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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, Directing the Office of Program Evaluation and  
Government Accountability To Perform a Performance Evaluation  
and Cost-benefit Analysis of the Dirigo Health Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEWIN of Eliot.  
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and  
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BICKFORD of Auburn,  
BROWNE of Vassalboro, BURNS of Whiting, CEBRA of Naples, CHASE of Wells, CLARK  
of Easton, COTTA of China, CRAY of Palmyra, CROCKETT of Bethel, CURTIS of Madison,  
CUSHING of Hampden, DAVIS of Sangerville, FLOOD of Winthrop, FOSSEL of Alna,  
GIFFORD of Lincoln, HAMPER of Oxford, HANLEY of Gardiner, HARVELL of  
Farmington, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal, McFADDEN of Dennysville,  
McKANE of Newcastle, MILLETT of Waterford, NASS of Acton, PINKHAM of Lexington  
Township, PRESCOTT of Topsham, RICHARDSON of Carmel, RICHARDSON of Warren,  
ROBINSON of Raymond, SARTY of Denmark, SAVIELLO of Wilton, STRANG BURGESS  
of Cumberland, TARDY of Newport, THIBODEAU of Winterport, THOMAS of Ripley,  
TILTON of Harrington, WEAVER of York, Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, McCORMICK  
of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, RECTOR of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SMITH of  
Piscataquis.

1           **Sec. 1. Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to**  
2 **perform a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of Dirigo Health**  
3 **Program. Resolved:** That the Office of Program Evaluation and Government  
4 Accountability shall perform a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of the  
5 Dirigo Health Program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," including the cost of  
6 privatizing the program; and be it further

7           **Sec. 2. Scope of evaluation. Resolved:** That the scope of the evaluation and  
8 analysis must be from the inception of the program to the present and include:

- 9           1. A line-item survey of:
  - 10           A. The original legislative document;
  - 11           B. All amendments;
  - 12           C. All policies developed and implemented; and
  - 13           D. All rulemaking;
- 14           2. All expenses including:
  - 15           A. Office space, including supplies and furnishings;
  - 16           B. All staffing, including personnel on loan from another state agency;
  - 17           C. All salaries and benefits;
  - 18           D. All personnel expenses including travel;
  - 19           E. All incentives;
  - 20           F. All providers of studies and services to the program; and
  - 21           G. All legal expenses;
- 22           3. An estimate of the cost of providing coverage to the 2,600 to 2,800 previously  
23 uninsured single persons, married couples and unmarried couples with children;
- 24           4. An estimate of the state funds that would be saved by privatizing the program;
- 25           5. The cost of insurance providers from outside the State;
- 26           6. Whether a policyholder should be responsible for the policyholder's own  
27 interaction with a provider; and
- 28           7. Copayments; and be it further

29           **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Office of Program Evaluation and  
30 Government Accountability shall submit a report that includes its findings and  
31 recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on  
32 Health and Human Services no later than December 2, 2009. The joint standing  
33 committee is authorized to submit legislation related to this report to the Second Regular  
34 Session of the 124th Legislature at the time of submission of the report.

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**SUMMARY**

2           This resolve directs the Office of Program Evaluation and Government  
3           Accountability to conduct a performance evaluation and cost-benefit analysis of the  
4           Dirigo Health Program from its inception to the present, including studying all  
5           legislation, policies, rulemaking, expenses, estimates of the cost of covering the  
6           uninsured and of privatizing the program, costs of insurance providers from out of the  
7           State, interactions of policyholders with providers and copayments. This resolve requires  
8           a report to be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
9           by December 2, 2009.