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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1424, L.D. 2023, Bill, "An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages Concerning the Definition of a Liveable Wage"

Amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first to 5th lines (page 1, lines 24 to 28 in amendment) by striking out the following: "in section 2 in §1405 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Legislature" and inserting in its place the following: 'joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters' " and inserting in its place the following: 'in section 1 in §1-A in the first indented paragraph in the 4th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D) by striking out the following: "annual" '

Further amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph the following:

'Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1405 is enacted to read: .

§1405. Liveable wage; calculation

1. Calculation. By December 31, 2007 and biennially thereafter, the department shall calculate liveable wages for households in the State's counties and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages by developing an annual basic needs budget for the following family sizes:

A. Single person;

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- B. Single parent and one child;
- C. Single parent and 2 children;
- D. Two parents, with one earner and 2 children; and
- E. Two parents, with 2 earners and 2 children.

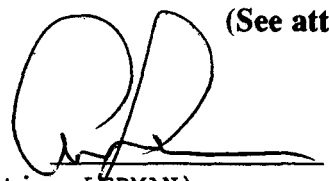
By January 30, 2008 and biennially thereafter, the department shall report the liveable wages calculated pursuant to this subsection to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters.' '

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 30 to 52 in amendment)

SUMMARY

This amendment delays by one year the date by which the Department of Labor must initially calculate and report liveable wages. This amendment also changes the requirement that the department recalculate liveable wages annually with a requirement that they be recalculated and reported every 2 years.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LR 3113(05)

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Study Commission Regarding Liveable Wages Concerning the Definition of a Liveable Wage

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Lerman

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$8,000)	\$3,000	(\$5,000)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$8,000)	\$3,000	(\$5,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the General Fund cost of the bill of \$8,000 in fiscal year 2006-07, increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$3,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 and eliminates the \$5,000 General Fund cost in fiscal year 2008-09.

As amended, the Division of Labor Market Information Services within the Department of Labor will require a General Fund appropriation of \$8,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 for the costs associated with calculation of the liveable wage for various households by December 31, 2007 and biennially thereafter. Of this amount, \$3,000 is for the one-time programming and other set up costs and \$5,000 is for the costs associated with data collection and report preparation.