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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 554, L.D. 898, “Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents by 20 Percent”

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

'Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Foster Parents'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20%" and inserting the following: '15%'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster home reimbursement rates.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$272,846	\$286,490
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$272,846	\$286,490

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$485,060	\$509,314
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$485,060	\$509,314

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster home reimbursement rates.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,136,862	\$1,193,704

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,136,862</u>	<u>\$1,193,704</u>
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4	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
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6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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8	GENERAL FUND	\$1,409,708	\$1,480,194
9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$485,060	\$509,314
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11	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,894,768</u>	<u>\$1,989,508</u>
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13 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
14 section number to read consecutively.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the increase
17 in reimbursement rates for foster care from 20% to 15%. Rates were increased by 5% in
18 Public Law 2023, chapter 17. The amendment raises the rates by 10% over the rates under
19 Public Law 2023, chapter 17. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations
20 section.

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