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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 337, L.D. 1144, Bill, "An Act to Enhance Economic Development Capacity"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF" in the first occurrence of that part relating to "Business Development" in the 6th line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "dispersed" and inserting in its place the following: 'disbursed'

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF" by striking out all of the 2nd occurrence of that part relating to "Business Development" (page 1, lines 26 to 49 and page 2, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Business Development

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All Other	600,000	600,000
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Provides regional capacity building block grant funds to Maine's 6 designated economic development districts. Funds must be disbursed by the Department of Economic and Community Development to the economic development

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2 districts by formula with a
 3 base amount of \$40,000 per
 4 annum to each district and
 5 the balance divided on a pro
 6 rata basis in accordance with
 7 the number of communities
 8 served, number of unemployed,
 9 number of persons living
 10 below poverty level and slow
 11 or declining population
 12 growth rates. Economic
 13 development districts are to
 14 request funds from their
 15 allotment on a
 16 project-by-project basis,
 17 based on the comprehensive
 18 economic development
 19 strategy. Funds can be used
 20 to match federal or other
 21 grants. The Department of
 22 Economic and Community
 23 Development shall approve
 24 grant funds on a
 25 project-by-project basis.
 26 Use of regional capacity
 27 building block grant funds is
 28 determined locally based on
 29 area comprehensive economic
 30 development strategies.

31 **Regional Economic Development**
 32 **Assistance Fund**

34	All Other	200,000	200,000
36	Provides funds for start-up		
37	operating assistance to		
38	develop local and regional		
39	economic development		
40	programs.'		

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

46 **FISCAL NOTE**

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50 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

