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MINORITY

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1319, L.D. 1887, Bill, "An Act To Create Fairness in Maine's Unemployment Insurance System by Increasing the Amount Paid in Unemployment Tax by Certain Employers"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor To Convene a Working Group To Study Tax Fairness in Maine's Unemployment Insurance System'

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

'Sec. 1. Department of Labor to convene a working group. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall assemble a working group to study tax fairness in the State's unemployment compensation system, with a particular focus on employers with negative reserve balances; and be it further

Sec. 2. Makeup of the working group. Resolved: That the working group convened by the Department of Labor pursuant to section 1 must include at a minimum the following participants:

1. One representative of the forestry and logging industry;
2. One representative of the construction industry;
3. One representative of employer interests;
4. One representative of employee interests; and
5. One representative from the Department of Labor.

The department shall also invite members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters to participate as part of the working group. The department shall provide notice of working group meetings to all participants and may invite additional participants at the department's discretion; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Report of the working group. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall submit a report on behalf of the working group convened pursuant to section 1, including any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters no later than April 1, 2019. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment directs the Department of Labor to convene a working group to study tax fairness in the State's unemployment compensation system with a particular focus on employers with negative reserve balances and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters by April 1, 2019. It allows the committee to report out a bill based on the recommendations of the working group to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED.
(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1887

LR 2981(02)

An Act To Create Fairness in Maine's Unemployment Insurance System by Increasing the Amount Paid in Unemployment Tax by Certain Employers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A.(H-742)*
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Labor to convene a working group to conduct the required study and prepare the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.