

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 1045

H.P. 768

House of Representatives, February 13, 1997

**Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Research and Development  
Investment.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BIGL of Bucksport.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, TOBIN of Dexter.

2           **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on  
Research and Development Investment, referred to in this resolve  
4 as "task force," is established to enhance the State's ability to  
develop projects that lead to the creation of new businesses and  
6 jobs; and be it further

8           **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force  
consists of the following 10 members:

10           1. Two representatives from within the University of Maine  
System, appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Maine  
12 System;

14           2. Two representatives from within the Maine Technical  
College System, appointed by the President of the Maine Technical  
16 College System;

18           3. Two members from the Maine Chamber and Business  
Alliance, appointed by the President of the Maine Chamber and  
20 Business Alliance;

22           4. Two members from the Maine Development Foundation,  
appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Development  
24 Foundation;

26           5. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
or the commissioner's designee; and

28           6. The Director of the State Planning Office or the  
30 director's designee; and be it further

32           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments  
must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date  
34 of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative  
Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the  
36 selections have been made. Within 15 days after the appointment  
of all members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call  
38 and convene the first meeting of the task force. The task force  
shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further  
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42           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall conduct a  
study to determine the capital and human resource investment  
44 necessary to significantly improve the State's economy. The task  
force shall determine the steps and human resources required to  
46 reach that level of improvement in 4 years.

48           The overall objective of the study is to enhance the State's  
ability to develop projects that lead to the creation of new  
50 businesses and jobs; and be it further

52           **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of  
Economic and Community Development shall provide staff assistance  
to the task force; and be it further

2           **Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the task  
force are not entitled to compensation; and be it further

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6           **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its  
report, together with any necessary implementing legislation to  
8           the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.  
Following consideration of the report, the Joint Standing  
10           Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may develop and  
report out legislation recommended by the task force for  
12           consideration at the Second Regular Session of the 118th  
Legislature no later than February 1, 1998. If the task force  
14           requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council  
which may grant the extension.

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**SUMMARY**

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20           This resolve creates the Task Force on Research and  
Development Investment to determine the appropriate level of  
22           capital and human resource investment necessary to enhance  
Maine's ability to develop projects that can lead to the creation  
of new businesses and jobs.