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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reported by: Senator Rand

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 422, L.D. 1343, "Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses in Maine"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 25 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members. The Governor shall appoint 5 members, to include one member from the Governor's cabinet, 2 members representing the business sector, one member representing nonstate employee unions and one state employee. The President of the Senate shall appoint 4 members, to include one Senator, one member representing the private sector, one member representing a business employing fewer than 50 people and one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members, to include one Representative, one member representing the public sector, one member representing a business employing fewer than 50 people and one member from the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6 (page 2, lines 2 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Reimbursement; mileage and other costs associated with commission participation. Resolved: That the legislative members of the commission are entitled to legislative per diem and expenses. Other members are not entitled to compensation; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 2nd paragraph
in the first line (page 2, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the
following: "and extension" and inserting in its place the
4 following: 'an extension'

6 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 2nd paragraph
in the last line (page 2, line 17 in L.D.) by striking out the
8 following: "extension." and inserting in its place the following:
'extension; and be it further'

10 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the
12 following:

14 'Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved: That the commission may seek
outside sources of funding; and be it further

16 Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
18 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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26 Effect of Government Regulation on
Small Businesses

28	Personal Services	\$1,320
30	All Other	1,700
32	TOTAL	<u>\$3,020</u>

34 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of legislative members and miscellaneous
36 costs, including printing, of the Blue
Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of
38 Government Regulation on Small Businesses
; and be it further

40 Sec. 10. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are
42 allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the
purposes of this resolve.

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All Other \$500

Allocates funds to be used as a base allocation in the event that outside sources of funding are received to support the expenses of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses.'

Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$3,020
Other Funds	500

The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of \$3,020 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses. The Legislature can absorb the costs related to providing staffing assistance to the commission within existing budgeted resources.

The Legislature will require an Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 1997-98 to be used as a base allocation to authorize expenditures in the event that outside sources of funding are received to support the expenses of the commission.'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the resolve to revise the commission membership to include 4 members to be appointed by the President of the Senate and 4 members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. Members to be appointed must represent the House of

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2 Representatives, the Senate, the public sector, the private
3 sector, businesses with fewer than 50 employees and members of
4 the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
5 Development. The amendment also includes language that entitles
6 legislative members of the commission to legislative per diem and
7 expenses. This amendment also adds a section to the resolve that
8 allows the commission to seek outside sources of funding for
9 commission-related expenses. The amendment also adds an
10 appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note to
the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT