

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minority

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 915, L.D. 1312, Bill, "An Act To Require a State Agency To Reference the Livable Wage in Information Published by That Agency"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security To Assess Alternative Measurements to the Federal Poverty Level'

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the last whereas paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after "therefore," the following: 'be it'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the enacting clause.

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. The Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security directed to conduct assessment. Resolved: That the Maine Council on Poverty and Economic Security, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 6-H, shall, within existing budgeted resources, assess alternative measurements to the federal poverty level that may be used to define poverty in this State. In conducting this assessment, the council shall:

1. Examine alternative poverty measurements to the federal poverty level, including the Department of Labor's livable wage scale, the National Academy of Sciences measurement, the measurement developed by New York City and other relevant measurements;

2. Assess the relevance of existing poverty measurements to the economic and demographic composition of the population of this State and the efficacy of using one or more of the measurements or developing a separate state-specific measurement to identify individuals and families living in poverty; and

3. Analyze the feasibility of state and local agencies using an alternative measurement to the federal poverty level to develop poverty threshold eligibility criteria or identify poor individuals and families in need of services.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT





# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1312

LR 1699(02)

**An Act To Require a State Agency To Reference the Livable Wage in Information Published by That Agency**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**  
**Committee: State and Local Government**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to affected agencies to assess alternative measurements to the federal poverty level can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.