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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 887, L.D. 1213, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Modern Transportation Policy"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Creating the Commission To Study the Establishment of Shared-use Paths'**

Further amend by the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Study commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study the Establishment of Shared-use Paths, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 8 members appointed as follows:

1. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

2. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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2 3. The Commissioner of Transportation, or the  
commissioner's designee;

4 4. One member representing metropolitan planning  
6 organizations, MPOs, appointed by the Commissioner of  
Transportation;

8 5. One member representing regional transportation advisory  
10 committees, RTACs, appointed by the Commissioner of  
Transportation;

12 6. One member representing bicycle and pedestrian  
14 interests, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

16 7. One member representing the tourism industry, appointed  
by the Speaker of the House; and

18 8. One member representing a public health advocacy  
20 organization, appointed by the President of the Senate; and be it  
further

22 **Sec. 3. Commission chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member is  
the Senate chair of the commission and the House member is the  
24 House chair of the commission; and be it further

26 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That  
all appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the  
28 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all  
30 appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after  
32 appointment of all members, the chairs of the commission shall  
call and convene the first meeting of the commission; and be it  
further

34 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall enhance  
36 the urban and small-town environment through the development of  
shared-use paths that are accessible and readily visible to the  
38 public in both urban and rural communities in order to encourage  
physical activity and that are an integral and prominent part of  
40 community life. In performing these duties, the commission shall:

42 1. Identify potential sites and funding sources for  
shared-use paths;

44 2. Identify economic development and public health benefits  
46 of making shared-use paths a visible and central part of  
community life;

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3. Identify the quality-of-life and urban-design benefits of shared-use paths to urban and rural communities, including the benefits of shared-use paths in attracting new residents and businesses to a community;

4. Analyze the successes of other states and municipalities regarding the development of shared-use paths;

5. Analyze the availability of shared-use paths within counties that have a rate of overweight or obese people that is more than 1% higher than the state average;

6. Analyze the successes of other states and municipalities regarding the development of shared-use paths;

7. Identify the potential savings from decreased use of school buses associated with the use of shared-use paths and safe paths to schools; and

8. Identify potential health care savings associated with the use of shared-use paths; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That Legislative members of the commission are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission and, upon demonstration of need, are entitled to receive legislative per diem; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature no later than December 3, 2003. The commission is authorized to introduce legislation related to its report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature at the time of its report. The commission shall also provide a copy of its report to any group established within the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to study obesity; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Extension. Resolved:** That if the commission 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 commission terminates; and be it further



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2 the utilization of shared-use paths. Like the bill, it requires  
the solicitation and use of outside funding to cover all costs of  
4 the commission. The amendment allocates funds authorizing  
operating expenditures for the commission.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1213**

**Resolve, Creating the Commission to Study the Establishment of Shared-Use Paths**

**LR 0600(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Minority Report**

**Fiscal Note**

Current Costs - Legislative Study

	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>Projections 2005-06</b>	<b>Projections 2006-07</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,860	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Legislative Study**

The projected costs to fund the operating expenses of the study contained in this bill are \$2,860 in fiscal year 2003-04. This bill directs the commission to seek funds from other sources. This authority may result in the collection of additional Other Special Revenue funds in fiscal year 2003-04. Included in the bill is an allocation of Other Special Revenue funds of \$2,860 in fiscal year 2003-04 to authorize expenditures from this dedicated account. If sufficient outside funding is not received to fully fund all costs of the commission, no meetings are authorized and no expenses can be incurred.