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L D 1264

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 812, L D 1264, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education"

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

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 17 members, including

1 Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature,

2 Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature,

3 One member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a statewide education policy research institute, appointed by the President of the Senate,

4 One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate,

5 One member representing the certification and higher education committee of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Senate,

6 One member who is employed as a faculty member at a private college or university in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate,

7 One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House,

8 One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Maritime Academy, appointed by the Speaker of the House,

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9 One member representing private colleges and universities in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House,

10 One member who is currently enrolled as a student at a college or university in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House,

11 The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee,

12 The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee,

13 The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee, and

14 The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee

In appointing members of the commission, the appointing authorities shall give consideration to race, gender, socioeconomic diversity and geographic diversity '

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds 4 members to the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1264

LR 181(02)

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

A (H-248)

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,750 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

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy, the State Board of Education and the Department of Education associated with having representatives serve on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.