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Date: 2/14/18 Minority

L.D. 283
(Filing No. H-590)

JUDICIARY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 216, L.D. 283, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims"

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for the additional mediation and travel costs needed to address the anticipated increase in the number of small claim cases that will result from increasing the limit for these cases from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$43,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$43,200</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 02/02/18 *MAC*

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 283

LR 1527(02)

An Act To Increase the Jurisdictional Limits for Small Claims

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-590)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,200	\$43,200	\$43,200
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$43,200	\$43,200	\$43,200

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department of \$43,200 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the additional mediation costs that will result from increasing the small claims limit from \$6,000 to \$15,000. Increasing the limit may also require additional judge, clerk and marshal resources. An estimate of those additional costs is not available at this time, but would be in addition to the \$43,200 contained in this bill.