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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 953, L.D. 1318, “Resolve, To Increase Access to Housing-related Support Services”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to examine housing-related services available under a Medicaid waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine opportunities available pursuant to a home and community-based services waiver available from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including but not limited to a Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment, to provide housing-related services to persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders and other vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and older adults needing long-term services. For purposes of this section, "housing-related services" means assistance in securing housing and tenancy sustaining and community transition services.

Sec. 2. Collaboration with Maine State Housing Authority; stakeholder involvement. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate with the Maine State Housing Authority to determine how existing Maine State Housing Authority resources may be leveraged more effectively to address the housing needs of persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders and other vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and older adults needing long-term services.

In performing the review under this section, the department shall examine relevant data and evidence-based practices and solicit input from stakeholders, including those providing housing-related services to persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders and other vulnerable populations, including, but not limited to, individuals with disabilities and older adults needing long-term service; advocates for persons experiencing homelessness or for other

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1 vulnerable populations; and other stakeholders who provide legal, health or other social
2 services to persons experiencing homelessness or to other vulnerable populations.

3 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That no later than February 1, 2020 the Department of
4 Health and Human Services shall submit a report and recommendations developed
5 pursuant to this resolve, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing
6 Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out a bill to
7 implement the recommendations if necessary.'

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

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill. It directs the Department of Health and Human
12 Services to examine opportunities available pursuant to a home and community-based
13 services waiver available from the United States Department of Health and Human
14 Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including, but not limited to, a
15 Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment to provide housing-related services to persons
16 experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use disorders
17 and other vulnerable populations.

18 It also directs the department to collaborate with Maine State Housing Authority to
19 determine how resources may be leveraged more effectively to address the housing needs
20 of persons experiencing chronic homelessness who have mental health or substance use
21 disorders and other vulnerable populations and to consult with interested stakeholders as
22 it conducts this review. The department must report to the Joint Standing Committee on
23 Health and Human Services with any recommendations related to this review by no later
24 than February 1, 2020, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill to implement
25 the recommendations.