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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1373, L.D. 1929, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "That" the following: ', notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "11" and inserting the following: '14'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- '3. Four members appointed by the Governor:
 - A. One member representing the Office of the Governor;
 - B. One member representing a statewide organization that represents the interests of municipalities;
 - C. One member representing a statewide organization that represents farming interests; and
 - D. One member who is a tax policy expert;'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study issues associated with the impacts of tax policy on the State's working families and small businesses and shall develop recommendations designed to ensure that the tax policy of the State is fair and equitable, improves the competitive position of the State, encourages more investment in new and existing small businesses in the State and helps attract skilled and knowledgeable workers necessary for a sustainable, growing economy in all regions of the State. In examining the issues, the commission shall consider measures designed to level the playing field for small businesses and to aid entrepreneurs and the importance to working families and businesses of adequately funding important government services, such as aid to local services, education, infrastructure and affordable health care and

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1 propose measures that ensure these services are adequately funded. The commission
2 shall also evaluate the direct impact of any proposed tax changes on after-tax income by
3 income decile.'

4 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
5 section number to read consecutively.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment adds 3 additional members to the commission, one representing a
8 statewide organization that represents the interests of municipalities, one representing a
9 statewide organization of farming interests and one tax policy expert. The amendment
10 also adds additional language specifying the duties of the commission.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 **(See attached)**



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**Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for
Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

"A" (H-696)

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,625 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$1,625 in fiscal year 2020-21. An estimated \$6,190 is available in fiscal year 2019-20 and in fiscal year 2020-21 in the Legislature's budget for legislative studies as well as any balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Office of the Governor and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services associated with serving on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.