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L.D. 83

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 92, L.D. 83, Bill, "An Act To Expand Unemployment Benefits"

Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 83

An Act to Expand Unemployment Benefits



LR 0176(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined current biennium cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would result in additional disbursements from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The Department of Labor estimates the increased benefit cost per claimant to be \$3,721.92. This estimate is based on 2002 data which includes an average weekly benefit of \$215.14 and an average duration of 17.3 weeks. The total cost to the fund will depend on the number of claimants who would be affected by the provisions in this bill.

The State, a direct reimbursement employer, can avoid additional unemployment compensation costs from this bill if it does not ask for volunteers during layoffs.