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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1014, L.D. 1445, Bill, "An Act To Calculate the Livable Wage and Measure the Bureaucratic Costs To Subsidize Workers Paid Less Than a Livable Wage"

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

**'An Act To Define "Livable Wage"'**

Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1-A** is enacted to read:

**§1-A. Livable wage defined**

As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, "livable wage" means the statewide average livable wage for a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children as reported by the Department of Labor in the most recent annual report required pursuant to section 1405.'

Amend the bill by striking out section 3.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

**'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
Employment Security Services 0245**

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Senior Economic Research Analyst position and related All Other associated with annually calculating the livable wage for households in the State's counties and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1014, L.D. 1445

10/23

	2007-08	2008-09
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,523	\$66,129
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
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<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,523</b>	<b>\$69,129</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the defined household in the livable wage definition from a single-parent, one-child household to a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children. The amendment also removes a section of the bill requiring the Department of Labor to measure annually the costs to workers paid less than a livable wage and the bureaucratic costs to subsidize workers paid less than a livable wage. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1445

LR 486(02)

## An Act To Calculate the Livable Wage and Measure the Bureaucratic Costs To Subsidize Workers Paid Less Than a Livable Wage

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

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$49,523	\$69,129	\$71,166	\$73,265

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing Federal Expenditures Fund allocations of \$49,523 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$69,129 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor for one Senior Research Analyst position and related all other associated with annually calculating the livable wage for households in the State's counties and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages.