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Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, McKEE of Wayne, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, HALL of Lincoln.

	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
2	Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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6	Whereas, this resolve establishes the Task Force to Study Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing; and
8	Whereas, this resolve is necessary as an emergency measure
10	to afford adequate time for the issues to be appropriately addressed by the task force; and
12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
14 16	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it
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18	Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Study Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing, referred to in
20	this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further
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24	Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of the following members.
26	1. Three members of the Senate are appointed by the President of the Senate.
28	2. Three members of the House of Representatives are
30	appointed by the Speaker of the House.
32	3. Sixteen members are appointed by the Governor as follows:
34	A. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development;
36	B. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority;
38	C. The Executive Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department;
40	D. The President of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce;
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44	E. The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal Association;
46	F. The President of the Maine Association of Planners;
48	G. A representative from a neighborhood association;
50	H. A representative from a city council;

2 I. A municipal officer;

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- J. A representative from a town planning board;
- 6 K. A representative from a nonprofit housing developer;
- 8 L. A representative from a for-profit housing developer:
- M. A representative from a land trust;
- N. A representative from a manufactured housing manufacturer;
- O. A representative from a financial institution; and
- P. A representative from the business community; and be it further
- Sec. 3. Task force chair. Resolved: That the first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the task force and the first-named member of the House is the House chair of the task force; and be it further
 - Sec. 4. Appointments: convening of task force. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force; and be it further
 - Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall hold its meetings at various locations in the State, to be determined by the chairs. The task force shall gather information and request necessary data from public and private entities in order to develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and provide incentives for the creation and availability of affordable housing consistent with legitimate concerns of local communities for healthy neighborhoods, sound environmental practices, sustainable affordability and inclusive communities; and be it further

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Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved: That legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Legislative Council by December 10, 2003. The task force is authorized to introduce legislation related to its report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature at the time of submission of its report; and be it further

Sec. 9. Extension. Resolved: That if the task force requires a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant an extension. Upon submission of its required report, the task force terminates; and be it further

Sec. 10. Budget. Resolved: That the chairs of the task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task force's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the task force, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the task force chairs and staff with a status report on the task force's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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

SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing.