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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 586, L.D. 837, "Resolve, to Create a Demonstration Program to Increase Utilization of the Food Stamp Program by the Elderly"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Department to seek waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide cash benefits directly to eligible elderly persons in lieu of food coupons. By March 1, 1992, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources regarding its success in pursuing the waiver, its strategy for performing outreach services in the food stamp program and, if a waiver has been granted, shall submit legislation necessary to implement a demonstration program under the waiver.

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services can absorb the costs associated with seeking a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture and reporting to the Legislature within its budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment removes provisions from the original bill that required the Department of Human Services to implement a demonstration program. The amendment requires only that the department seek a waiver and report to the Legislature.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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