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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1074, L.D. 1524, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Equity in Unemployment Compensation Claims"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Research and Analyze the Methods Other States Utilize To Assess Benefit Charges When a Worker Becomes Unemployed and Receives Benefits'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Examine methods used to assess benefit charges. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall examine the methods employed by other states to assess benefit charges when a worker who has multiple employers becomes unemployed and receives unemployment benefits. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall also analyze the findings to determine how to best protect employers in the State from inequitable assessments and how to best use technology to implement the findings; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall report the findings under section 1 and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 2011, including suggested legislation necessary to implement the findings; and be it further

Sec. 3. Authority to introduce legislation. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement findings relating to the report under section 2.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the bill to a resolve. It directs the Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee to examine the methods used by other states to assess benefit charges when a worker who has multiple employers becomes unemployed and receives unemployment benefits. The commissioner or the designee shall also analyze the findings to determine how to best protect Maine employers from inequitable assessments and how to best use technology to implement the findings. The commissioner or the designee shall report findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by January 15, 2011. The committee is authorized to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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An Act To Ensure Equity in Unemployment Compensation Claims

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

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Labor to conduct the required analysis can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.