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LD 1113 Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State

SUMMARY: This resolve is emergency legislation. It directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to study disparities in access to prenatal care in the State by:

- Studying the extent of the disparities through data and other information; and
- Studying the cases of the disparities, including interviews with women who had limited or no access to prenatal care.

It directs the Commission to recommend solutions to disparities in access to prenatal care and authorizes the commission to submit legislation that serves to create equity in access to prenatal care in the State to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

It also allows the members of the commission to be reimbursed for their expenses incurred for this work.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not yet determined

ADDITIONAL RELATED INFORMATION:

- [Authorizing statute](#) of the Permanent Commission
- Compensation for boards and commissions is governed by 5 M.R.S. §§ [12002-A](#), [12002-B](#) & [12002-C](#)