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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " β " to H.P. 912, L.D. 1221, Bill, "An Act To Encourage Prompt Payments by the State When It Contracts with Outside Agencies"
11 12	Amend the bill in section 1 in §1554 in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: " $11/2\%$ " and inserting the following: ' 1% '
13	SUMMARY
14 15 16	This amendment changes the rate of a late fee if a state agency does not make the required payment for an invoice on time from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1% per month of the amount owed unless the contract includes a different amount to be levied if payment is late.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Encourage Prompt Payments by the State When It Contracts with Outside Agencies

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "H" Committee: State and Local Government Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund Minor cost increase - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

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Requiring all state agencies to pay a late fee of 1% per month in each instance when the affected agency does not pay its vendors timely unless the relevant vendor contract contains a different late fee structure may result in minor cost increases to all state agencies. However, this bill may have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services, particulary the MaineCare program. The amount of additional funds needed to pay late fees can not be estimated at this time and will likely vary each fiscal year.