

LD 584 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates (Tuell)

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

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file*<http://legislature.maine.gov/ctl/SLG/03-15-2021?panel=1&time=0&sortdir=0&sortby=2>**SUMMARY**

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates. The commission has 15 members appointed by the Senate President, House Speaker, House and Senate Minority Leaders and Governor. The commission is required to meet at least twice a year for 2 years to review unfunded and outdated municipal mandates in order to provide recommendations and to report out a list of mandates for the Legislature to consider eliminating or revising. The commission reports to the SLG committee by December 31, 2023.

TESTIMONY***Sponsor:** Rep Tuell

- Take steps to ease burden on municipalities (tax burden; administrative burden)
- Similar to eliminating inactive boards/commissions

Proponents: MMA by Rebecca Graham

- Comprehensive review of mandates – welcomed by municipal officials
- Collective effect of many “minimal” new duties enacted by each legislative committee
- Restore balance in state-municipal partnership

Opponents: none**NFNA:** none**PRIOR LEGISLATION**

In the 127th Legislature, the SLG considered a similar bill. It was voted out of committee ONTP(7) /OTPA(6). In the Senate the Minority Report was passed to be engrossed. The House voted in favor of the Majority Report (ONTP).

MATTERS TO CONSIDER

- No authority to report out legislation under the bill

* The section is not intended to reflect all comments and may include unintentionally errors.

- Study table – Legislative Council selects which studies to fund
- The word “reelected” on page 1, line 25 of the bill should be amended to “reappointed” as the members are appointed and not elected.

FISCAL IMPACT - Preliminary (OFPR)

None provided as of this date.