

# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **Resolve, Directing the Development of Legislation Establishing a Publicly Funded System of Health Care Coverage for All Maine Residents**

### **Fiscal Note**

This citizen-initiated resolve requires a committee of the Legislature to develop and report out a bill to the full Legislature to implement a system of universal health care coverage. Although the initiative contains provisions that, if eventually implemented, could produce significant costs to the State, its passage does not implement those provisions, but only requires their development. As the specific details of that subsequent legislation, including any possible mechanisms to lower the cost of health care to individuals, will not be known until the subsequent legislation is reported out, and because this resolve only requires the development of a future bill, no estimate of the cost to implement any proposed system is attempted here.

The cost to develop specific provisions of a system of health care coverage in the State is not anticipated to be significant, especially as such an endeavor could benefit from information available from numerous previous efforts to develop similar systems.