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House of Representatives, December 20, 2005

Resolve, To Direct the State Planning Office To Establish a Working Group To Standardize Accounting Standards at All Levels of Government

Reported by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham for the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2181, subsection 4, paragraph F.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 14, 2005. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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- Working group established. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall create a working group to develop a standard 2 accounting format for municipalities and counties. The State Planning Office shall 3 consult with, and request assistance from, state agencies including the Department of Audit and advocacy groups including the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine County Commissioners Association. The standard accounting format must be designed to allow municipalities and counties to enter into cooperative regional efforts for costsavings and efficiency purposes; and be it further
 - Resolved: Report and recommendations. That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall report its findings under section 1 and including suggested legislation, if appropriate, recommendations, Intergovernmental Advisory Commission no later than November 1, 2006; and be it further
- 14 Sec. 3. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved: That the 15 Intergovernmental Advisory Commission is authorized to report out legislation concerning the findings under section 1 to the First Regular Session of the 123rd 16 17 Legislature.

18 **SUMMARY**

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19 This resolve directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to establish a 20 working group to develop a standard accounting format for municipalities and counties. 21 The State Planning Office shall consult with state agencies and advocacy groups. The standard format is intended to allow towns to enter into cooperative agreements for cost-22 savings purposes. The State Planning Office shall report its findings and suggested 23 legislation to the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission. The commission may report 24 25 out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.