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H.P. 366

House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

**Resolve, to Study the Use of Gross and Net Income in Eligibility for
Public Benefits.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, GERRY of Auburn, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JACOBS
of Turner, KANE of Saco, MAYO of Bath, MENDROS of Lewiston, SHIELDS of Auburn.

Sec. 1. Study of gross and net income in eligibility for public benefits.

2 **Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services shall study the
use of gross and net income in eligibility for public benefits.
4 The study must include identification of state and federal
programs under the jurisdiction of the department and the
6 eligibility standards for those programs. The department shall
report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
8 Services on the results of the study, including any
recommendations for legislation and rulemaking, by January 1,
10 2000.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Human Services to
16 study the use of gross and net income in the determination of
eligibility for public benefit programs. The department is
18 required to submit a report, including recommendations for
legislation and rulemaking, by January 1, 2000 to the Joint
20 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.