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**Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Address Financing
of Long-term Care Costs.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.

Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and

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CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY

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This resolve is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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This resolve proposes to establish a blue ribbon commission to investigate and analyze the future costs of providing long-term health care to elderly and disabled adults and recommend an integrated system of financing the projected costs of these services.

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The commission will investigate all relevant questions bearing on this issue, including but not limited to the following:

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1. Whether the financial risk associated with uncertain long-term health care costs should be shared through some type of public or private insurance system;

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2. Whether individuals should be encouraged or required to begin saving for predictable long-term health care needs at earlier ages; and

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3. Whether each generation of working adults should pay for the long-term care costs of their parents' and grandparents' generations.

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The commission will be funded with grants, donations and other nonstate-funded sources of revenue.