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Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Convene a Working Group To Explore Regionalization

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham. Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BRYANT of Windham, CAIN of Orono, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FARRINGTON of Gorham, LANSLEY of Sabattus, PINGREE of North Haven, RECTOR of Thomaston.

1 Sec. 1. Convene working group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall convene a working group to explore 2 3 efficiencies and benefits to be gained through regionalization. In establishing the working group, the commissioner shall invite the participation of the State's economic 4 development districts, countywide councils of governments, municipal economic 5 development organizations and other economic and industrial development resources. 6 7 The working group shall consider measures designed to make advocacy for business more coordinated and cost-effective, to reduce duplication and to support the efforts of 8 9 the business community. Specifically, the working group shall consider the impact of regionalization of services, including but not limited to code enforcement services; public 10 11 works services; fire and police services; and purchasing of supplies and equipment; and be it further 12

13 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 15, 2007, the 14 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit a report of its 15 findings under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the 16 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. After receipt and review of 17 the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular 18 Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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SUMMARY

This bill directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to convene a working group to explore efficiencies and benefits to be gained through regionalization. The working group is directed to examine regionalization measures to make advocacy for business more coordinated and cost-effective, to reduce duplication and to support the efforts of the business community.