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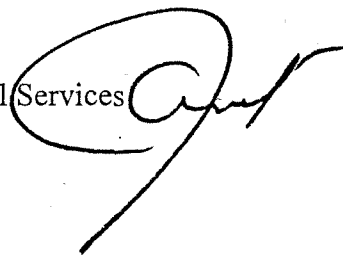
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Michael Michaud, Chair
Representative George Kerr, Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Janet E. Waldron, Commissioner
Department of Administrative & Financial Services



DATE: January 27, 1998

SUBJ: Bargaining Unit Clarification Decisions

In accordance with Public Law 1995, Chapter 395, Part F, Section G-12, enclosed is the detail for the employer cost of the pick-up retirement from unit clarification decisions of the Maine Labor Relations Board that result in the determination of positions as confidential.

In fiscal year 1998, only the petition for the Department of the Secretary of State was decided. Four positions were excluded, and no formerly excluded positions were included in bargaining units. All four positions are budgeted in the Highway Fund. The annual cost of these becoming confidential is \$8,362. In addition, a number of petitions for smaller agencies and agencies no longer in existence were withdrawn by both sides.

Fewer departments had unit clarification cases before the Maine Labor Relations Board this past year than anticipated. In any event, the Bureau of Employee Relations estimates that approximately four more positions will be excluded and two included in the remainder of fiscal year 1998.

If you require further information, please let me know.

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cc: Jim Clair
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