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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 789, L.D. 1184, “An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued”

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13056-J, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The department shall assist a municipality with 4,000 or more residents in meeting the requirements of subsection 5. The assistance must include reimbursement of 90% of actual expenses incurred by a municipality if collection or reporting of data as required by subsection 5 is a modification or expansion of municipal activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting the following: 'By January 31st of each year, a'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "municipality" the following: 'with 4,000 or more residents'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Reimbursement - Municipal Housing Data Reporting N533		
Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to reimburse municipalities with 4,000 or more residents for 90% of the cost of preparing an annual report on certain housing data, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished, certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued, as well as certain affordability data.		
GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$405,000	\$405,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$405,000	\$405,000
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Reimbursement - Municipal Housing Data Reporting N533

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to reimburse municipalities with 4,000 or more residents for 90% of the costs for system updates in order to provide the required information on certain housing data, including data on residential building permits, dwelling units permitted and demolished, certificates of occupancy or other approvals of housing units issued, as well as certain affordability data.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$202,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$202,500	\$0

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$607,500	\$405,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$607,500	\$405,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, sets a due date of January 31st of each year for the report required in the bill. It limits the report requirement to municipalities with 4,000 residents or more. It requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to reimburse 90% of the actual costs to collect and report the data as required in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)