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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 623, L D 976, "Resolve, to Establish
10 the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and
11 Hard-of-hearing Patients"

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Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 7 in the first line (page 1, line 21 in L D)
13 by inserting after the following "public" the following 'who is a person who is deaf or
14 hard of hearing'

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment requires the member of the task force who is a member of the public
19 to be a person who is deaf or hard of hearing

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 976

LR 262(02)

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,650 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$2,234 in projected balances from fiscal year 2022-23 and \$36,777 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to take part in the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.