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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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H.P. 413

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

Resolve, to Require the Department of Labor to Establish a Living Wage.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, HATCH of Skowhegan, McGLOCKLIN of Embden, NORBERT of Portland.

_	Sec. 1. Living wage established. Resolved: That the Department
2	of Labor shall establish a living wage that will replace the minimum wage statewide. The living wage must be based upon
4	assessing the basic needs of the average household in Maine,
	taking into account the following costs:
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8	1. Housing;
Ü	2. Transportation;
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10	3. Child care;
12	4. Health care insurance and out-of-pocket health care
14	expenses;
16	5. Clothing;
18	6. Food;
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20	7. Education; and
22	8. Tax obligations; and be it further
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24	Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall submit a report to establish a statewide standard for a living
26	wage, including any necessary implementing legislation to the
_ •	Joint Standing Committee on Labor by December 1, 1999. Based on
28	the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out
30	legislation for consideration in the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.
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This resolve requires the Department of Labor to establish a living wage to replace the minimum wage statewide. The living wage must take into consideration expenditures for an average household in Maine. The Department of Labor shall report back to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.