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House of Representatives, March 10, 2021

**Resolve, To Create a Health Care Ombudsman Position To Serve in
Maine's County Jails**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MADIGAN of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, RECKITT of South Portland, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, Senator: MAXMIN of Lincoln.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to designate**
2 **ombudsman. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall
3 designate an intensive case manager working in the county jails to serve as a health care
4 ombudsman to oversee county jail inmates with medical and mental health care needs and
5 connect them to the health care services for which they qualify. The health care
6 ombudsman also shall assist county jail inmates in receiving the medications they need in
7 a timely fashion.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to designate an
10 intensive case manager working in the county jails to serve as a health care ombudsman to
11 oversee county jail inmates with medical and mental health care needs and connect them
12 to the health care services for which they qualify. The health care ombudsman also assists
13 county jail inmates in receiving the medications they need in a timely fashion.