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Majority

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 790, L.D. 1072, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System"

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

'Resolve, To Conduct an Updated Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System in the State'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Update to feasibility study. Resolved: That the Legislature shall contract with a qualified consultant to update the December 2002 document titled "Feasibility Study of a Single-payer Health Plan Model for the State of Maine" produced by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. The Legislature shall seek outside grant funding to fully fund all costs of the updated study. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by the Legislature by August 1, 2008 to fully fund all costs of the updated study, no expenses of any kind related to the study may be incurred without authorization from the Legislative Council. The updated study must be submitted no later than December 3, 2008 to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters may submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds to the Legislature to contract out for professional services for grant writing and other technical assistance. An Other Special Revenue Funds

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 allocation to the Legislature of \$235,100 is required to expend any outside grant received
2 to fund all costs of updating the 2002 study.

3	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
4	All Other	\$0	\$5,750
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$5,750
7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
8	All Other	\$0	\$235,100
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10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$235,100
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12 **SUMMARY**

13 This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The
14 amendment changes the bill from an act to a resolve. The amendment requires the
15 Legislature to contract for an update to a 2002 study of the feasibility of establishing a
16 single-payor health plan in the State. The amendment requires that the updated study be
17 submitted to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and authorizes the joint
18 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters to
19 submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
21 **(See attached)**



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LD 1072

LR 603(02)

An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System

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

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$5,750	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$5,750	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$235,100	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Legislature is required to seek an outside grant to fund updating a 2002 study. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Legislature of \$5,750 in fiscal year 2008-09 to contract out for professional services for grant writing and technical assistance. The bill also includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Legislature of \$235,100 in fiscal year 2008-09 to permit expenditure of an outside grant.