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House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

**Resolve, To Require That the Department of Health and Human
Services Determine Whether Testing for Krabbe Disease Should Be
Required for Newborns**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARD of Dedham.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BURSTEIN of Lincolnville, FECTEAU of Biddeford, MAKER of Calais,
MALABY of Hancock, STETKIS of Canaan, VACHON of Scarborough, WHITE of
Washburn.

1 **Sec. 1. Study regarding testing for Krabbe disease. Resolved:** That the
2 Department of Health and Human Services shall examine the benefits, harms and issues
3 of requiring testing of newborn infants for the lysosomal storage disorder known as
4 Krabbe disease as part of the screening of infants for detection of causes of cognitive
5 disabilities and congenital, genetic and metabolic disorders. The department shall report
6 the results of its examination and its recommendation based on the findings to the Joint
7 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 15, 2015.
8 The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of
9 the 127th Legislature regarding the department's findings and recommendation.

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SUMMARY

11 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a
12 study to determine whether newborn infants should be tested for Krabbe disease as part of
13 the screening process for detection of causes of cognitive disabilities and congenital,
14 genetic and metabolic disorders. The department is required to submit its findings and a
15 recommendation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which
16 is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature
17 regarding the findings and recommendation.