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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1390

House of Representatives, January 26, 2006

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services  
To Develop a Model for Community-based Therapeutic Living  
Settings for Adults with Mental Illness**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
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Clerk

Presented by Representative BURNS of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc and Representatives: LERMAN of Augusta, MARLEY of Portland, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WHEELER of Kittery, Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York.

1       **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop model.**  
2       **Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a model  
3 for a system of community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental  
4 illness. This model must limit eligibility for services provided by the system of  
5 community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental illness to adults who  
6 are receiving services at Riverview Psychiatric Center or at community-based group  
7 homes. The department shall include an examination of the financial implications of the  
8 model as part of its development of the model. The department shall develop the model  
9 using existing departmental resources. The department shall submit a report on the  
10 development of this model to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human  
11 Services no later than November 1, 2006; and be it further

12       **Sec. 2. Office of Fiscal and Program Review to examine State of Montana**  
13 **system. Resolved:** That the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall examine the  
14 system of community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental illness in  
15 the State of Montana. This examination must include an analysis of the costs and savings  
16 associated with the establishment and implementation of such a system. This analysis  
17 must reflect the cost of treatment at the following levels of treatment: the psychiatric  
18 hospital level, the community-based group home level and the community-based  
19 therapeutic living setting level. The Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall submit a  
20 report on its examination to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
21 no later than November 1, 2006.

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#### SUMMARY

23       This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a  
24 model for a system of community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental  
25 illness. It also directs the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to examine the system of  
26 community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental illness in the State of  
27 Montana.