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14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 116TH LEGISLATURE		
16	SECOND REGULAR SESSION		
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ " to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1361, Bill, "An		
20	Act to Define Responsibilities of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering"		
22	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting		
24	the following:		
26 28	'Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering'		
20	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the		
30	title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:		
32	'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission		
34	to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it		
36	further		
38	Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 14 members appointed as follows:		
40	1. Two Legislators, appointed jointly by the President of		
42	the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;		
44	2. Four representatives of industry, including one person who has practical experience in and knowledge of agricultural		
46	procedures, one person who represents the food processing industry, one person who represents the biotechnology industry		
48	and one person who represents the marine fisheries industry;		
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Four representatives from the academic community,
 including one economist who has practical experience and knowledge of natural resources, one ethicist with knowledge of
 biotechnology and genetic engineering issues, one environmental scientist and one public health professional; and

4. Four representatives from the public, including one
8 person who represents a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization,
one person who represents a nonprofit public interest
10 environmental organization, one person who represents the general
public and one person who is an organic farmer.

All members of the commission, with the exception of the Legislators, are appointed jointly by the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The committee shall at its first meeting select 2 members to serve as cochairs; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be 20 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive resolve. 22 Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete, the chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the 24 first meeting of the commission no later than August 15, 1994; 26 and be it further

28 Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study and make recommendations on the role of State Government in the 30 oversight of biotechnology and genetic engineering. In examining these issues, the commission shall review the existing Commission 32 on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering established in the Maine Revised Statues, Title 7, chapter 8-C and also do the following:

 Identify and review existing state statutes that provide
 authority for regulating products and activities, including statutes governing food and agriculture, health and safety,
 confidential business information and the environment;

Advise the legislative and executive branches, including regulatory agencies, on the adequacy of existing state and
federal oversight frameworks and recommend needed action at state and federal levels;

з. Assess the adequacy of communication pathways among 46 responsible agencies, federal agencies and local state communities and recommend a strategy for informing local community policymakers of state and federal oversight frameworks 48 local government in making regulations and the roles of 50 engineering concerning biotechnology and genetic and in communicating with the public on these issues;

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4. Consider mechanisms for effective public involvement in the oversight process;

5. Consider mechanisms by which risks, including any
 negative social or economic consequences, to the public and the environment created by the use of biotechnology and genetic
 8 engineering products and waste products may be evaluated;

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 Consider the role of research in the public sector and the need for oversight of research involving state resources; and

Include the public, outside experts, state agencies and
 businesses in the State involved in biotechnology and genetic
 engineering in the commission's deliberations; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the commission shall request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the commission members who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the commission. All members of the commission are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the commission's budget; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report with any accompanying legislation to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by December 1, 1994; and be it further

36 Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Personal Services	\$6	560
All Other	4,7	00'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1015, L.D. 1361 Provides funds for the Commission to Study 2 Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering for the per diem of legislative members, 4 expenses of all members and miscellaneous commission expenses. б **LEGISLATURE** 8 TOTAL \$5,360' 10 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following: 12 **'FISCAL NOTE** 14 1994-95 16 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS 18 General Fund \$5,360 20 22 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$5,360 in 24 fiscal year 1994-95 to the Legislature for the Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering for the per diem of 26 legislative members, expenses of all members and miscellaneous commission expenses. The Legislature can absorb the costs related to staffing the commission utilizing existing budgeted 28 resources.' 30 32 STATEMENT OF FACT 34 This amendment establishes the Commission to Study 36 Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering. Specifically, the14-member commission is charged with identifying and reviewing 38 existing state laws that provide authority for regulating products and activities, such as food and agricultural laws, 40 health and safety laws, confidential business information laws and environmental laws. The amendment also adds an appropriation

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section and a fiscal note to the bill.