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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 50, L.D. 117, Bill, “An Act To Require the Prevailing Wage To Be Paid on All Public Works Projects for Which State Funding Is Used”

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

'An Act To Require Prevailing Wages To Be Paid on All Public Works Projects for Which State Funding Is Used'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1304, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2009, c. 453, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Public works. "Public works" includes public schools and all buildings, roads, highways, bridges, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches, sewage disposal plants, demolition, waterworks, airports and all other structures upon which construction may be let to contract by the State or that are funded by any amount of state funding transferred to a school district or municipality for any of those purposes and which contract amounts to \$50,000 or more.

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

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides funds for one Labor/Safety Inspector position and related All Other costs associated with conducting wage determinations, compliance assistance and enforcement activities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
3	Personal Services	\$47,731	\$64,745
4	All Other	\$9,400	\$9,400
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$57,131</u>	<u>\$74,145</u>
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on
 10 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, extends the bill's requirement
 11 for the payment of the prevailing hourly rate of wages and benefits for all public works
 12 contracts to include public works funded by a municipality or school district when the
 13 State has transferred any amount of funding to the municipality or school district for
 14 those purposes. The amendment also changes the bill by retaining the exemption in
 15 current law for contracts under \$50,000. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
 16 allocations section.

17 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

18 **(See attached)**