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SENATE AMENDMENT "B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 620, L.D. 890, Bill, "An Act to Require the Department of Human Services to Have a Regular Presence in Every County of the State"

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Amend the amendment by striking out sections 1 to 3 and inserting in their place the following:

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'Sec. 1. Human services; Lincoln and Oxford counties. In addition to other offices of the Department of Human Services providing intake services existing on the effective date of this Act, if office space is provided at no charge to the department, the department shall establish and maintain an office in Lincoln County and one in Oxford County for intake services. departmental staff of these offices must include, but is not limited to, public health nurses, food stamp workers, other income maintenance program workers and vocational rehabilitation The department shall provide the necessary equipment for the offices. The offices may be maintained on an itinerant basis but must provide services on at least a regular biweekly basis.

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Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Human Services shall submit a report by November 1, 1993 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. report must include:

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The number of Department of Human Services' physical sites in each county;

44 The number of staff hours and hours of operation at each

site;

The number of people served at each site; and

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2 The number of total income maintenance recipients and the total population of each county.' 4 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 6 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following: 'FISCAL NOTE 8 10 The Department of Human Services will incur some additional costs to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and 12 Financial Affairs and to maintain itinerant sites located in Lincoln County and Oxford County, contingent on the availability 14 of donated office space. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.' 16 18 STATEMENT OF FACT 20 This amendment strikes the text of Committee Amendment "A." 22 Resolve 1975, chapter 54, mandating the maintenance of the itinerant office in Belfast, is left intact and similar provisions are made for offices in Lincoln and Oxford counties. 24 The Lincoln and Oxford offices are contingent upon office space being provided at no charge to the Department of Human 26 The amendment requires the department to report to Services. 28 the Legislature by November 1, 1993 concerning its presence in each county. This amendment also replaces the fiscal note. 30 32 (Senator GOULD) What Herder, SPONSORED BY: 34 36 COUNTY: Waldo 38

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