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Resolve, To Create the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative

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

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MORALES of South Portland. Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, RECKITT of South Portland, STEWART of Presque Isle, WARREN of Hallowell.

- Sec. 1. Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative established. Resolved: That the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative, referred to in this resolve as "the collaborative," is established.
 - **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the collaborative consists of the director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee, who shall serve as chair, and other members appointed by the director as follows:
 - 1. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
 - 2. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
 - 3. One member representing the Statewide Homeless Council;
 - 4. One member representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association;
 - 5. One member representing providers of emergency health services; and
 - 6. Any other members with relevant expertise as determined by the director.
 - **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the collaborative shall develop a plan to provide stable housing and community services to 200 persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are the most frequent consumers of high-cost services, such as psychiatric hospitals, emergency shelters, emergency rooms, police, jails and prisons.
 - **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2021, the collaborative shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The report must include the collaborative's plan to provide stable housing and community services developed pursuant to section 3, including the cost savings that could be achieved by reductions in the use of high-cost services and any recommendations developed by the collaborative on providing stable housing and community services to persons consuming high-cost services. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

27 SUMMARY

This resolve establishes the Frequent Users System Engagement Collaborative in order to develop a plan to provide stable housing and community services to 200 persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are the most frequent consumers of high-cost services, such as psychiatric hospitals, emergency shelters, emergency rooms, police, jails and prisons. The collaborative must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2021 on its plan and recommendations. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.