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### Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

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Reported by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland for the Government Oversight Committee pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 997, subsection 2.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

1           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study  
2 Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the  
3 commission," is established; and be it further

4           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
5 no more than 13 members appointed as follows:

6           1. The President of the Senate shall:

7           A. Appoint 3 members of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties  
8 holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature. At least one of the appointees  
9 must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
10 and at least one of the appointees must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on  
11 Health and Human Services; and

12           B. Invite the participation of the following as ex officio voting members of the  
13 commission:

14                   (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

15                   (2) The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the  
16 commissioner's designee;

17                   (3) The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's  
18 designee; and

19                   (4) The Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within  
20 the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee; and

21           2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall:

22           A. Appoint 4 members of the House of Representatives, including members from  
23 each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature. At least  
24 one of the appointees must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations  
25 and Financial Affairs and at least one of the appointees must serve on the Joint  
26 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services; and

27           B. Invite the participation of the following as voting members of the commission:

28                   (1) One representative of the organizations providing services supported by  
29 funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine; and

30                   (2) One public member who possesses expertise in the subject matter of the  
31 study under this resolve; and be it further

32           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
33 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
34 commission; and be it further

35           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
36 appointments must be made no later than 10 days following the effective date of this  
37 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
38 Council once all appointments have been made. The chairs of the commission shall call

1 and convene the first meeting of the commission within 15 days of the effective date of  
2 this resolve. If a majority of but not all appointments have been made within 10 days of  
3 the effective date of this resolve, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative  
4 Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be  
5 it further

6 **Sec. 5. Meetings. Resolved:** That the commission may meet only when the  
7 Legislature is not in regular or special session. The commission is authorized to meet up  
8 to 6 times to accomplish its duties; and be it further

9 **Sec. 6. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the alignment of  
10 allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, established in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
11 Title 22, section 1511, with the State's current public health care and preventive health  
12 priorities and goals. The commission shall gather information and data from public and  
13 private entities as necessary to:

14 1. Identify or review the State's current public health care and preventive health  
15 priorities and goals;

16 2. Identify or review strategies for addressing priorities and goals and potential  
17 effectiveness of those strategies;

18 3. Assess the level of resources needed to properly pursue the strategies identified in  
19 subsection 2;

20 4. Make recommendations for how Fund for a Healthy Maine funds should be  
21 allocated among existing and new programs to most effectively support the State's current  
22 public health and preventive health priorities, goals and strategies; and

23 5. Make recommendations for processes to be used to ensure that Fund for a Healthy  
24 Maine allocations stay aligned with the State's health priorities and goals; and be it further

25 **Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the  
26 Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it  
27 further

28 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 7, 2011, the commission  
29 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
30 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and  
31 the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committees may  
32 submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th  
33 Legislature.

## 34 SUMMARY

35 This resolve implements one recommendation for legislative action found in the  
36 report on Fund for a Healthy Maine programs submitted by the Office of Program  
37 Evaluation and Government Accountability in October 2009. The original allocations  
38 from the fund to various health efforts were established more than 10 years ago and have

1 remained relatively consistent. This resolve establishes a commission tasked with  
2 reviewing whether allocations of the fund are properly aligned with the State's current  
3 public and preventive health priorities, strategies and goals and recommending  
4 adjustments to allocations as necessary.