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Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAXMIN of Lincoln. Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and Representatives: COREY of Windham, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, MADIGAN of Waterville, PLUECKER of Warren, STOVER of Boothbay.

1 Sec. 1. Pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human 2 Services shall establish a pilot project lasting 18 months that allows individuals currently 3 receiving services under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 4 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, to receive 5 up to \$2,000 each in nonmedical transportation services that are specified in the individual's service plan when the individual has no other means of transportation, in addition to 6 7 currently permissible medical transportation. The department shall provide written notice to these recipients regarding the availability of the pilot project. The department shall 8 9 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over 10 health and human services matters with an evaluation of the costs and effectiveness of the pilot project and an assessment regarding its long-term viability no later than January 30, 11 12 2023. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the First Regular 13 Session of the 131st Legislature.

## SUMMARY

15 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a pilot project lasting 18 months that provides nonmedical transportation services to individuals 16 receiving services pursuant to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, 17 18 Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, in 19 an amount up to \$2,000, in addition to currently permissible medical transportation services. The department is required to submit a report regarding the costs, effectiveness 20 21 and future viability of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature 22 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 30, 2023.

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