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L.D. 1454

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MAJORITY
LABOR

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1037, L.D. 1454, Bill, "An
Act to Amend the Prevailing Wage Laws"

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Amend the bill in section 10 in that part designated
"\$1312." by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 5, lines 28 to
30 in L.D.)

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the
following:

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'Sec. 13. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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1997-98 1998-99

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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

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Bureau of Labor Standards -
Administration

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Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$28,738	\$34,976
All Other	1,025	425
Capital Expenditures	5,600	

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Appropriates funds for one additional
Statistician I position and operating costs
necessary for administering new requirements
under the prevailing wage laws.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

P. 46

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
TOTAL

\$35,363

\$35,401'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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1997-98

1998-99

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$35,363

\$35,401

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The Department of Labor will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$28,738 and \$35,401 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, for one additional Statistician I position and operating costs necessary for administering new requirements under the prevailing wage laws.

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The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes language from the bill that requires the Office of the Attorney General to investigate violations of the chapter. Under current law, the Bureau of Labor Standards is responsible for investigations and the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for bringing enforcement actions. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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