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**Resolve, To Establish the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of
Adding an Interchange for Access to the Lakes Region Area**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BRUNO of Raymond, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, SYKES
of Harrison, TOBIN of Windham, USHER of Westbrook, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford,
GILMAN of Cumberland.

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
the Feasibility of Adding an Interchange for Access to the Lakes
Region Area; and

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10 **Whereas,** this resolve is necessary as an emergency measure
to afford time for the issues to be appropriately addressed by
the task force; and

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14 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day
period expires in order that the study may be completed and a
report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative
session; and

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18 **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

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22 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to
Study the Feasibility of Adding an Interchange for Access to the
Lakes Region Area, referred to in this resolve as "the task
force," is established; and be it further

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26 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of 21 members appointed as follows:

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30 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
the Senate;

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34 2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed
by the Speaker of the House;

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38 3. One representative of the Maine Turnpike Authority,
appointed by the President of the Senate upon recommendation of
the Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority;

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42 4. One representative of the Route 302 and You Committee,
appointed by the President of the Senate;

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46 5. One representative of each of the following
organizations, appointed by the President of the Senate: Windham
Chamber of Commerce; Auburn Chamber of Commerce; Gray Chamber of
Commerce; and the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of
Commerce;

2 6. One representative of the Department of Transportation,
3 appointed by the Speaker of the House upon recommendation of the
4 Commissioner of Transportation;

6 7. One representative of the Department of Transportation,
7 Bureau of Planning, Regional Transportation Advisory Committee,
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House upon recommendation of the
9 Commissioner of Transportation; and

10 8. One representative of each of the following towns,
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House: Naples, Casco, Poland,
12 Auburn, Gray, Raymond, Windham and Westbrook; and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member
15 is the Senate chair of the task force and the first-named House
16 of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force;
17 and be it further

18 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
19 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
20 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
21 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all
22 appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after
23 appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the
24 first meeting of the task force; and be it further

26 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall study the
27 traffic flow along Route 302 and examine the feasibility of
28 creating an additional interchange from the Maine Turnpike for
29 access to the lakes region area. The task force shall also
30 consider the location for the interchange and may include other
31 issues relevant to the study; and be it further

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

38 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members
39 of the task force are entitled to the legislative per diem, as
40 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
41 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
42 their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.
43 Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or
44 other entities that they represent are entitled to receive
45 reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of
46 financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem
47 for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force;
48 and be it further

2 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 31,
4 2003, the task force shall submit a report that includes its
6 findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation,
8 for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on
10 Transportation and the Legislative Council. The task force is
 not authorized to introduce legislation. Following receipt and
 review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on
 Transportation may report out a bill to the Second Regular
 Session of the 121st Legislature; and be it further

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

18 **Sec. 10. Task force budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
20 task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall
22 administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its
24 first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and
26 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
28 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.

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

SUMMARY

34 This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study the
36 Feasibility of Adding an Interchange for Access to the Lakes
 Region Area.