

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State

Sec. 1. Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to study and propose solutions to disparities in access to prenatal care in the State. Resolved: That the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall study the extent of disparities in access to prenatal care for the State's racial, indigenous and tribal populations through data and other information; study the causes of the disparities in access to prenatal care, including through interviews with those women who had no prenatal visit until the last trimester or had no prenatal care at all; and recommend solutions to disparities in access to prenatal care in the State. The commission may submit legislation that serves to create equity in access to prenatal care in the State to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature in accordance with Title 5, section 25007, subsection 2, paragraph D. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J, for their expenses incurred in the work of the commission pursuant to this section, members of the commission receive reimbursement pursuant to Title 5, section 12002-A.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, notwithstanding section 1 and no later than January 15, 2022, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the results of the study of disparities in access to prenatal care in accordance with section 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.