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Majority

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1120, L.D. 1526, Bill, "An Act Regarding Corporate and Other Entity Campaign Advertising Disclosure and Accountability"

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Reporting required by certain groups. An entity other than an individual, political action committee, party committee, political committee or ballot question committee, including, but not limited to, a corporation, firm, partnership, trade union, professional union, trade association or professional association, shall file a report with the commission that meets the requirements of this subsection and subsection 4 when the entity makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$2,000 for a communication as described in section 1014, subsection 2. The report must include a certification by an officer or agent of the entity stating that the expenditure for the communication was authorized within the 12-month period before the expenditure for the communication by, as applicable, an officer, a board of directors, an executive council, shareholders or an organizational leadership body of the entity.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report and establishes reporting requirements for an entity other than an individual, political action committee, party committee, political committee or ballot question committee for an independent expenditure greater than \$2,000 for a communication not authorized by a candidate. The report requires certification by the governing body of that entity that the expenditure was approved.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1526

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An Act Regarding Corporate and Other Entity Campaign Advertising Disclosure and Accountability

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

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of civil violations.

The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices associated with these reporting requirements can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.