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Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Review Section 8 Housing Construction Standards

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative PLANTE of Berwick. Cosponsored by Representatives: GIDEON of Freeport, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, VOLK of Scarborough, Senator: PLUMMER of Cumberland. 1 Sec. 1. Task force established to review Section 8 housing construction 2 standards. Resolved: That, beginning October 1, 2013, the director of the Maine State Housing Authority shall convene and coordinate a task force to review the 3 4 eligibility standards for construction of housing under the United States Housing Act of 5 1937, Public Law 75-412, Section 8 in order to identify recommendations for improving 6 the process, including the use of point systems, and the quality of the construction. The Maine State Housing Authority shall invite the participation in the task force of residents 7 8 from communities of various population sizes; and be it further

9 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2014, the director of the 10 Maine State Housing Authority shall provide a written report of the findings of the review 11 under this resolve and any recommendations resulting from the review to the Joint 12 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The joint standing committee may 13 report out a bill implementing the recommendations of the review to the Second Regular 14 Session of the 126th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

16 This resolve establishes that, beginning October 1, 2013, the director of the Maine State Housing Authority is required to convene and coordinate a task force to review the 17 18 eligibility standards for Section 8 housing construction in order to identify recommendations for improving the process, including the use of point systems, and the 19 quality of the construction. The resolve requires the Maine State Housing Authority to 20 21 invite the participation in the task force of residents from communities of various population sizes. It requires the director of the Maine State Housing Authority to provide 22 23 a written report of the findings of the review and any recommendations resulting from the 24 review to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The resolve 25 authorizes the joint standing committee to report out a bill implementing the recommendations of the review to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature. 26