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Reported by: Senator CARPENTER of York for the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 432, L.D. 1200, Bill, "An Act to Encourage the Training and Hiring of Resident Workers"

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

'An Act to Establish Reciprocity in Determining the Lowest Responsible Bidder'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§§9 and 10 are enacted to read:

9. Determination of lowest bidder. In determining the lowest responsible bidder, the Director of the Bureau of General Services or any department or agency of the State shall, for the purpose of awarding a contract, add a percent increase on the bid of a nonresident bidder equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to that bidder in the state in which the bidder resides.

10. List of state preferences published. The Director of the Bureau of General Services on or before January 1st of each year shall publish a list of states that give preference to in-state bidders with the percent increase applied in each such state. The Director of the Bureau of General Services or any department or agency of the State may rely on the names of states and percentages as published in determining the lowest responsible bidder without incurring any liability to any bidder.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

Establishing reciprocity procedures to determine low bidders may increase the costs of goods purchased by state departments and agencies. Since very few states continue to provide a preference to in-state bidders, the additional costs are expected to be minimal.

The additional costs to annually publish a list of states that give preference to in-state bidders can be absorbed by the Bureau of General Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill and directs the Director of the Bureau of General Services or any other state agency when determining the lowest bidder to add a percent increase on the bid of a nonresident bidder equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to that bidder in the state in which the bidder resides. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.