

'Resolve, To Conduct an Updated Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System in the State'

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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Conduct an Updated Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System in the State'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1 Update to feasibility study. Resolved:** That the Legislature shall contract with a qualified consultant to update the December 2002 document titled "Feasibility Study of a Single-payer Health Plan Model for the State of Maine" produced by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. The Legislature shall seek outside grant funding to fully fund all costs of the updated study. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by the Legislature by August 1, 2008 to fully fund all costs of the updated study, no expenses of any kind related to the study may be incurred without authorization from the Legislative Council. The updated study must be submitted no later than December 3, 2008 to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters may submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 2 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Legislature 0081**

Initiative: Appropriates funds to the Legislature to contract out for professional services for grant writing and other technical assistance. An Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Legislature of \$235,100 is required to expend any outside grant received to fund all costs of updating the 2002 study.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$0	\$5,750
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,750</b>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
All Other	\$0	\$235,100
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$235,100</b>

## **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment changes the bill from an act to a resolve. The amendment requires the Legislature to contract for an update to a 2002 study of the feasibility of establishing a single-payor health plan in the State. The amendment requires that the updated study be submitted to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters to submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study.

## **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**