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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 657, L.D. 880, Bill, "An Act To Eliminate the Social Security Offset for Unemployment Benefits"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Collect Certain Data Involving Retirees Receiving Social Security or Other Pensions'**

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph in the first to 3rd lines (page 1, lines 23 to 25 in amendment) by striking out the following: "in section 2 in subsection 9-A in paragraph A by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:" and inserting in its place the following: 'by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of subparagraph (1) (page 1, lines 27 to 30 in amendment).

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

P. 483

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 657, L.D. 880

2 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd  
indented paragraph and subparagraph (3) (page 1, lines 32 to 41  
in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

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6 **'Sec. 1. Collection of data. Resolved:** That the Department of  
Labor shall collect the following data:

8 1. The number of persons who apply for unemployment  
benefits and whose benefits are reduced as a result of receiving  
10 benefits under the United States Social Security Act, as amended,  
or other pensions or annuities described in the Maine Revised  
12 Statutes, Title 26, section 1193, subsection 9;

14 2. The total dollar amount of reductions and the average  
reduction resulting from application of Title 26, section 1193,  
16 subsection 9; and

18 3. Any other information the department considers useful in  
determining the impact of the so-called "pension offset."  
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The department shall submit a report containing the data  
22 collected pursuant to this resolve to the joint standing  
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor  
24 matters by November 30, 2004.'

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve directing the  
30 Department of Labor to collect data on the number of persons who  
apply for unemployment benefits and whose benefits are reduced as  
32 a result of receiving social security benefits or certain other  
pensions or annuities.  
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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)**

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40 SPONSORED BY: *Deborah J. Hutton*  
42 (Representative HUTTON)

44 TOWN: Bowdoinham

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**HOUSE AMENDMENT**



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

**LD 880**

**An Act to Eliminate the Social Security Offset for Unemployment  
Benefits**

**LR 0531(09)**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "B"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Hutton**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Removes current biennium cost increase - All Funds  
Removes future biennium revenue increase - Other Funds  
Minor cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment removes the costs and revenues of the bill associated with increasing benefits paid from, and collections deposited to, the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The additional costs associated with the Department of Labor collecting data and preparing the required report can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.