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H.P. 286

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single
Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits.**

Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CARLETON of Wells, KANE of Saco, MITCHELL
of Portland, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on
Single Claims Processing, referred to in this resolve as the
4 "task force," is established to study the feasibility of a single
claims processing system for 3rd-party payors of health care
6 benefits; and be it further

8 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consist of representatives of the following interests:
10 hospitals, physicians, home health agencies, nursing facilities,
independent nonphysician practitioners, health insurers, mental
12 health agencies, pharmacists and consumers of health care. The
Governor and the Superintendent of Insurance shall each appoint 6
14 members to the task force and the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House shall each appoint 4 members to the task
16 force. The Superintendent of Insurance shall coordinate
appointments with other appointing authorities to ensure that all
18 interests are represented; and be it further

20 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
22 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing
24 authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days
of appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative
26 Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the task
force. The task force shall select a chair from among its
28 members; and be it further

30 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

- 32 1. Gather and examine information from other jurisdictions
that have implemented a single claims processing system;
- 34 2. Identify barriers and problems that need to be addressed
to implement a single claims processing system;
- 36 3. Determine resources necessary to implement a single
38 claims processing system; and
- 40 4. Determine impact on health care providers; and be it
42 further

44 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Bureau of Insurance
shall contract to provide the necessary support services; and be
46 it further

48 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
task force serve without compensation or reimbursement of any
50 type; and be it further

2 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
4 to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later
than February 2, 1998. If the task force requires an extension,
6 it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the
extension.

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SUMMARY

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12 This resolve establishes the Task Force on Single Claims
Processing to study the feasibility of a single claims processing
14 system for 3rd-party payors of health care benefits. The task
force shall submit its report to the Second Regular Session of
the 118th Legislature.