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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 638, L.D. 870, "Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture, Access to Land, Access to Grants and Access to Financing on African-American and Indigenous Farmers in the State"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture, Access to Land, Access to Grants and Access to Financing on African American and Indigenous Farmers in the State'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations study. Resolved: That the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-J and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall study the impact of policies regarding agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing on African American and indigenous farmers in the State. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 17, 2022. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations Z287**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 638, L.D. 870

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a study of the impact of policies regarding
2 agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing on African American
3 and indigenous farmers in the State.

4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
5	All Other	\$20,000	\$0
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7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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9 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
10 section number to read consecutively.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment clarifies that the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial,
13 Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations is required to report its findings and
14 recommendations from the study required by the resolve to the Joint Standing Committee
15 on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The amendment provides that the Joint
16 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit a bill to the
17 Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.
18 The amendment also makes a technical correction to the appropriations and allocations
19 section in the resolve.

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
21 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 870

LR 1254(02)

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study the Impact of Policies Regarding Agriculture, Access to Land, Access to Grants and Access to Financing on African-American and Indigenous Farmers in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (M-141)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations program within the Department of Labor for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to study the impact of policies regarding agriculture, access to land, access to grants and access to financing on African-American and indigenous farmers in the State. The current cash balance in the Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations program account is \$46,945.