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**Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Creation of a State
Calendar**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative OSHER of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, ANKELES of Brunswick, COPELAND of Saco,
DHALAC of South Portland, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PAULHUS of Bath, STOVER of
Boothbay, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That the Committee to Study the
2 Creation of a State Calendar, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," is established.

3 **Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
4 353, the committee consists of 18 members appointed as follows:

- 5 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 6 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
7 House;
- 8 3. One member who represents the Christian faith, appointed by the President of the
9 Senate;
- 10 4. One member who represents the Muslim faith, who may be a member of the Senate
11 or the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 12 5. One member who represents the Jewish faith, who may be a member of the Senate
13 or the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 14 6. Three members of the public who represent religious traditions practiced in the State
15 other than those listed in subsections 3 to 5, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 16 7. Two members who represent organizations that support immigrants in the State,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 18 8. One member who represents the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial,
19 Indigenous and Tribal Populations, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 20 9. Four members, each of whom represents a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe,
21 or band in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 22 10. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

23 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
24 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the committee.

25 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of committee. Resolved:** That all
26 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
27 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
28 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
29 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee. If 30 days or more after
30 the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the
31 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the
32 committee to meet and conduct its business.

33 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall examine and make
34 recommendations on establishing a state calendar that takes into consideration important
35 religious days and holidays in order to inform the decision-making process of scheduling
36 events that require public attention or input.

37 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
38 necessary staffing services to the committee, except that Legislative Council staff support
39 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

