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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 712, L.D. 966, “Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses”

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

**'Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses To Enable the Implementation of the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy'**

Amend the resolve by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting the following:

**'Preamble. Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine’s Working Families and Small Businesses, the duties of which are to determine the effects of current tax policy on working families and small businesses and on the State’s 10-year economic development strategy and propose changes to make those policies adequate to support the strategies and recommendations included in that plan, now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14" and inserting the following: '13'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Four" and inserting the following: 'Three'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "municipalities;" the following: 'and'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph C (page 1, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.).

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 3 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the 4th line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting  
2 after the following: "equitable," the following: 'is consistent with the State's 10-year  
3 economic development strategy,'

4 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the 7th line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting  
5 after the following: "measures" the following: ', consistent with the State's 10-year  
6 economic development strategy,'

7 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the 11th line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting  
8 after the following: "funded." the following: 'The commission shall examine whether the  
9 State's current revenue streams are adequate to support the strategies and recommendations  
10 identified in the State's 10-year economic development strategy and make suggestions for  
11 any changes that might better accomplish the State's goals.'

12 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

13 '**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2023, the commission  
14 shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
15 over taxation matters that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
16 legislation, for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The  
17 committee may present legislation related to the report of the commission to the First  
18 Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

19 **Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
20 appropriations and allocations are made.

21 **LEGISLATURE**

22 **Legislature 0081**

23 Initiative: Appropriates one-time funds to the Legislature for the costs of securing outside  
24 part-time staffing or outside data analysis to support the work of the Commission To Study  
25 Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small  
26 Businesses.

27 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
28 All Other	\$20,000	\$0
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30 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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32 Amend the resolve by striking out all of the emergency clause.

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

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment provides that the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and  
37 Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses must conduct  
38 its review taking into consideration the goals of the State's 10-year economic development  
39 strategy, removes from commission membership a representative of an organization that  
40 represents farming interests, changes the date for the completion of work from November

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1 4, 2021 to January 15, 2023 and includes an appropriation to allow the commission to  
2 contract for part-time staff or data analysis.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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**(See attached)**