall endeavor to appoint members having expertise in areas or backgrounds listed in section 6;
- 2. One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate. In making the appointment pursuant to this subsection, the Senate Minority Leader shall endeavor to appoint a member having expertise in areas or backgrounds listed in section 6;
- 3. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House from the party holding the largest number of seats in the House. In making the appointments pursuant to this subsection, the Speaker of the House shall endeavor to appoint members having expertise in areas or backgrounds listed in section 6;
- 4. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House. In making the appointments pursuant to this subsection, the House Minority Leader shall endeavor to appoint members having expertise in areas or backgrounds listed in section 6;
- 5. One member who is a bioethicist, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 6. One member who is a person under 30 years of age at the time of the appointment, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 7. One member who is from a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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1 8. One member who is a fiction author or poet whose published works have explored
2 the humanity of all people, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3 9. One member who is a person living with a single-gene disorder, such as cystic
4 fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy or sickle cell anemia, appointed by the President of
5 the Senate;

6 10. One member having expertise in an area or a background listed in section 6,
7 appointed by the President of the Senate; and

8 11. Two members having expertise in areas or backgrounds listed in section 6,
9 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

10 The Presiding Officers shall invite the participation on the panel of the Chief Justice of
11 the Supreme Judicial Court or the chief justice's designee and the Governor or the
12 Governor's designee.'

13 Amend the resolve by inserting after section 3 the following:

14 '**Sec. 4. Vacancies. Resolved:** That Legislators may serve as members on the panel
15 only while they are members of the Legislature. The Presiding Officers and minority
16 leaders shall fill any vacancy according to the requirements of section 2, subsections 1, 2,
17 3 and 4.'

18 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

19 '**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2023, the panel shall
20 submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
21 legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
22 health and human services matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
23 jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation
24 to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.'

25 Amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the following:

26 '**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
27 appropriations and allocations are made.

28 **LEGISLATURE**

29 **Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

30 Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs to the Legislature of the Advisory Panel To Better
31 Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing
32 Technology for the Citizens of the State.

33 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
34 Personal Services	\$0	\$1,980
35 All Other	\$0	\$2,770
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37 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$4,750

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39 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
40 section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the following changes to the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State established in the resolve.

1. It requires members appointed to the panel to be Maine residents.

2. It requires the legislative members of the panel who are members of the 2nd largest party to be appointed by the minority leaders rather than the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3. It changes the date the report is to be submitted from December 31, 2023 to December 6, 2023 to comply with the Joint Rules.

4. It specifies that the report is submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the committee is authorized to report out legislation.

5. It clarifies that the legislative appointments must be current members of the Legislature.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)