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House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Credentialing Skilled Individuals with Foreign Credentials

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, COLLINGS of Portland, DAUGHTRY of
Brunswick, GATTINE of Westbrook, JORGENSEN of Portland, MASTRACCIO of Sanford,
MORALES of South Portland, Senator: BELLOWS of Kennebec.

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create working group to study credentialing skilled individuals who have foreign credentials. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals who have foreign credentials. The commissioner shall appoint to the working group no fewer than 8 and no more than 10 members who represent licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials. The working group shall consider and develop recommendations for alternative pathways for skilled individuals with foreign credentials to be credentialed in the State.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That by November 4, 2020 the working group created pursuant to section 1 shall submit a report of its findings under section 1 along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Governor and the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner shall submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee may report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials in the State. The working group consists of 8 to 10 members representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Governor and the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.