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Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Use of Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representatives: McCREA of Fort Fairfield, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: MIRAMANT of Knox.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
2 the Use of Adjunct Professors in Maine's Public University and College System, referred
3 to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 11 members appointed as follows:

6 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
7 whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
8 and one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing;

9 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
10 House, at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
11 and Cultural Affairs and at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing
12 Committee on Labor and Housing;

13 3. One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;

14 4. One member representing the University of Maine System, appointed by the
15 President of the Senate;

16 5. One member representing the Maine Community College System, appointed by
17 the Speaker of the House; and

18 6. Two members representing the employee representatives of adjunct professors and
19 professors, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the
20 Speaker of the House.

21 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
22 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
23 commission.

24 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
25 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
26 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
27 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
28 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
29 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
30 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
31 for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

32 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine and make
33 recommendations on the use of adjunct professors in the University of Maine System and
34 the Maine Community College System, including, but not limited to, an examination of:

35 1. Recruitment and retention issues;

36 2. Creation of a career path for adjunct professors;

