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REPORT A

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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 132ND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 872, L.D. 1337, "An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters"

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

'An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for one Paralegal position and related costs to manage anticipated increased litigation costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$77,000	\$79,772
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$82,000	\$84,772

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill that provides that a place of public accommodation does not include a facility that provides emergency shelter to women or

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1 temporary residence to women who are in reasonable fear of their safety. The amendment
2 also changes the title.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1337****LR 2339(02)****An Act to Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Female Athletes and Safety in Women's Single-sex Shelters****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****"A" (H-693)**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$82,000	\$84,772	\$87,643	\$90,618
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$82,000	\$84,772	\$87,643	\$90,618

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Maine Human Rights Commission of \$82,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$84,772 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Paralegal position and related costs to manage anticipated increased litigation costs.

As it is unknown how this legislation will impact local school administrative units and higher educational institutions in the State, no estimate of the cost is made at this time.