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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 854, L.D. 1236, "Resolve, To Establish the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following members appointed as follows:

1. Two Senators who are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and are members of different political parties, appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives who are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and of whom no more than 2 are members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. A representative of the business community, recommended by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. A representative of municipal government, recommended by the Maine Municipal Association and appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5. A representative of organized labor, recommended by the Maine AFL-CIO and appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. A representative of an advocacy organization for the poor or for women, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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2 7. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's  
designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

4 8. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the  
commissioner's designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting member; and

6 9. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
8 or the commissioner's designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting  
member; and be it further'

10 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in the last line  
12 (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:  
14 "commission" the following: ', which must be no later than August  
1, 2005'

16 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 5 in  
the last line (page 3, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the  
18 following: "and"

20 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 6 in  
the last line (page 3, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the  
22 following: "be it further"

24 Further amend the resolve in section 5 by inserting after  
subsection 6 the following:

26 '7. Examine the economic impact to the State of a liveable  
28 wage, including potential effects on job creation or loss; costs  
of goods and services; competitiveness of Maine businesses in  
30 other states; government spending on social services; tax  
revenue; and whether a mandated liveable wage would continue to  
32 drive up the costs of goods and services, which would in turn  
drive up the liveable wage; and be it further'

34 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6  
36 and inserting in its place the following:

38 'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative  
Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the  
40 commission; and be it further'

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**SUMMARY**

46 This amendment changes the membership of the study  
commission, so that the commission includes the following: 2  
48 Senators who are from different parties and are members of the  
Joint Standing Committee on Labor; 3 members of the House of  
50 Representatives who also are members of the Joint Standing

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2 Committee on Labor and of whom no more than 2 are of the same  
party; and one representative each of the business community,  
3 municipal government, organized labor and an advocacy  
4 organization for the poor or for women. Additionally, the  
amendment includes the Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of  
5 Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Economic and  
Community Development as ex officio, nonvoting members of the  
6 commission. The amendment also includes in the commission's  
7 duties an examination of the economic impact to the State of a  
8 liveable wage. The amendment also sets August 1, 2005 as the  
9 latest date on which the commission must convene. The amendment  
10 also clarifies that the Legislative Council shall provide  
11 necessary staffing services.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

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Approved: 04/12/05 *MAC*

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LR 1791(02)

**Resolve, To Establish the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Labor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Current Costs - Legislative Study

### Legislative Study

The projected costs to fund the general operating expenses of the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages are \$3,700 in fiscal year 2005-06. The Legislature's Part I budget includes \$30,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$20,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development, and the Department of Health and Human Services associated with serving on the Commission can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.