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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 768, L.D. 1034, “An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations”

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

'An Act To Provide Funding To Support the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and To Establish Staffing for the Commission'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§74-J, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 457, §1, is amended to read:

74-J.

Racial, Permanent Commission on the ~~Not Authorized~~ 5 MRSA §25001
Indigenous and Status of Racial, Indigenous and Legislative Per
~~Maine Tribal~~ ~~Maine Tribal Populations~~ Diem and Expenses
Populations

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 631, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 631

**PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS
AND MAINE TRIBAL POPULATIONS**

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §25001, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 457, §2, is amended to read:
§25001. Commission established

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and ~~Maine~~ Tribal
2 Populations, established by section 12004-I, subsection 74-J and referred to in this chapter
3 as "the commission," is an independent commission. The commission shall promote,
4 implement and coordinate programs that create and improve opportunities and incorporate
5 the goal of eliminating disparities for historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous and
6 tribal populations in the State.

7 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §25002, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 457, §2, is
8 amended to read:

9 D. Other members:

10 (1) A representative from each of the federally recognized Indian tribes in the
11 State; and

12 (2) Any other individual agreed to by a majority of commission members.

13 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §25007, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 457, §2, is
14 amended to read:

15 D. ~~Submit to the Legislature, at the start of each regular session,~~ such legislation as
16 the commission determines appropriate for improving opportunities and eliminating
17 disparities for historically disadvantaged racial, indigenous and tribal populations in
18 the State;

19 **Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §25009**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 457, §2, is repealed.

20 **Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §25011** is enacted to read:

21 **§25011. Executive director; staff; duties**

22 The commission shall select an individual to serve as the executive director of the
23 commission. The executive director shall hire appropriate staff to assist in carrying out the
24 duties of the commission and shall either directly or through staff hired by the executive
25 director:

26 **1. Outreach.** Provide statewide community outreach relating to the work of the
27 commission, including engagement, training and education of:

28 A. The general public;

29 B. Affected communities; and

30 C. Commission members and staff;

31 **2. Truth and reconciliation initiative.** Launch a truth and reconciliation initiative
32 involving a statewide qualitative and quantitative research effort to assess the effects of
33 generational poverty and systemic racism in order to assist the commission in developing
34 a multi-year strategic plan to address these issues;

35 **3. Uncover entities.** Uncover entities and places in the State that benefited from the
36 State's involvement in the enslavement, genocide and colonization of indigenous and
37 African-descended populations who trace their history to the Americas and uncover entities
38 and places in the area of the United States known as New England that benefited from the
39 involvement in the enslavement, genocide and colonization of indigenous and African-
40 descended populations who trace their history to the Americas;

