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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1019, L.D. 1404, “Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness”

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

**'Resolve, To Provide Support Services and Funds To Prevent Homelessness'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to examine opportunities to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness, including a Section 1915(i) state plan amendment option. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine opportunities available pursuant to a state plan amendment option under Section 1915(i) of the federal Social Security Act as well as any other Medicaid-funded mechanism that may be appropriate to provide home and community-based services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than February 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report its progress on identifying opportunities to provide services to individuals experiencing homelessness and any waiver applications or other appropriate mechanism pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Temporary Housing Assistance Program 0714**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to assist low-income individuals to become stable tenants.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
2	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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4	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
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6 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
7 section number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services is  
10 required to examine opportunities to provide home and community-based services to  
11 individuals experiencing homelessness using a state plan amendment option under  
12 Section 1915(i) of the federal Social Security Act or any other Medicaid-funded  
13 mechanism that may be appropriate. It requires the department to report its progress in  
14 examining options and submitting a waiver to the Joint Standing Committee on Health  
15 and Human Services. The amendment also corrects the appropriations and allocations  
16 section to reflect funding from the Temporary Housing Assistance Fund and changes the  
17 initiative language to be more consistent with the statute governing the fund.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 **(See attached)**