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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1259, L.D. 1888, “An Act to Combat Organized Criminal Enterprises in Maine”

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

'Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a New Crime of Racketeering for Drug Offenses and Sex Trafficking'

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

'Sec. 1. Office of Attorney General to convene working group. Resolved: That the Office of the Attorney General shall convene a working group to study the feasibility of establishing a new crime of racketeering for drug offenses and sex trafficking.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 must consist, at a minimum, of the following members:

1. The Attorney General or the Attorney General’s designee;
2. A representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors;
3. A representative of a statewide association representing criminal defense lawyers;
4. A representative of a statewide organization advocating for civil liberties;
5. A representative of a statewide association representing law enforcement officers;
6. A representative of a federal organization that has experience prosecuting federal crimes involving racketeering; and
7. A representative of a federal organization that has law enforcement experience that includes investigating federal crimes involving racketeering.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2026, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a consultant to facilitate the working group and write the report.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$45,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Office of the Attorney General to convene a working group to study the feasibility of establishing the crime of racketeering for drug offenses and sex trafficking. The office is required to submit a report by January 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The amendment removes the emergency preamble and clause. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)