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H.P. 1110

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Restructuring of the
University of Maine System.**

(EMERGENCY)

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 STEVENS of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and
Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

4 Whereas, this resolve establishes a commission to study the
6 restructuring of the University of Maine System; and

8 Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day
period expires in order that the study may be completed and a
10 report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative
session; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
14 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

18 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
20 to Study the Restructuring of the University of Maine System,
referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established;
22 and be it further

24 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of the following 15 members appointed jointly by the
26 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

28 1. Twelve representatives from the University of Maine
System, 3 of whom represent the students, 3 of whom represent the
30 faculty, 3 of whom represent staff employees and 3 of whom
represent the alumni; and

32 2. Three members of the public; and be it further

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

44 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

46 1. Study the feasibility of restructuring the University of
Maine System structurally and financially;

48 2. Study the feasibility of eliminating the Office of the

Chancellor of the University of Maine System and redistributing the money allocated to that office to the institutions in the system; and

3. Explore alternative ways of creating funding for the University of Maine System.

In conducting the study the commission shall review the November 12, 1996 report of the University of Maine Legislative Liaison Committee, A Proposal to Restructure the University of Maine System; and be it further

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

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the commission serve without compensation; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature no later than January 1, 1998. If the commission requires an extension, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Restructuring of the University of Maine System.