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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 509, L.D. 718, Bill, “An Act To Reinstitute the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Establish the Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee'**

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§50-B** is enacted to read:

**50-B.**

<u>Insurance: Health</u>	<u>Maine Health Care</u>	<u>Legislative Per</u>	<u>24-A MRSA</u>
<u>Care Reform</u>	<u>Reform</u>	<u>Diem and Expenses</u>	<u>§4320-K</u>
	<u>Implementation</u>	<u>for Legislators and</u>	
	<u>Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Expenses Only for</u>	
		<u>Other Members</u>	
		<u>upon Demonstration</u>	
		<u>of Financial</u>	
		<u>Hardship</u>	

Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K in the first line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Exchange**" and inserting the following: **'Care Reform Implementation'**

Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 14 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'The Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee, referred to in this section as "the advisory committee" and established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 50-B, is created to advise the Governor and the Legislature with respect to any federal health care legislation.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K in subsection 1 by striking out all of  
2 paragraph J (page 2, lines 15 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

3 'J. Four members representing individuals and small businesses, including:

4 (1) One person, appointed by the President of the Senate, who can reasonably be  
5 expected to represent the interests of individuals purchasing individual coverage;

6 (2) One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who  
7 can reasonably be expected to represent the interests of employers that purchase  
8 small group coverage;

9 (3) One person, appointed by the President of the Senate, who represents an  
10 organization advocating for consumers of health care; and

11 (4) One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who  
12 is employed by an employer that can reasonably be expected to purchase group  
13 coverage and who can reasonably be expected to represent the interests of such  
14 employees.'

15 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3,  
16 lines 4 to 39 and page 4, lines 1 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

17 '4. Duties. The advisory committee shall:

18 A. Study any federal health care legislation enacted by the United States Congress to  
19 make changes to the federal Affordable Care Act as defined in section 14 or  
20 otherwise determine the State's opportunities for health care reform;

21 B. Determine the State's role in implementation of any federal health care legislation;

22 C. Determine the impact of federal health care legislation on existing state law and  
23 programs that provide access to health care to residents of this State;

24 D. Advise the Governor and the Legislature regarding the implementation of any  
25 federal health care legislation and the interests of residents of this State;

26 E. Serve as a liaison between the State Government and the Federal Government  
27 with regard to federal health care legislation;

28 F. Consider any issue related to the implementation of federal health care legislation  
29 agreed upon by the majority of the advisory committee; and

30 G. Make recommendations for any changes in policy or law to improve access to or  
31 affordability of health care for residents of this State.'

32 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 4,  
33 lines 28 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

34 '8. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall provide staff support for the operation of  
35 the advisory committee, except that the Legislative Council staff support is not authorized  
36 when the Legislature is in regular or special session. In addition, the advisory committee  
37 may contract for administrative, professional and clerical services if funding permits.'

38 Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

