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Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Study the Progress in Implementing a Single Claims Processing System.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester. Cosponsored by President Pro Tem BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, O'NEIL of Saco, Speaker SAXL of Portland, SHIELDS of Auburn, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: MARTIN of Aroostook, RAND of Cumberland.

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11. The Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's 2 designee; and

12. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. One member of the Senate and one member of the House shall serve as
cochairs of the task force; and be it further

10 Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than October 1, 2001. The Executive Director of 12 the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. Within 15 days 14 of appointment of all members, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the task 16 force; and be it further

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

 Gather and examine information from other jurisdictions that have implemented a single claims processing system or have
 implemented a streamlined claims processing system;

 Identify barriers and problems that need to be addressed to implement a single claims processing system or to streamline
 the current claims processing system;

3. Determine resources necessary to implement a single claims processing system or a streamlined claims system and
 develop a model for a single claims processing system;

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 32 4. Determine the impact on health care providers and health insurance carriers of a single claims processing system or a
 34 streamlined claims system; and

36 5. Identify the necessary steps for protecting the confidentiality of medical records and proprietary information in
 38 a single claims processing system or a streamlined claims system; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the task force shall request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the task force are not entitled to any reimbursement or compensation for attendance at meetings of the task force, except that the members of the task force who are Legislators are entitled to

receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses for attendance at meetings of the task force. The 2 Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the task force's budget; and be it further 4 Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit its б report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than 8 January 15, 2002. If the task force requires an extension, it 10 may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further 12 Sec. 8. Transfer of funds. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall transfer up to \$3,860 14 from the Bureau of Insurance to the Legislature toward the actual 16 expenses incurred by the task force; and be it further Sec. 9. Allocation. Resolved: 18 That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the 20 purposes of this resolve. 2001-02 22 24 LEGISLATURE 26 Task Force to Study the Progress Made in **Implementing a Single Claims Processing** 28 System for 3rd-party Payors of Health 30 **Care Benefits** 32 Personal Services \$1,760 All Other 2,100 34TOTAL \$3,860 36 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses 38 of legislative members and miscellaneous costs of the Task Force to Study the 40 Progress made in Implementing a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party 42 Payors of Health Care Benefits. 44 SUMMARY 46 This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study the Progress made in Implementing a Single Claims Processing System 48 for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits to follow up on the 50 work done by the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of a Single Claims Processing System for 3rd-party Payors of Health Care Benefits, as established in Resolve 1997, chapter 63. 52

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