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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 739, L.D. 997, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Membership of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5042, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. DDD, §15, is further amended to read:

1. **Membership.** The Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities consists of ~~12~~ 21 people appointed as follows:

A. The commissioners or their designees of:

- (1) The Department of Human Services;
- (2) The Department of Labor;
- (3) The Department of Corrections;
- (4) The Department of Education;
- (5) The Department of Economic and Community Development; and
- (6) The Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; and
- (7) The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources;

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2 B. The director of:

4 (1) The Maine State Housing Authority; and

6 C. Five persons appointed jointly by the President of the  
Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as  
8 follows:

10 (1) One member to represent a community action agency;

12 (2) One member to represent a nonprofit agency  
providing shelter to the homeless;

14 (3) One member to represent a nonprofit housing  
16 development corporation;

18 (4) One member to represent municipalities; and

20 (5) One member to represent low-income people; and

22 D. Eight persons appointed by the Governor, at least 4 of  
24 whom must be chosen from a list of nominations provided by a  
statewide coalition for the homeless to represent homeless  
26 and formerly homeless people and low-income tenants.

28 **Sec. 2. Further appropriations prohibited.** Additional General  
Fund money may not be appropriated for the purpose of carrying  
out this Act.

30 **FISCAL NOTE**

32 The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will  
34 incur some minor additional costs to participate in the  
Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing  
36 Opportunities. These costs can be absorbed within the  
department's existing budgeted resources.  
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40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 This amendment reduces from 24 to 21 the membership of the  
44 Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities;  
retains the number of people appointed by the President of the  
46 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at current  
levels; and requires the Governor to appoint 4 representatives  
48 from a list provided by a statewide coalition for the homeless.  
The amendment also adds a section that prohibits additional  
50 appropriation of General Fund money and adds a fiscal note.