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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 455, L.D. 1406, "An Act To Encourage Relocation to Rural Maine"

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

'An Act To Encourage the Relocation of Persons from outside the State to Rural Maine'

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13056-J is enacted to read:

§13056-J. Rural broadband assistance grant program

The department shall establish a program under which a regional community and economic development organization, as described in section 13072, subsection 2, that serves an area located in a rural region of the State may provide a grant to cover the cost of obtaining broadband services for up to 5 years to an individual who has moved to a rural region of the State served by the regional community and economic development organization from a location outside of the State within the 12 months preceding the date of application for the grant. A grant made under this section may not exceed \$1,000 per year. For the purposes of this section, "rural region of the State" has the same meaning as in section 13056-I. The department may establish routine technical rules pursuant to chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to regional community and economic development organizations serving rural regions of the State for the purpose of providing grants to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 individuals who have moved to a rural region of the State from outside the State to cover
 2 the cost of obtaining broadband services in a rural area.

3	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
4	All Other	\$0	\$100,000
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

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 8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 9 number to read consecutively.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the Department of
 12 Economic and Community Development to establish a program under which a regional
 13 community and economic development organization that serves an area located in a rural
 14 region of the State, Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset and Washington counties, may
 15 provide a grant to cover the cost of obtaining broadband services for up to 5 years to an
 16 individual who has moved to a rural region of the State served by the regional community
 17 and economic development organization from a location outside of the State within the 12
 18 months preceding application for the grant. A grant made under this program may not
 19 exceed \$1,000 per year.

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



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1406

LR 847(02)

An Act To Encourage Relocation to Rural Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-649)

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$100,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Business Development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funds to regional community and economic development organizations that serve rural regions of the State for the purpose of providing grants of up to \$1,000 per year to individuals who have moved into a rural region of the State from outside of the State to cover the cost of obtaining broadband services in a rural area for up to 5 years.