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Majority

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1093, L.D. 1568, "Resolve, To Explore the Feasibility of Enrolling the Legislature as an Employer Group in Dirigo Health"

Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Legislature as employer group explored. Resolved: That the State Employee Health Commission, in consultation with Dirigo Health, shall evaluate and issue a report on the feasibility of enrolling the Legislature as an employer group in the Dirigo Health Program pursuant to Title 24-A, chapter 87. The evaluation must take special consideration of the effect of the Legislature's being part of the Dirigo Health Program on retirees who are Legislators and may not consider the inclusion of legislative employees and their dependents. The commission shall submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services by December 15, 2007 with any suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services is authorized to submit a bill concerning this report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires that the State Employee Health Commission consult with Dirigo Health in evaluating and issuing a report on the feasibility of enrolling the Legislature as an employer group in the Dirigo Health Program. The amendment clarifies that legislative employees are not included. The amendment also clarifies that the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1568

LR 1884(02)

Resolve, To Explore the Feasibility of Enrolling the Legislature as an Employer Group in Dirigo Health

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

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Multiple Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the State Employee Health Commission and the Dirigo Health Agency in completing the evaluation and issuing the required report can be absorbed utilizing existing budget resources of the commission and the agency.

This legislation directs the State Employee Health Commission to evaluate the feasibility of the Legislature as an employer group in the Dirigo Health Program. Until the report is issued in December of 2007, it is not possible to determine the fiscal impact of this proposal on the Legislature.