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129TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1373, L.D. 1929, “Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses”

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "That" the following: ', notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "11" and inserting the following: '14'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- '3. Four members appointed by the Governor:
 - A. One member representing the Office of the Governor;
 - B. One member representing a statewide organization that represents the interests of municipalities;
 - C. One member representing a statewide organization that represents farming interests; and
 - D. One member who is a tax policy expert;'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study issues associated with the impacts of tax policy on the State's working families and small businesses and shall develop recommendations designed to ensure that the tax policy of the State is fair and equitable, improves the competitive position of the State, encourages more investment in new and existing small businesses in the State and helps attract skilled and knowledgeable workers necessary for a sustainable, growing economy in all regions of the State. In examining the issues, the commission shall consider measures designed to level the playing field for small businesses and to aid entrepreneurs and the importance to working families and businesses of adequately funding important government services, such as aid to local services, education, infrastructure and affordable health care and

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1 propose measures that ensure these services are adequately funded. The commission
2 shall also evaluate the direct impact of any proposed tax changes on after-tax income by
3 income decile.'

4 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
5 section number to read consecutively.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment adds 3 additional members to the commission, one representing a
8 statewide organization that represents the interests of municipalities, one representing a
9 statewide organization of farming interests and one tax policy expert. The amendment
10 also adds additional language specifying the duties of the commission.

11 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

12 **(See attached)**