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STATE OF MAINE  
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121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 748, L.D. 1904, "Resolve, To Increase Eligibility for Consumer-directed Personal Care Assistance Services To Promote Independence for Maine Citizens"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for the" the following: 'state-funded portion of the'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to increase eligibility and wages in the Home Based Care program.

General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
All Other	\$0	\$595,534
General Fund Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$595,534'</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 748, L.D. 1904

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment directs the Department of Labor to make rules only for the state-funded part of the consumer-directed personal care assistance program, not for the Medicaid-funded part of the program.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 1904**

**Resolve, To Increase Eligibility for Consumer-directed Personal Care Assistance Services To Promote Independence for Maine Citizens**

**LR 2510(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Labor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>Projections 2005-06</b>	<b>Projections 2006-07</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund		\$595,534	\$608,933	\$624,157
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund		\$595,534	\$608,933	\$624,157

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes an appropriation to the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services within the Department of Labor in fiscal year 2004-05 to adopt rules to increase eligibility and wages in the state funded home based care program. This estimate assumes a 10% increase in participation and \$1 per hour increase in wages for personal care assistants. The actual costs of this proposal will either be higher or lower depending on the actual increase in wages and eligibility.

A 10% increase in participation in the Home Based Care program is estimated to cost the General Fund \$297,773 in fiscal year 2004-05. The General Fund cost associated with a \$1 per hour increase in wages for personal care assistants in the Home Based Care program is estimated to be \$297,761 in fiscal year 2004-05.

This fiscal note assumes that the costs associated with increasing participation and wages in the Home Based Care program will increase 2.25% in fiscal year 2005-06 and 2.5% in fiscal year 2006-07.

LD 1919, the Governor's second supplemental budget proposal for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 includes a request to transfer funds appropriated in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05 for the Home Based Care program in the Rehabilitation Services (0799) account within the Department of Labor to a newly established Rehabilitation Services - Home Based Care program account (0996). If approved, the funds appropriated in this legislation for the Home Based Care will be appropriated to the 0996 account within the Department of Labor.