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Resolve, To Require a Study of the Availability of Food Packaging without Bisphenol A

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GIDEON of Freeport. Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, GUERIN of Glenburn, HICKMAN of Winthrop, McLEAN of Gorham, MOONEN of Portland, PLANTE of Berwick, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono. 1 Sec. 1. Food packaging study. **Resolved:** That the Department of 2 Environmental Protection shall conduct a review of packaging for food intended for 3 humans to determine the availability of practical and economically feasible packaging alternatives that do not contain bisphenol A. The department shall submit its findings, 4 along with any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on 5 Environment and Natural Resources by January 3, 2014. The joint standing committee 6 7 may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in accordance with the recommendations of the department. 8

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SUMMARY

10 This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to determine 11 practical and economically feasible food packaging alternatives that do not contain 12 bisphenol A. The department is required to submit its findings to the Joint Standing 13 Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may report out legislation to 14 the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in accordance with the department's 15 recommendations.