

Draft Resolve for IFS Committee Review
May 20th Work Session

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Sponsor: IFS Committee Pursuant to Joint Order 2176

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Title: **Resolve, Creating the State Advisory Committee on the Creation of Maine's Health Insurance Exchange**

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, to be eligible for health insurance exchange funding, the Federal Government requires the States to make substantial progress in the following core areas:

- Background Research
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Legislative and Regulatory Action
- Governance
- Program Integration
- Exchange IT Systems
- Financial Management
- Oversight and Program Integrity
- Health Insurance Market Reforms
- Providing Assistance to Individuals and Small Businesses, Coverage Appeals, and Complaints
- Business Operation; and

Whereas, the deadlines for applying for the next round of federal funding are September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange established.

Resolved: That the Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange, hereafter referred to in this resolve as the "advisory committee", is established to develop recommendations, including suggested enabling legislation, to the Governor and the Legislature for a health insurance exchange that address the core areas specified by the Federal Government and consider the views of the health care industry and other stakeholders.

Sec. 2. Membership of the Advisory Committee. Resolved:

That The Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange consists of no more than 9 members appointed by the Governor, after consultation with the chairs and lead minority members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters. The Governor shall appoint members that represent the diverse interests of stakeholders related to the establishment of a health insurance exchange. The members must include representatives of key constituencies including, but not limited to, health care providers,

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insurers, health insurance producers, consumers, large employers with more than 50 employees, small employers with 50 or fewer employees, and the Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees. Prior to making appointments to the advisory committee, the Governor shall seek nominations from the public statewide associations representing the interests of stakeholders identified in this subsection and other entities as appropriate.

Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved: That the Governor shall appoint the chair from one of the members of the advisory committee.

Sec. 4. Duties of the Advisory Committee. Resolved: That the advisory committee shall:

1. Review and consider the recommendations issued by the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform with respect to a health insurance exchange;
2. Consider the rules issued by the Federal Government subsequent to the passage of the Affordable Care Act and their impact on the creation and operations of a Health Insurance Exchange;
3. In an effort to create efficiencies, review the work products of other states to consider what elements of their health insurance exchange activities might be leveraged in this State;
4. Establish technical committees or seek the advice of technical experts when necessary to execute the duties included in this resolve;
5. Seek input from and report regularly to Legislative leadership, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters, and the Governor's Office throughout the advisory committee's deliberations.

Sec. 5. Meetings. Resolved: That meetings of the advisory committee must be conducted in public in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 13. The advisory committee shall provide notice of its meetings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters.

Sec. 6. Consultation with Legislature. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters is authorized to hold 3 meetings before the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature for the purpose of consulting with the advisory committee.

Sec. 7 Staffing. Resolved: That the Dirigo Health Agency shall provide staffing services to the advisory committee. As necessary, the Bureau of Insurance, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the State Coordinator for Health Information Technology shall also provide staffing assistance to the advisory committee. Upon request, the Legislative Council may authorize the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to provide drafting assistance to the advisory committee.

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the advisory committee shall submit a report, including its recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Governor and the joint standing committee

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of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters no later than September 1, 2011.

Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:

(To be completed by OFPR;
costs covered through existing planning grant held by Governor's Office administered by DHA)

SUMMARY

This resolve is reported out pursuant to joint order by the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services. The resolve creates the Advisory Committee on Health Insurance Exchanges. The charge of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor on courses of action to ensure Federal funding of the creation of a Health Insurance Exchange and to provide draft enabling legislation for the creation of a Health Insurance Exchange.