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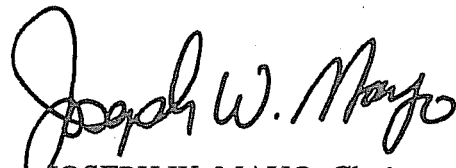
H.P. 950

House of Representatives, April 15, 1993

**Resolve, Creating the New England Regional Commission on Fiscal and Public Policy.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Portland.

2           **Sec. 1. New England Regional Commission on Fiscal and Public**  
3 **Policy established; purpose. Resolved:** That the New England Regional  
4 Commission on Fiscal and Public Policy is established to develop  
5 fiscal and public policies that are beneficial to all New England  
6 states; and be it further

7           **Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved:** That the commission consists  
8 of 6 members:

9           1. Three Senators, one Republican and 2 Democrats,  
10 appointed by the President of the Senate; and

11           2. Three members of the House of Representatives, one  
12 Republican and 2 Democrats, appointed by the Speaker of the House  
13 of Representatives.

14           The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives shall coordinate their appointments and promptly  
16 notify the Legislative Council of the appointments; and be it  
17 further

18           **Sec. 3. Convening of the commission. Resolved:** That, when the  
19 appointment of the commission members is complete, the Executive  
20 Director of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting  
21 no later than October 1, 1993. At the first meeting, the members  
22 shall elect a chair; and be it further

23           **Sec. 4. Interstate cooperation. Resolved:** That the commission is  
24 directed to cooperate fully with officials, Legislators and  
25 citizens of other New England states to develop fiscal and public  
26 policies that are beneficial to all New England states; and be it  
27 further

28           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall meet with  
29 members of the commissions established by other within New  
30 England states to:

31           1. Review fiscal and public policies of each participating  
32 state;

33           2. Assess the future demand for fiscal and public policies  
34 and develop a process to evaluate those policies;

35           3. Discuss and evaluate fiscal and public policies that may  
36 adversely affect a participating state; and

37           4. Recommend any legislation necessary to carry out the  
38 commission's findings.

2 The participating commissions may adopt procedures and  
create subcommittees or advisory groups for conducting the  
commission's business; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall report  
annually to the Legislature and the Governor the results of its  
8 efforts, including any recommendations to carry out the purpose  
of the commission. The commission may submit implementing  
legislation with an annual report; and be it further

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12 **Sec. 7. Assistance. Resolved:** That the commission may seek  
staffing assistance and consult state departments with expertise  
14 in subjects pertinent to the commission's purpose; and be it  
further

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18 **Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the  
commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the  
legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
20 Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at commission  
meetings; and be it further

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24 **Sec. 9. Expiration of commission; final report. Resolved:** That  
upon the conclusion of the commission's duties or no later than  
December 1, 1994, the commission shall submit its final report  
26 and, if necessary, legislation to extend the commission; and be  
it further

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30 **Sec. 10. Reciprocal legislation. Resolved:** That this resolve  
becomes effective only if similar legislation is enacted by at  
least one other New England state; and be it further

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34 **Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

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38 **LEGISLATURE**

40 **New England Regional Commission  
on Fiscal and Public Policy**

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44	Personal Services	\$2,970	\$1,650
	All Other	3,200	2,000

46 Provides for the  
48 appropriation of funds to the  
New England Regional  
50 Commission on Fiscal and  
Public Policy for the per

2 diem and travel expenses of  
3 the members and for  
4 miscellaneous commission  
5 expenses. This appropriation  
6 is restricted for this use  
7 only. If no other New  
8 England state enacts similar  
9 legislation, these funds may  
10 not be transferred or  
11 expended for any other  
12 purpose and lapse to the  
13 General Fund at the end of  
14 fiscal year 1994-95.

15	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>		
16	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,170</u>	<u>\$3,650</u>

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

21 This resolve creates the New England Regional Commission on  
22 Fiscal and Public Policy to develop fiscal and public policies  
23 that benefit the New England states, all of which are eligible to  
24 participate.