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History and Final Disposition

LD 398 / HP0249

Original Title: An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Other Related Workers Employees Under the Wage and Hour Laws. New Title: An Act to Make Agricultural Workers and Certain Other Workers Employees Under the Minimum Wage Law and to Allow Such Workers to Engage in Certain Concerted Activity. Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Public Hearing 04/18/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 07/06/23. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-630, SA/CA S-423. Final Disposition: Enacted. (Veto Sustained 07/25/23).

Original Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0398.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(LBHS\) \(04/18/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-630\) \(LD 398 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-423\) \(LD 398 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

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[HOUSE, June 21, 2023 \(H-968-1016\)](#)

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[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

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News Articles

Farmworkers deserve same rights as other workers (Cynthia Phinney and Garrett Stewart) (Portland Press Herald, 4/18/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/PPH 230418D.pdf)

House OKs wage bill for farmworkers (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 6/23/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/BDN 230623B.pdf)

Local legislators vote on abortion, paid family leave (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 7/7/2023, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/Courier-Gazette 230629D.pdf)

Maine bill to improve farmworkers' pay, conditions awaits action by governor (Kelley Bouchard) (Portland Press Herald, 7/12/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/PPH 230712C.pdf)

Governor says she's reluctant, but vetoes bill to improve pay, conditions for farmworkers (Kelley Bouchard) (Portland Press Herald, 7/20/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/PPH 230720C.pdf)

Mills vetoes minimum wage bill for farmworkers (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/21/2023, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/BDN 230721A.pdf)

Governor Janet Mills veto message to the Maine Legislature concerning LD 398 (Janet Mills) (Machias Valley News Observer, 7/25/2023, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/Machias Valley News Observer 230726D.pdf)

Lawmakers uphold Mills' vetoes (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/26/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/BDN 230726A.pdf)

Lawmakers fail to save farmworkers minimum wage (Kelley Bouchard) (Portland Press Herald, 7/26/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/PPH 230726D.pdf)

Local legislators split as minimum wage hike for farm workers wilts (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 8/4/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/Courier-Gazette 230803D.pdf)

Bad broccoli, good government- How quick action protected our health (Vicki Doudera) (Bangor Daily News, 8/8/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/BDN 230807B.pdf)

Agricultural groups have mixed reaction to Mills workers veto (Paula Brewer) (Aroostook Republican and News, 8/9/2023, p. 1, 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/Clip23310.pdf)

Farmworkers were again denied their basic economic rights (Cynthia Phinney and Arthur Phillips) (Portland Press Herald, 8/15/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD03xx/nc131-LD-0398/PPH 230815C.pdf)

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