

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1998

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No. 2167

H.P. 1540

House of Representatives, January 26, 1998

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**Resolve, to Encourage High-performance Work Organizations and  
Quality Jobs in Rural Maine.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROWE of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and

Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMERON of Rumford, GAGNE of Buckfield, JONES of Greenville, KNEELAND of Easton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SIROIS of Caribou.



**Rural workplace conversion assistance**

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4 All Other 250,000  
6 Provides funds for a program  
8 to assist rural businesses to  
10 implement high-performance  
workplace organizational  
practices.

12 **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
14 **TOTAL** \$350,000

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires state agencies providing business  
20 assistance to inform and encourage applicants for assistance to  
participate in voluntary workplace evaluation programs conducted  
22 by nonprofit organizations such as the Maine Quality Center. It  
also provides funds for the expansion in rural areas with high  
24 unemployment and underemployment of workplace evaluation programs  
and for assistance in implementing high-performance workplace  
organizational practices.