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L.D. 92

Date: 6/5/15

Report A

(Filing No. H-317)

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 75, L.D. 92, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage to \$8.00 per Hour"

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

'An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "hour." the following: 'Starting October 1, 2016, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour. Starting October 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.50 per hour.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: Provides funds to update and distribute the new minimum wage poster and other related publications.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$16,500	\$16,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,500</u>	<u>\$16,500</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, changes the bill by adding 3

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1 subsequent minimum wage raises, to \$8.50 on October 1, 2016, \$9.00 on October 1, 2017
2 and \$9.50 on October 1, 2018. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations
3 section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LR 289(02)

An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage to \$8.00 per Hour

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-317)*
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$16,500 per year in fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for the administrative costs associated with increasing the minimum wage. Of this amount, \$3,500 per year is for updating the minimum wage poster and other related publications, \$5,000 per year is related to postage costs to distribute the updated poster and publications to all employers in Maine and \$8,000 per year is for travel costs associated with compliance, education and outreach.

The first step on the lowest salary rate schedule in State Government is \$8.43 per hour. Currently there is no one being paid at that level. There are currently 2 employees being paid \$9.41 per hour. The 4-step increase in the minimum wage in the majority report will not increase salary costs to the State until the \$9.50 per hour rate begins on October 1, 2018 and any impact would be negligible.