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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Explore the Development of a Behavioral Health Unit at the Cumberland County Jail

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

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Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BRYANT of Windham, COREY of Windham, FAY of Raymond, MOONEN of Portland, MORALES of South Portland, RECKITT of South Portland. 1 Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services and Cumberland 2 County Sheriff's Office to explore development of behavioral health unit at 3 the Cumberland County Jail. Resolved: That the Department of Health and 4 Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office shall jointly explore the 5 development of a behavioral health unit at the Cumberland County Jail to determine the 6 competency of inmates to stand trial.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services
and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office shall submit a joint report and
recommendations, including recommended legislation, resulting from the directive under
section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than
January 10, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may
report out legislation based upon the study and recommendations to the Second Regular
Session of the 129th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to jointly explore the development of a behavioral health unit at the Cumberland County Jail to determine the competency of inmates to stand trial. This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to submit the results of this directive along with recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.