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In Senate, March 23, 2023

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

- **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health, referred to in this resolve as "the commission."
- **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall invite members of the Legislature, representatives of the logging industry, representatives of the manufacturing industry, a representative of a hunting organization, a representative of the outdoor recreation community and medical professionals, a representative of a conservation organization, a representative of small farmers and 4 representatives of small, private landowners, as well as appropriate staff of the Department of Health and Human Services, to serve on the commission.
- **Sec. 3. Commission duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall conduct a comprehensive review of the overall health of the State's population, health care access and delivery systems in the State and environmental health in the State and the interrelation of those public health areas in order to develop recommendations to achieve health equity in the State through an integrated health care approach.
- **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 6, 2023, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the commission, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to establish the Commission to Promote the Integration of Human Health and Environmental Health, which is directed to conduct a comprehensive review of the overall health of the State's population, health care access and delivery systems in the State and environmental health in the State and the interrelation of those public health areas and develop recommendations to achieve health equity in the State through an integrated health care approach. The commissioner is required to submit a report based on the commission's review by December 6, 2023 for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.