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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

Legislative Document

No. 2036

H.P. 1446

House of Representatives, January 14, 2020

**Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue
Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's
Transportation Systems**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative McLEAN of Gorham for the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 97, section 7.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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,** Resolve 2019, chapter 97 established the Blue Ribbon Commission To
4 Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State’s Transportation Systems, which
5 found that due to the complexity and importance of the subject matter it needed more
6 time to adequately consider the issues before providing a recommendation to the Joint
7 Standing Committee on Transportation; and

8 **Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue
9 Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems; and

10 **Whereas,** it is necessary to immediately continue the work started by the previous
11 commission in order that a recommendation may be submitted to the Joint Standing
12 Committee on Transportation and be acted upon before the end of the Second Regular
13 Session of the 129th Legislature; and

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

18 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon Commission
19 To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation
20 Systems, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

21 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
22 353, the 15 members and chairs appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and
23 Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems, established
24 pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 97 and referred to in this resolve as "the previous
25 commission," serve as the members and chairs of the commission.

26 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall continue the work of the
27 previous commission to study how to reform and adequately supplement funding for the
28 State's transportation infrastructure to promote equity, sustainability and predictability so
29 that the State can responsibly provide safe and reliable state transportation systems. The
30 commission shall continue to focus on funding the state highway and bridge system and
31 shall also develop findings or recommendations on the need and potential funding
32 solutions for multimodal transportation infrastructure. Specific study topics may include,
33 but are not limited to, those listed in Resolve 2019, chapter 97, section 5.

34 The commission shall meet up to 4 times over the course of the Second Regular
35 Session of the 129th Legislature and may hold public hearings and review
36 recommendations from the people of the State and qualified experts when appropriate.
37 The chairs may also provide the opportunity for knowledgeable stakeholders to submit
38 written comments throughout the study process and to provide oral testimony on the
39 commission's draft recommendations.



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**Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Transportation
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$1,960	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$1,960	\$0	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

Provides a one-time Highway Fund allocation of \$1,960 in fiscal year 2019-20 for the costs to the Legislature of legislators participating in the work of the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems. Additional costs to the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority associated with serving on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Department of Transportation for providing staffing services for the commission are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.