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Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Examine the Role of 3rd-party Laboratories in Conducting Testing for the Department

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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Presented by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative WEAVER of York and
Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: BEAVERS of
South Berwick, McKANE of Newcastle, Speaker NUTTING of Oakland, OLSEN of
Phippsburg, PRESCOTT of Topsham, VOLK of Scarborough.

Sec. 1. Role of 3rd-party laboratories conducting testing. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall examine the role of 3rd-party laboratories in conducting testing for the department. The Commissioner of Marine Resources or the commissioner's designee shall analyze the findings to determine how the department may save money, create jobs, promote competition, use less testing and share data to save research time; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Marine Resources shall report its findings under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15, 2013 together with any recommendations regarding the role of 3rd-party laboratories in conducting testing for the department. The committee may submit a bill based on the findings and recommendations of the report submitted by the Department of Marine Resources to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

14 SUMMARY

 This resolve directs the Department of Marine Resources to examine the role of 3rd-party laboratories in conducting testing for the department. The resolve also requires the department to report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters by January 15, 2013 and allows the committee to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.