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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 685, L D 1722, "Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities"

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting the following

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Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session

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Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services After receipt and review of the report, one or both of the joint standing committees may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to any regular or special session of the 131st Legislature

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Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission may seek funding contributions to fully or partially fund the costs of the study All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies '

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes the provision in the resolve stating that the study must be funded through the Fund for a Healthy Maine The amendment allows the commission to seek outside funding and clarifies that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session The amendment removes the provision

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 685, L D 1722 (S 229)

1 in the resolve requiring joint standing committees to submit legislation pursuant to the
2 report and replaces it with a discretionary power

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



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LR 1273(02)

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-229)

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 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 Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Office of the Attorney General associated with serving on the Blue Ribbon Commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.