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Majority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 890, LD 1376, "An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage"

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

'An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour'

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

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as amended by IB 2015, c 2, §1, is further amended to read

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 \$13.80 per hour. Starting January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour, starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour, starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.00 per hour, and starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00 per hour. Starting January 1, 2024, the minimum hourly wage is \$15.00 per hour. On January 1, 2021-2025 and each January 1st thereafter, the minimum hourly wage then in effect must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, and must be increased in accordance with this section thereafter.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee This amendment increases the minimum hourly wage to \$15 00 per hour beginning January 1, 2024 It specifies that on January 1, 2025 and every year thereafter, the minimum wage increases by the increase, if any, in the cost of living

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1376

LR 2201(02)

An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-178)

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - local units of government

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation increases the minimum hourly wage from \$13.80 per hour to \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2024. The provision in current law that requires the minimum wage to be increased annually by a cost-of-living adjustment remains in place. Increasing the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour is not expected to have a fiscal impact on State Government as salary schedules currently in place indicate the lowest hourly rate for state employees is at \$15.00 per hour.

The increased wages may increase costs to municipalities depending on the existing rates of pay for the lowest paid employees in each municipality at the time a higher wage would be imposed and cannot be determined at this time.