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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

Resolve, To Provide Meals to Homebound Individuals

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 HAMANN of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, DENNO of Cumberland, DEVIN of Newcastle, HYMANSON of York, JORGENSEN of Portland, MADIGAN of Waterville, PARKER of South Berwick.

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PART A

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to provide meals to additional homebound individuals and to be used to leverage all federal funds available.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

PART B

Sec. B-1. Work group established. Resolved: That the office of aging and disability services within the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a work group to research food access barriers, both regionally and statewide, and make recommendations about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of funding in the future. The office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by October 1, 2017. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature related to the report.

SUMMARY

This resolve provides for the appropriation of funding to provide meals from the Meals on Wheels program to additional homebound individuals. This resolve also establishes a work group to research food access barriers and make recommendations about how to leverage resources to ensure regular, adequate nutrition for homebound individuals in the State and to forecast future demand and identify the appropriate level of funding in the future.