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LD 1073 - Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures

This is a most needed study to make reforms. The number of bills are enormous and uncoordinated, causing duplication of ideas that are not worked on as a whole. This unorganized method yields a lot of chaos and poor legislation, which does not benefit the citizens of Maine.

Bills need to meet a limited standard of focus and be severely limited in number. This will reduce legislative days as well.

Bills ideas need worked out in party caucus small groups to develop cohesiveness in the LR stage to avoid overlap and to develop stellar legislation that will benefit all of Maine.

If it needs funding, the bill should suggest how it will be paid for. This is what New Hampshire does.

Committees should discuss the LR's in work sessions taking in public comment and preparing a final bill for tweaking with more public comment before voting.

Much could be gained if political power-mongering were set aside and Constitutional freedoms of life, liberty, and livelihood were focused on and built up.