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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 137, L.D. 461, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Wage and Benefit Records Kept by Contractors Working on Public Works Projects"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§1311.**" in the first paragraph in the 3rd and 4th lines from the end (page 1, lines 19 and 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and any aggrieved party or any resident of this State"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§1311.**" in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "contract." the following: 'Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, records filed with the public authority under this section are public records under Title 1, chapter 13.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Transportation, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Maine Turnpike Authority and any other state agency that is involved in letting a public works contract will incur some minor additional costs to provide certain access to wage and benefit records pertaining to public works projects. These costs can be absorbed within the agencies' existing budgeted resources.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment deletes language allowing the public to enter a work site to inspect wage and benefit records. It provides that wage and benefit records filed with the public authority are public records under the freedom of access law. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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