

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

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No. 759

H.P. 564

House of Representatives, February 12, 2019

An Act To Increase Efficiency in Enforcement of the Maine Human Rights Act

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and
Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BROOKS of Lewiston, HARNETT of Gardiner, McLEAN
of Gorham, O'NEIL of Saco, TEPLER of Topsham, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator:
CARSON of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Technology.** The Maine Human Rights Commission shall purchase a
3 computer system that, at a minimum, meets the specifications required by existing federal
4 contracts and facilitates electronic data management by the commission, including
5 making case status information available electronically to parties and their attorneys.

6 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
7 allocations are made.

8 **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE**

9 **Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

10 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the initial step in evaluating information
11 technology needs.

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13	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
14	All Other	\$10,000	\$0
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0

17 **Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150**

18 Initiative: Provides funds for 2 Paralegal positions, one Consumer Outreach position and
19 related costs.

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21	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
22	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
23	Personal Services	\$173,268	\$242,363
24	All Other	\$14,620	\$7,120
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26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$187,888	\$249,483

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28	HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE		
29	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
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31	GENERAL FUND	\$197,888	\$249,483
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33	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$197,888	\$249,483

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill provides funding for 2 Paralegal positions and one Consumer Outreach
36 position within the Maine Human Rights Commission and requires that the commission

- 1 purchase a computer system. It also includes a \$10,000 appropriation for the initial step
- 2 in evaluating the commission's computer system needs.