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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 903, L.D. 1306, Bill, "An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund"

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

**'An Act To Create a Small Communities Tourism Grant Program'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-K, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Small communities tourism grant program.** To the extent funds are available, a minimum of \$10,000 of the funds received annually by the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund in accordance with subsection 2 must be used for a small communities tourism grant program, referred to in this subsection as "the program." Program funds must be used to award grants of \$1,000 to \$2,000 to municipalities or nonprofit agencies to match public and private funds to promote tourism in small communities and events that are designed to attract individuals who reside at least 50 miles from those small communities. Grant recipients may not receive a 2nd or subsequent award from the program for the same event but may receive grants from other programs funded by the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund for that event. For the purposes of this subsection, "small community" means a municipality with a population of fewer than 7,000 individuals.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment creates a small communities tourism grant program to issue matching grants to small communities to promote tourism and events. The \$10,000 annual funding

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1 for this program derives from the tax revenues received by the Tourism Marketing  
2 Promotion Fund.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**



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LD 1306

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## An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-227)*  
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Office of Tourism within the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement the small communities tourism grant program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.