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LABOR

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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

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

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 12 and before the summary the following:

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

1998-99

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Labor Standards - Administration

Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$31,117
All Other	1,423
Capital Expenditures	5,600

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

2 **TOTAL** \$38,140'

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

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 **1998-99**

12 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

14 General Fund \$38,140

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18 This bill may result in significant increases in costs for
20 various public works projects contracted out by the State. The
22 amount of the additional costs, which can not be estimated, will
depend on the size and number of public works projects in any
given year as well as the benefit rates paid by prospective
contractors.

24 The Department of Labor will require an additional General
26 Fund appropriation of \$38,140 in fiscal year 1998-99 for the
costs of administering the prevailing wage law. The estimated
28 General Fund appropriations required to fund the full year costs
will be approximately \$37,000 annually beginning in fiscal year
1999-2000.

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32 The additional workload and administrative costs associated
with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system
34 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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38 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment eliminates the requirement that the Office of
42 the Attorney General investigate violations of the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 26, chapter 15. Under current law, the
44 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is responsible for
investigations and the Office of the Attorney General is
responsible for bringing enforcement actions.

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48 This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the bill.