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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1415, L.D. 1914, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 302: Rules for the Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Economic Development"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 302: Rules for the Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting in its place the following: 'authorized only if the rule is modified as follows:

1. Section 2, 2nd full paragraph is amended to restore the original grant amounts of \$150,000 and \$75,000, which the rule had proposed to change to \$175,000 and \$100,000; and

2. Section 3, 2nd full paragraph is amended to add language providing that preference will be given to proposals from businesses with 5 or fewer employees.'

SUMMARY

This amendment approves Chapter 302: Rules for the Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a major substantive rule of the Department of Economic and Community Development, with the following changes:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 1. Language is changed to restore the original grant amounts
4 of \$150,000 and \$75,000, rather than the proposed change of
amounts to \$175,000 and \$100,000; and

6 2. Language is added to give preference to proposals from
8 businesses with 5 or fewer employees.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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

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**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 302: Rules for the
Maine Microenterprise Initiative, a Major Substantive Rule of the
Department of Economic Development**

LR 2820(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development associated with amending rules associated with the Maine Microenterprise Initiative can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.