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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1311, L.D. 1859, Bill, "An Act to Prevent Hunger Among Unemployed Maine Workers"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 5th line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "creation," and inserting in its place the following: 'creation of, placement of volunteers in or'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the last line (page 2, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "." the following: 'Contracts with the department under this provision must provide for payment on the basis of volunteer placements completed.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Impact evaluation. The Department of Human Services shall establish, to the extent feasible, a method to identify and locate persons who lose eligibility for the federal food stamp program as a result of Section 824(a)(2) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The department is authorized to establish a dedicated account for the purpose of receiving private or public funds to be used to evaluate the impact of the loss of food stamps on these individuals, municipalities, nonprofit service providers, charities and the Maine economy. The department shall cooperate with private efforts to obtain funds for this purpose and shall, when appropriate, seek to match those funds with federal funds. The department is further directed to use funds in this account to obtain an independent evaluation pursuant to this section. The department shall cooperate with any independent evaluation that furthers the purpose of this section.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



2 Other Funds \$80,500 \$80,500

4 REVENUES

6 Other Funds \$80,000 \$80,000

8 The Department of Human Services will incur additional costs to contract for volunteer community service activities. This bill includes Federal Expenditure Fund allocations of \$80,000 annually in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99 to support the additional costs to the department in the event local, nonstate-administered funds are certified as available to provide the required state match.

16 This bill also includes base Other Special Revenue allocations of \$500 annually in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, to authorize the expenditure of funds on an independent evaluation study if funding from an outside source or foundation becomes available.

22 The Department of Human Services will also incur some minor additional costs to seek approval to waive certain provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

28 SUMMARY

30 This amendment adds a requirement that nonprofit agencies assisting in the creation, administration and supervision of volunteer community placements for current or former food stamp recipients also provide volunteer placement services and that they be paid on a contract basis based on the volunteer placements completed.

38 The amendment also replaces the provision requiring the Department of Human Services to identify and locate persons who lose food stamp eligibility and to evaluate the impact of those lost benefits. It adds a requirement that the department, to the extent feasible, identify and locate those persons. It authorizes the department to set up a dedicated account for receiving public and private funds to be used for evaluation purposes. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.