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126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 996, L.D. 1400, “Resolve, Directing the Attorney General To Confer with Tribal Governments To Establish Procedures Regarding the Tribal Provisions of the Federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Attorney General To Report on the Status of Discussions on Domestic Violence on Tribal Lands'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** recent federal legislation specifically addresses tribal issues involving violence against women; and

**Whereas,** coordination in procedures and services concerning domestic violence benefits the State as a whole; and

**Whereas,** prevention of and responses to domestic violence involving tribal members and domestic violence on tribal lands can benefit from a coordinated statewide approach; and

**Whereas,** additional time is necessary to prepare a report by January 2014; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Attorney General report. Resolved:** That the Attorney General shall report by January 15, 2014 to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on the status of ongoing discussions between representatives of the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Council of the Penobscot Nation, the Council of the Houlton

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Band of Maliseet Indians, the Aroostook Micmac Council, domestic violence advocates  
2 and the State concerning the social, economic and legal issues involved in domestic  
3 violence on tribal lands and coordination of tribal and state efforts to address domestic  
4 violence. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill based upon  
5 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
7 legislation takes effect when approved.'

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment replaces the resolve and directs the Attorney General to report on  
10 discussions among representatives of the governments of the 4 federally recognized tribes  
11 in the State, domestic violence advocates and the State concerning the social, economic  
12 and legal issues involved in domestic violence on tribal lands and coordination of tribal  
13 and state efforts to address domestic violence.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**