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House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

Resolve, to Study the Costs and Funding of a Universal Health Care Plan for Maine

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BOYER of Cape Elizabeth, CLUCHEY of
Bowdoinham, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, ZAGER of Portland, Senators:
BALDACCI of Penobscot, INGWERSEN of York, PIERCE of Cumberland.

Sec. 1. Universal health care plan study. Resolved: That the Office of Affordable Health Care, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3122 and referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall study, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, the costs and potential funding of a publicly funded, privately and publicly provided, universal health care plan for the State.

Sec. 2. Assistance. Resolved: That, to the extent resources are available, the office may solicit the services of one or more experts who are not in state service to assist in the study under section 1. Upon request of the office, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance and the Department of Labor shall provide staffing assistance to complete the study.

Sec. 3. Fiscal analysis; model. Resolved: That the office shall base its fiscal analysis on the model provided by the All Maine Health Program prepared by Maine AllCare, which is the latest and most detailed plan for a publicly funded, privately provided, universal health care plan for the State. The office may make modifications to that model as it considers necessary. The office may also consult the Mathematica 2002 study, the Maine Center for Economic Policy 2019 study, Legislative Document 1045 of the 130th Legislature, the Maine Center for Economic Policy 2024 study or another universal health care model proposed in another state.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Office of Affordable Health Care to study, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, the costs and potential funding of a publicly funded, privately and publicly provided, universal health care plan for the State. It directs the office to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, which is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.