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## STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

The committee amendment (S-273) replaced the entire resolve. Instead of establishing a joint select committee to study interagency information processing, the amendment:

- 1. continued the Maine Income Supplementation and Social Service Information Systems;
- 2. directed several state agencies and departments to continue efforts at streamlining computer based information processing;
- 3. provided that the Director of Central Computer Services must authorize the expenditure for operation or acquisition of computer information systems by certain state agencies to insure compatibility and appropriate quality in those systems; and
- 4. required reports to the Governor and the Legislature on the progress in this area in December 1985 and December 1986.

LD 1677 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CREDITING OF SAVINGS AGAINST COSTS OF UTILITIES AT THE AUGUSTA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE LVWD

Sponsor: HICKEY, McSweeney Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The Central Maine Area Agency on Aging currently occupies space at the Augusta Mental Health Institute under an agreement with the state which does not require the payment of rent. The Attorney General has ruled that Area Agency on Aging must pay for the cost of utilities for that This payment would be retroactive for all past space. utility costs incurred. Key Bank currently maintains an AMHI branch, but charges the state a fee for maintaining that branch. Key bank has advised the state that, because the Area Agency on Aging does all its banking at that branch, the bank fees to the state have been less, i.e. the presence of the Area Agency on Aging has resulted in a savings to the state. This bill would have authorized the commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to credit that savings against the utility payments which the Area Agency on Aging owed the state.

Testimony at the hearing indicated that the Department felt it currently had the authority to credit that savings against any amount owed by the Area Agency on Aging and it would do so administratively. The bill was granted leave to withdraw.

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