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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. 1437, L.D. 2039, Bill, "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2006-07"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §1611 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 6 to 21 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'A. A governmental body with the authority to approve the county municipal cost component under Title 30-A, chapter 305 may exceed or increase the county growth limitation if that action is approved by a majority of the county budget committee or county budget advisory committee and the county commissioners and if the governmental body requests that the Legislature approve the municipal cost component for that county that exceeds or increases the county growth limitation by sending a letter to the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory at the same time that the finalized budget for services is submitted under Title 30-A, section 7503. The letter must describe the amount by which the growth limitation should be exceeded or increased and provide a detailed justification for the request. The fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory shall provide copies of any county letters requesting that the growth limitation be exceeded or increased to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the municipal cost component by March 1st annually.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in the 4th line from the end (page 2, line 44 in amendment) by inserting after

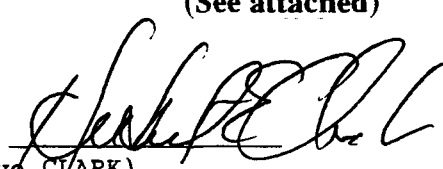
HOUSE AMENDMENT

the following: "125." the following: 'The commission also shall
develop a new budget funding mechanism for the office of the
fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory within the
Department of Audit that promotes budget transparency and
provides better fiscal accountability for inclusion in the
municipal cost component for fiscal years beginning on or after
July 1, 2007.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows a governmental body to exceed or
increase the county growth limitation if a majority of the
members of the county budget committee or county advisory
committee and the county commissioners agree to that action and
if, as allowed in Committee Amendment "A", the governmental body
requests the Legislature to allow it to exceed the municipal cost
component growth limitation for county components. Finally, this
amendment requires the Commission To Study the Cost of Providing
Certain Services in the Unorganized Territories to develop a new
budget funding mechanism that promotes budget transparency and
provides better fiscal accountability.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative CLARK)

TOWN: Millinocket



Approved: 04/27/06 *MAC*

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LD 2039

LR 3199(06)

**An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered
in Fiscal Year 2006-07**

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

Sponsor: Rep. Clark

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund