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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1500, L.D. 2122, Bill, "An Act to Support the Long-term Care Steering Committee"

Amend the bill by striking all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§47-D is enacted to read:

47-D. Long-term Legislative 22 MRSA
Human Care Per Diem §5107-B
Services Steering and Travel
Committee Expenses

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5107-B, sub-§§3 and 4, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 696, Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:

3. Meetings. By July 1, 1996, the Governor shall convene the first meeting of the committee, at which the members shall elect a chair from among themselves. The committee shall meet at least once each month. Each year the committee may conduct regional hearings on long-term care issues and may hold a 2-day retreat.

4. Reimbursement. Members of the committee are entitled to receive legislative per diem and reimbursement for travel to meetings for each day's attendance upon application to the Department of Human Services, which must fund these and all related expenses of the committee utilizing existing budgeted resources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 This bill increases the operating costs of the Long-term  
10 Care Steering Committee by approximately \$17,000 as a result of  
adding newly authorized expenses for legislative per diem, annual  
12 regional hearings on long-term care issues and an annual 2-day  
retreat for the committee. It requires the Department of Human  
14 Services to absorb these costs within the department's existing,  
budgeted resources.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment removes the General Fund appropriation and  
authorizes legislative per diem, regional hearings and a 2-day  
22 retreat for the Long-term Care Steering Committee. The  
Department of Human Services is directed to absorb all expenses  
24 related to these activities within the department's existing,  
budgeted resources. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the  
bill.