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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: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of
Biddeford, McKEE of Wayne, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland,
HALL of Lincoln.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
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
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
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

18 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to
Study Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing, referred to in
this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it
further

22 **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
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;

42 E. The Executive Director of the Maine Municipal
Association;

44 F. The President of the Maine Association of Planners;

46 G. A representative from a neighborhood association;

48 H. A representative from a city council;

- 2 I. A municipal officer;
- 4 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;
- 10 M. A representative from a land trust;
- 12 N. A representative from a manufactured housing
14 manufacturer;
- 16 O. A representative from a financial institution; and
- 18 P. A representative from the business community; and be it
further

20 **Sec. 3. Task force chair. Resolved:** That the first-named
22 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

24 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
26 appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
28 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all
appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members
30 has been completed, the chairs of the task force shall call and
convene the first meeting of the task force; and be it further

32 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall hold its
34 meetings at various locations in the State, to be determined by
the chairs. The task force shall gather information and request
36 necessary data from public and private entities in order to
develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and
38 provide incentives for the creation and availability of
affordable housing consistent with legitimate concerns of local
40 communities for healthy neighborhoods, sound environmental
practices, sustainable affordability and inclusive communities;
42 and be it further

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

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