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S.P. 286

In Senate, February 20, 2001

Resolve, to Enhance Economic Development in Eastern Maine.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and
Senators: MITCHELL of Penobscot, SAWYER of Penobscot, SHOREY of Washington,
YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot, Representative: DUGAY of Cherryfield.

2 2. The Director of the Bureau of Health, or the director's
designee;

4 3. The United States Attorney representing the District of
Maine, or the United States Attorney's designee;

6 4. The Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, or
8 the director's designee;

10 5. One member representing an economic development
organization in each of the following counties: Penobscot,
12 Hancock and Washington, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic
and Community Development;

14 6. One member representing Eastern Maine Medical Center,
16 appointed by the Director of the Bureau of Medical Services;

18 7. One member representing the Maine Medical Association
appointed by the Director of the Bureau of Medical Services;

20 8. One member representing the Maine State Nurses
22 Association, appointed by the Director of the Bureau of Medical
Services;

24 9. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President
26 of the Senate, who represent each of the following counties:
Penobscot, Hancock and Washington; and

28 10. Three members of the House of Representatives,
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House, who represent each of the
following counties: Penobscot, Hancock and Washington; and be it
32 further

34 **Sec. A-3. Appointments. Resolved:** That all appointments must
be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of
36 this resolve. The first named Senate member and the first named
House member serve as cochairs of the commission. The appointing
38 authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the
Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The cochairs
40 shall convene the first meeting of the commission no later than
30 days after the appointment of all members is complete; and be
42 it further

44 **Sec. A-4. Duties. Resolved:** That the responsibilities of the
commission include the following:

46 1. To identify health and social impediments to workforce
48 development in eastern Maine, based on recent work of state and
federal agencies and other development groups and social service
50 agencies in the region;

2 2. To propose a plan to reduce or eliminate health and
social impediments, including identification of impaired workers
4 or potential impaired workers;

6 3. To propose options for treatment for the impaired
workers or the potentially impaired workers to help those workers
8 become productive members of the workforce; and

10 4. To recommend law enforcement measures to reduce the
volume of illegal drugs and measures to control diverted
12 prescription drugs used illegally in the region of eastern Maine;
and be it further

14 **Sec. A-5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon the approval of
16 the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and
18 be it further

20 **Sec. A-6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative
22 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for
24 their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other
members of the commission who are not otherwise compensated by
26 their employers or other entities that they represent are
entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred
28 for their attendance at authorized meetings; and be it further

30 **Sec. A-7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
32 to the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
Development no later than March 1, 2002. The committee may
34 introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature. If the commission requires a limited extension of
36 time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative
Council, which may grant the extension.

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PART B

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Sec. B-1. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds
42 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
of this resolve.

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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

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Maine Drug Enforcement Agency

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All Other \$1,520,000

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Provides funds for 10 additional Maine Drug Enforcement Agency positions in Bangor, 5 such positions in Hancock County and 5 such positions in Washington County at \$70,000 per position and \$5,500 for one-time costs per agent for equipment.

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

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SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Commission to Promote Workforce Development in Eastern Maine. It also establishes and funds 20 new positions within the Department of Public Safety, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency in eastern Maine to reduce the prevalence of illegal drug activity.