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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 664, L.D. 1886, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Funds for Marketing to Promote Economic Development"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**Business Development**" in the 2nd blocked paragraph in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: 'to Maine and Co.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**Business Development**" in the 2nd blocked paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "1." the following: 'Funds must be dispersed in accordance with a competitive quality-based selection procedure as established and administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**Strategic Technology Initiative**" in the 2nd blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 23 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "funds" the following: 'on a one-time basis'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**Strategic Technology Initiative**" in the 2nd blocked paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Millinocket" and inserting in its place the following: 'Katahdin'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 664, L.D. 1886

2 'Sec. 2. Report. By December 15, 1999 and December 15, 2000  
the Department of Economic and Community Development and the  
4 University of Maine System shall each deliver a report to the  
joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
6 over appropriations and financial affairs that describes, for  
each program funded in this Act, program effectiveness, uses of  
the funds and the need for continued funding.'

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

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14 **'FISCAL NOTE**

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totalling  
16 \$1,875,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the  
Department of Economic and Community Development. Of the total,  
18 \$1,500,000 in each year is provided to continue business  
attraction and expansion marketing efforts; \$200,000 each year is  
20 provided for the Maine Extension Partnership to replace declining  
federal funds; \$125,000 is provided in each year for Maine small  
22 business efforts; and \$50,000 in each year will support the  
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The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of  
26 \$200,000 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the University of Maine  
System for the "Strategic Technology Initiative."

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The Department of Economic and Community Development and the  
30 University of Maine System will incur some minor additional costs  
to prepare and submit a report. These costs can be absorbed by  
32 each agency utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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No funding for these programs is currently included in the  
36 Governor's proposed "Part 2" budget.'

38 **SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the majority report. The amendment  
clarifies that funding for business marketing and attraction is  
42 to be awarded through a competitive procedure administered by the  
Department of Economic and Community Development. It also  
44 clarifies that funding for the Strategic Technology Initiative is  
provided on a one-time basis. It further requires both the  
46 Department of Economic and Community Development and the  
University of Maine System to provide annual reports on the  
48 programs funded in the bill. Finally, the amendment adds a  
fiscal note to the bill.