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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1035, L.D. 1452, Bill, "An Act to Place a Moratorium on Construction and Development in Southern Maine and to Provide for Equal Economic Opportunity for All Regions of the State"

Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsections 4, 5 and 6 (page 3, lines 9 to 30 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

**4. Staff assistance.** The task force shall request staffing and clerical assistance from the Legislative Council.

**5. Meetings.** The task force may meet up to 4 times.

**6. Reimbursement.** The task force members who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day of attendance at meetings of the task force and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the Legislative Council. All other members are not entitled to compensation for their participation on the task force. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the task force's budget.

**7. Report.** The task force shall submit a report with any accompanying legislation to the Governor, the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by January 1, 1998.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 3, lines 32 to 49 and page 4, lines 1 to 6 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State**

Personal Services	\$1,100
All Other	1,500

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs of the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State.'

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<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,600
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**FISCAL NOTE**

The amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill. General Fund appropriations are reduced by \$2,525 and \$5,950 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, leaving a General Fund appropriation of \$2,600 in fiscal year 1997-98 only.

The amendment also limits the staffing responsibility of the Legislature by requiring that the study be completed during the interim between sessions.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment specifies that only legislative members receive per diem and reimbursement for expenses, changes the reporting date for the report, specifies the number of authorized meetings and revises the appropriation section.

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**SENATE AMENDMENT**