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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\mathcal{H}$ " to S.P. 401, L.D. 1317, "Resolve,
20	Establishing a Commission to Examine the Fisheries Division of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"
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24	Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:
26	'Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Conduct a Programmatic Review of the State's Inland
28	Fisheries Management Program'
30	Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after
32	the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:
34	'Sec. 1. Contract for assessment of the fisheries program. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
36	Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as the "commissioner," shall contract with outside experts to assess, evaluate and
38	recommend improvements in all aspects of the inland fisheries management program; and be it further
40	Sec. 2. Procedures to be used. Resolved: That a contract awarded
42	pursuant to this resolve must be awarded in accordance with applicable state laws, rules and procedures relating to the
44	purchase of services and awarding of contracts. The Department
46	of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as the "department," shall establish a panel to assist in developing a scope of work and evaluating and selecting a proposal. The
48	panel must include appropriate department staff and up to 5 people representing statewide organizations with an interest in
50	the management of fisheries resources and aquatic habitats; and
52	be it further

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Sec. 3. Scope of work. Resolved: That the programmatic review 2 must include, but not be limited to: planning and budgeting; staffing levels; personnel leadership and technical skills; applicable laws, rules and policies governing the program; 4 decision-making processes; and resource management and public involvement practices. In addition to a contract specifying that 6 the contractor must assess the department's professional ability to design and carry out an effective fisheries management 8 program, a contract awarded pursuant to this resolve must include 10 a requirement that the contractor identify members of the public who consider themselves as stakeholders and include their feedback in the assessment process; and be it further 12

14 Sec. 4. Funding. Resolved: That the commissioner may accept grants and donations for the work required pursuant to this resolve and expend those funds as necessary to accomplish the 16 purpose of this resolve. In the event that adequate funds are secured, the commissioner may at the 18 not commissioner's discretion terminate this work; and be it further 20

Sec. 5. Report required. Resolved: That the commissioner shall submit a report of work conducted in response to this resolve and 22 any findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and 24 wildlife matters by January 2, 2003.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the 28 summary the following:

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## **'FISCAL NOTE**

Requiring that, subject to the collection of grants and donations, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 34 contract with a private entity to conduct an assessment of the department's fisheries program may result in increased Other 36 Special Revenue costs to the department. The amounts will depend on the amount of grants and donations that are collected and can 38 not be determined at this time.'

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## **SUMMARY**

This amendment requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries 44 and Wildlife to conduct a programmatic review of the fisheries program. The commissioner shall contract with an experienced 46 firm to assess and evaluate the State's fisheries management program. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve. 48

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