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Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1 Working group established. Resolved: That the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee shall convene a working group to study issues related to landlords and tenants. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee shall convene the first meeting of the working group no later than August 1, 2009, and the working group shall elect a chair from among its members; and be it further

Sec. 2 Working group members. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 consists of the following 9 members:

1. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director’s designee;
2. Four members representing the following organizations:
 - A. The State’s designated protection and advocacy agency pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 19502;
 - B. A statewide nonprofit legal services organization that provides free legal services to the elderly;
 - C. A statewide nonprofit legal services organization that provides free legal services to low-income persons; and
 - D. A statewide nonprofit legal services organization that provides free legal services, including administrative and legislative advocacy, to low-income persons; and
3. Four members representing organizations of landlords and housing managers in the State.

The chair of the working group shall invite the participation of one member representing the District Court selected by the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court; and be it further’

Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Attorney General or the Attorney General's" and inserting the following: 'Director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's'

Amend the amendment in section 5 in the first line (page 2, line 27 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Attorney General" and inserting the following: 'chair of the working group'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6 (page 2, lines 31 to 36 in amendment)

Amend the amendment in section 7 in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 1 and 2 in amendment) by striking out the following: "report; and be it further" and inserting the following: 'report.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8 (page 3, lines 3 to 12 in amendment)

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

SUMMARY

Like House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-546), this amendment removes the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee from the working group to study issues related to landlords and tenants. This amendment also strikes the provision of staffing assistance being provided by the Legislative Council.