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Amend the resolve 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 and the Impact of Any Federal Health Care Reform'

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

'Sec. 1 Update to feasibility study. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall contract with a qualified consultant to update the estimated costs and impact of a single-payor health care system as described in 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. In the event that federal legislation related to universal health care is enacted, the updated study must include a preliminary analysis of the impact of federal action on state legislation to establish a single-payor health care system or other mechanism for universal health care and the availability of federal funding and guidance for implementation in this State. The Legislative Council shall seek outside grant funding to fully fund all costs of the updated study, which may not exceed \$60,000. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by the Legislative Council by October 1, 2009 to fully fund all costs of the updated study, no expenses of any kind related to the study may be incurred. The updated study must be submitted no later than January 15, 2010 to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services may submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study to the Second 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: Allocates funds to the Legislature to contract for an update to the 2002 study of the feasibility of establishing a single-payor health care plan for the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$60,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$60,000	\$0

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds to contract for professional services for grant writing and technical assistance.

GENERAL FUND	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$5,750	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$5,750	\$0

LEGISLATURE	2009-10	2010-11
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$5,750	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$60,000	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$65,750	\$0

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a requirement that the updated study include a preliminary analysis of the impact of any federal health care reform legislation on state legislation to establish a single-payor health care system or other mechanism for universal health care. The amendment also changes the dates contained in the resolve for securing commitments for outside funding from August 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009 and for submitting the report from December 2, 2009 to January 15, 2010.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED **(See attached)**