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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1400, L.D. 1956, “Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 14 members appointed as follows:

- 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 3. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, or the director's designee;
- 4. One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;
- 5. Four public members, one representing a statewide municipal association, one representing a statewide organization that advocates for affordable housing, one representing statewide agricultural interests and one that is in the building trades, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 6. Four public members, one representing a regional planning association or a statewide organization that advocates for smart growth policies and projects, one representing the real estate industry, one that is a residential developer and one that is a low-income or middle-income renter or homeowner, appointed by the Speaker of the House.'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than November 4, 2020, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing  
2 Committee on Labor and Housing.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment increases from 2 to 4 the number of public members of the  
5 commission appointed by the President of the Senate and includes a representative of  
6 statewide agricultural interests and one that is in the building trades. It also increases  
7 from 2 to 4 the number of public members appointed by the Speaker of the House and  
8 includes one that is a residential developer and one that is a low-income or middle-  
9 income renter or homeowner. It provides that, instead of being required to appoint a  
10 public member representing a regional planning association, the Speaker of the House is  
11 required to appoint a public member representing a regional planning association or a  
12 statewide organization that advocates for smart growth policies and projects. Lastly, it  
13 requires that the report be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and  
14 Housing instead of to the entire Legislature.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 **(See attached)**