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**Resolve, To Establish the Study Group To Examine Strategies for
Integrating Nutritional Wellness and Prevention Measures into
Maine's Health Care System**

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Presented by Representative BOLAND of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CANAVAN of
Waterville, COTTA of China, CROCKETT of Augusta, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland,
DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DUNN of Bangor, EBERLE of South Portland, FAIRCLOTH of
Bangor, FINLEY of Skowhegan, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, HAYES of Buckfield, HILL of
York, HINCK of Portland, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, SIROIS of Turner,
THERIAULT of Madawaska, TRINWARD of Waterville, TUTTLE of Sanford, WEAVER of
York, Senator: HOBBS of York.

1 **Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the Study Group To
2 Examine Strategies for Integrating Nutritional Wellness and Prevention Measures into
3 Maine's Health Care System, referred to in this resolve as "the study group," is
4 established; and be it further

5 **Sec. 2. Study group membership. Resolved:** That the study group consists of
6 13 members. Twelve members are appointed as follows:

- 7 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 8 2. Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
9 House;
- 10 3. A representative from academia involved in food science research or studies,
11 appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 12 4. A representative from the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association,
13 appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 14 5. A researcher or executive from the food science industry, appointed by the
15 Speaker of the House;
- 16 6. A nutritionist, appointed by the Governor; and
- 17 7. A representative from the Dirigo Health Program or MaineCare, appointed by the
18 Governor;

19 The Maine Public Health Director or the director's designated representative serves
20 on the study group; and be it further

21 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
22 chair of the study group and the first-named House of Representatives member is the
23 House chair of the study group; and be it further

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

30 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the study group may hold up to 4 meetings to
31 develop strategies for integrating incentives for healthy personal nutrition choices,
32 including dietary supplements that have been shown to be beneficial to wellness, for the
33 purposes of improving dietary intake and general health, supporting strong immune
34 systems to resist disease and reducing the cost and the use of health care systems. The
35 study group shall have at least one public hearing and, as part of its duties, shall examine
36 the following:

