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H.P. 768

House of Representatives, February 13, 1997

**Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Research and Development
Investment.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BIGL of Bucksport.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, TOBIN of Dexter.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on
Research and Development Investment, referred to in this resolve
4 as "task force," is established to enhance the State's ability to
develop projects that lead to the creation of new businesses and
6 jobs; and be it further

8 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of the following 10 members:

10 1. Two representatives from within the University of Maine
System, appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Maine
12 System;

14 2. Two representatives from within the Maine Technical
College System, appointed by the President of the Maine Technical
16 College System;

18 3. Two members from the Maine Chamber and Business
Alliance, appointed by the President of the Maine Chamber and
20 Business Alliance;

22 4. Two members from the Maine Development Foundation,
appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Development
24 Foundation;

26 5. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
or the commissioner's designee; and

28 6. The Director of the State Planning Office or the
30 director's designee; and be it further

32 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments
must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date
34 of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the
36 selections have been made. Within 15 days after the appointment
of all members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call
38 and convene the first meeting of the task force. The task force
shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further
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42 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall conduct a
study to determine the capital and human resource investment
44 necessary to significantly improve the State's economy. The task
force shall determine the steps and human resources required to
46 reach that level of improvement in 4 years.

48 The overall objective of the study is to enhance the State's
ability to develop projects that lead to the creation of new
50 businesses and jobs; and be it further

52 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of
Economic and Community Development shall provide staff assistance
to the task force; and be it further

2 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the task
force are not entitled to compensation; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its
report, together with any necessary implementing legislation to
8 the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.
Following consideration of the report, the Joint Standing
10 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may develop and
report out legislation recommended by the task force for
12 consideration at the Second Regular Session of the 118th
Legislature no later than February 1, 1998. If the task force
14 requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council
which may grant the extension.

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SUMMARY

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20 This resolve creates the Task Force on Research and
Development Investment to determine the appropriate level of
22 capital and human resource investment necessary to enhance
Maine's ability to develop projects that can lead to the creation
of new businesses and jobs.