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House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

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

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT

R(+ B. Hunt

Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: HARNETT of Gardiner, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, O'NEIL of Saco,
TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WARREN of Scarborough, Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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 may submit legislation that serves to create equity in representation and access to agricultural programs, land, grants and financing in the State to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 17, 2022.

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

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Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations N329

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a study of 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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$20,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	

22 SUMMARY

This resolve directs 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. It directs the commission to report its findings and allows it to submit legislation that serves to create equity in representation and access to agricultural programs, land, grants and financing in the State to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 17, 2022. It also provides a one-time allocation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2021-22.