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(Filing No S-180)

MINORITY

LABOR AND HOUSING

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 534, LD 1316, "An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following

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

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative Provides ongoing funds for 40 Unemployment Compensation Eligibility Agent positions, 6 Hearing Examiner positions, 5 Unemployment Compensation Team Leader positions, one Senior Hearing Examiner position, one Unemployment Compensation Regional Manager position and related All Other costs to support the increase in the number of weekly audits of work search reports submitted by individuals receiving unemployment compensation benefits

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	53 000	53 000
Personal Services	\$3,214,723	\$4,500,612
All Other	\$504,480	\$672,640
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,719,203</u>	<u>\$5,173,252</u>

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 534, L D 1316 (S-180)

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1316

LR 1648(02)

An Act to Require Auditing for Work Search Requirements of Claimants of Unemployment Compensation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-180)
 Committee: Labor and Housing
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$3,719,203	\$5,173,252	\$5,335,274	\$5,503,129
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$3,719,203	\$5,173,252	\$5,335,274	\$5,503,129

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bills requires the Department of Labor to select and audit one-third of all work search and other eligible activities reported by individuals receiving unemployment compensation and submitted to the department on a weekly basis. According to the department, it currently conducts "work search" audits on 3% of weekly claims. Had this provision been in place in 2022, the number of audits required to be performed would have increased by 76,744.

The Department of Labor has indicated that it will require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$3,719,203 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$5,173,252 in fiscal year 2024-25 for 40 Unemployment Compensation Eligibility Agent positions, 6 Hearing Examiner positions, 5 Unemployment Compensation Team Leader positions, one Senior Hearing Examiner position, one Unemployment Compensation Regional Manager position and related All Other costs to support the increase in the number of weekly audits of work search reports. The fiscal note assumes that the positions would be begin on October 1, 2023.