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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 539

House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

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

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

R(+ B. Hunt

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock and

Representatives: BLUME of York, CUDDY of Winterport, FAY of Raymond, HARNETT of Gardiner, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MOONEN of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

- 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 targeted 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 of 1986.
- **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing by February 1, 2020 with the most recent information available concerning employer applications for certification pursuant to the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 submitted to the department and the extent of any backlog in application processing.
- **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.

20	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
21	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
22	Personal Services	\$52,399	\$72,895
23	All Other	\$8,182	\$8,182
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25	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$60,581	\$81,077

26 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Labor to establish a new permanent position in the Bureau of Employment Services to expedite the processing of employer applications for certification required for the federal work opportunity tax credit under Section 51 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The resolve also requires the Department of Labor to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing with the most recent information available concerning applications submitted by employers, including information on the extent of any backlog in application processing, by February 1, 2020.