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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1094, L.D. 1553, Bill, "An Act To Impose a Gross Receipts Tax on "Big Box" Stores"

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

'An Act Regarding State Costs for Public Assistance to Working Families'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Report on working families. The department shall by February 1st annually prepare and submit to the Legislature a public assistance beneficiary employer report.

A. For purposes of this subsection, "public assistance beneficiary" means a person who receives benefits from the Medicaid program under chapter 855, the food stamp program under section 3104, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under chapter 1053-B or the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under chapter 1054-A.

B. The report must include the following information for each employer of 50 or more public assistance beneficiaries, aggregated for all of the business locations of the employer within the State:

(1) The name and address of the employer;

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(2) The number of public assistance beneficiaries who are employees of the employer and the employee's length of service with the employer;

(3) The number of public assistance beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees of the employer;

(4) Whether the employer offers health benefits to its employees or their spouses or dependents; and

(5) The cost to the State of providing public assistance benefits for the employees and their spouses and dependents.

The report may not include any individually identifiable information about any individual public assistance beneficiary.

C. The department shall adopt procedures to obtain information about the number of public assistance beneficiaries per employer, their spouses and dependents from those beneficiaries and may not disclose the receipt of benefits by any individual to employers for purposes of this subsection.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Family Independence - Central 0100

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the system enhancements needed to develop and implement a unique employer identifier required to prepare a public assistance beneficiary employer report.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$350,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$350,000	\$0'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with provisions directing the Department of Health and Human Services to prepare and submit a report annually to the Legislature providing information about

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employers in the State that have 50 or more employees who are recipients of certain public assistance benefits. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LD 1553

LR 0486(03)

An Act To Impose a Gross Receipts Tax on "Big Box" Stores

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

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes the Department of Health and Human Services will require a one-time appropriation of \$350,000 for the system enhancements needed to develop and implement the unique employer identifier required for the public assistance beneficiary employer report.