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House of Representatives, February 19, 2013

**Resolve, To Study the Impact of Higher Maine Turnpike Tolls on
Workers, Businesses and Economic Development**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Impact of Increased
4 Tolls on Workers, Businesses and Economic Development to review the impact of recent
5 increases in tolls on the Maine Turnpike on workers, businesses and economic
6 development in the State; and

7 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
8 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
9 legislative session; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
15 353, the Task Force To Study the Impact of Increased Tolls on Workers, Businesses and
16 Economic Development, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and
17 be it further

18 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 13
19 members appointed as follows:

20 1. One member of the Senate who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Labor,
21 Commerce, Research and Economic Development appointed by the President of the
22 Senate;

23 2. Two members of the Senate who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on
24 Transportation appointed by the President of the Senate;

25 3. Two members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing
26 Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development appointed by the
27 Speaker of the House;

28 4. One member of the House of Representatives who serves on the Joint Standing
29 Committee on Transportation appointed by the Speaker of the House;

30 5. Two public members, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate
31 and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;

32 6. Two public members appointed by the Governor;

33 7. The Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, or the executive
34 director's designee;

35 8. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the
36 commissioner's designee; and

1 9. The Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's designee; and be it further

2 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
3 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task
4 force; and be it further

5 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
6 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
7 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
8 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
9 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more
10 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
11 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
12 for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

13 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall review the impact of
14 increased tolls on the Maine Turnpike on workers, businesses and economic development
15 in the State; and be it further

16 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
17 necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

18 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 4, 2013, the task force
19 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
20 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee is
21 authorized to introduce a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature
22 related to the subject matter of the report.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
24 legislation takes effect when approved.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study the Impact of Increased Tolls on
27 Workers, Businesses and Economic Development.