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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 905, L.D. 1308, Bill, "An Act To Create a Bridge to Self-sufficiency for Vulnerable Segments of the Population by Providing Incentives to Employers"

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

**'Resolve, To Expedite the Processing of Applications for Certification under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Position added; Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall add one new permanent position in the Bureau of Employment Services to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification of an employee as a member of a target group for purposes of the employer's qualifying for the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2018 with information concerning employer applications for certification pursuant to the work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code submitted to the department in 2017 and the extent of any backlog in application processing; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Employment Services Activity 0852**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Eligibility Specialist position and related All Other costs to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal work opportunity tax credit.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
3	Personal Services	\$50,750	\$67,666
4	All Other	\$8,182	\$8,182
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,932</u>	<u>\$75,848</u>
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, with a resolve that directs  
10 the Department of Labor to establish a new permanent position in the Bureau of  
11 Employment Services to expedite the processing of employer applications for  
12 certification required for the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the  
13 United States Internal Revenue Code. The amendment also requires the Department of  
14 Labor to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research  
15 and Economic Development with information concerning applications submitted by  
16 employers in 2017, including information on the extent of any backlog in application  
17 processing, by February 1, 2018. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations  
18 section.

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
20 (See attached)



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1308

LR 146(02)

## An Act To Create a Bridge to Self-sufficiency for Vulnerable Segments of the Population by Providing Incentives to Employers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-118)  
 Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$58,932	\$75,848	\$78,555	\$81,370
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$58,932	\$75,848	\$78,555	\$81,370

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$58,932 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$75,848 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor for one Eligibility Specialist position and related All Other costs to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit. This fiscal note assumes an October 1, 2017 start date.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Employment Services to prepare and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.