

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LABOR
Minority

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Calculate Liveable Wages for Households in the State's Counties and Metropolitan Statistical Areas Using a Defined Methodology'

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

'Sec. 1. Liveable wages calculation. Resolved: That the Department of Labor, by December 31, 2006, 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:

1. Single person;
2. Single parent and one child;
3. Single parent and 2 children;
4. Two parents, with one wage earner and 2 children; and
5. Two parents, with 2 wage earners and 2 children; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "**B**" to H.P. 1424, L.D. 2023

2 **Sec. 2. Liveable wage calculation methodology. Resolved:** That
4 the Department of Labor, in calculating the liveable wages
6 pursuant to this resolve, shall use the methodology set forth by
the Maine Center for Economic Policy in its report entitled,
"Getting By: Maine Livable Wages in 2004"; and be it further

8 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 30, 2007, the
10 Department of Labor shall report the liveable wages calculated
12 pursuant to this resolve to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters; and be it
further

14 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
16 following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Security Services NEW

20 Initiative: Provides funds to the Division of Labor Market
22 Information Services for the data collection and analysis costs
24 associated with the one-time calculation of liveable wages for
various household sizes.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000'

SUMMARY

34 This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint
36 Standing Committee on Labor, replaces the bill with a resolve.
38 The resolve requires the Department of Labor to make a one-time
40 calculation of liveable wages for households in the State and
report its results to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. It also adds
an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 2023

LR 3113(03)

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

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

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Minority Report

Fiscal Note

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

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 for the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor for the data collection and analysis costs associated with the one-time calculation of liveable wages for various household sizes.