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Amend the resolve by inserting after section 6 the following:

**‘Sec. 7 Outside funding for commission activities.** The commission may seek outside funds to provide staff support, consulting or other services or to fund the costs of carrying out the duties and requirements of the commission. Contributions to support the work of the commission may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the matters being studied. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution shall certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the commission's activities. Such a certification must be made in the manner prescribed by the Legislative Council. All contributions are subject to approval by the Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of the funds, the date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of the funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds received by the commission; and be it further’

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

## SUMMARY

This amendment allows the commission to seek outside funding to defray the costs of its required study.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)