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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 888, L.D. 1254, Bill, "An Act To Increase Consumption of Mairie Foods in All State Institutions"

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

'Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §213, as amended by PL 2005, c. 382, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

§213. Implementation of state policy to purchase foodstuffs from Maine concerns

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and assuming reasonable similarity in quality, quantity and availability with other foodstuffs offered for sale, state or school purchasers shall buy meat, fish, dairy products, excluding including milk and eggs, and species of fruits and fresh vegetables, directly from Maine food producers or from food brokers who assist in the distribution of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine food producers. In the event that more than one producer, broker or wholesaler can supply a given foodstuff, the institutional or school purchaser may require competitive bidding.

3. Implementation schedule. The following percentages of foodstuffs purchased by a state or school purchaser, except for a school purchaser at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220 (2007), must come directly from Maine food producers or food brokers who assist in the distribution of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine food producers:

- A. By December 31, 2020, at least 15%;
B. By December 31, 2024, at least 20%;
C. By December 31, 2034, at least 25%; and
D. By December 31, 2035, at least 35%.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §215, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 608, §2, is amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1254

LR 892(03)

An Act To Increase Consumption of Maine Foods in All State Institutions

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

B (H-511)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded
 Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires local school administrative units that do not participate in the National School Lunch Program to track and purchase a minimum percentage of Maine foodstuffs directly from Maine food producers or food brokers.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

Moderate
 limited scope

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Establishing benchmarks for the purchase of foodstuffs produced or harvested by Maine producers will increase costs beginning in fiscal year 2019-20. The additional costs to state institutions cannot be estimated at this time, but a pricing sample of meat and frozen products indicate the additional costs could exceed \$250,000 per year.

Additional costs to the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy to comply with the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.