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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1024, L.D. 1566, “An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups”

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

'An Act to Provide Compensation to Individuals with Lived Experience Serving on Certain Advisory Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Groups'

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12002, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Member representing lived experience. "Member representing lived experience" means a board member serving on a board established in section 12004-I who has first-hand knowledge or direct experience related to the content, subject matter, responsibilities or authority of the board that helps increase equity in the representation of perspectives and backgrounds of members; is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the board by the member's employer or the entity the member represents; and is explicitly identified as a member representing lived experience in the statutory language establishing the member's position as a member of a board.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "board." the following: 'If the department or agency with which the board is associated does not have sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide compensation and reimburse expenses, a member representing lived experience or the board with which the member is associated may apply for compensation pursuant to subsection 4.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Lived experience funding; application for compensation. To the extent that funding is available and appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of providing compensation to members with lived experience, a member or the board with which the

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1 member is associated may apply to the Secretary of State for compensation to the extent
2 allowable pursuant to subsection 3. The Secretary of State shall establish policies or
3 procedures, as necessary, to prioritize compensation for members representing lived
4 experience.'

5 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

6 **'Sec. 5. Lived experience funding distribution process developed by**
7 **Secretary of State.** The Secretary of State shall develop a process for compensating
8 members of boards or commissions who are identified as members representing lived
9 experience as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002, subsection 3-
10 B and as allowable under Title 5, section 12002-B, subsections 3 and 4. The process must
11 include the development of an application for members representing lived experience or
12 the board with which the member is associated to apply for compensation, the development
13 of a method of communication for any decisions to applicants who apply for compensation
14 and the development of policies or procedures governing the prioritization of compensation
15 requests. If no funding is available, the process is suspended.

16 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
17 allocations are made.

18 **SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**
19 **Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692**

20 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to compensate individuals serving on boards and
21 commissions with lived experience.

22 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
23 All Other	\$5,000	\$0
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25 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$0

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

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title of the
31 bill and adds an appropriations and allocations section. It amends the bill by clarifying the
32 definition of "member representing lived experience" to require that a board member serve
33 on a board established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, that the
34 board member is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the board
35 by the member's employer or the entity the member represents and that the board member
36 representing lived experience be explicitly identified as such in the statutory language
37 establishing the member's position as a member of a board.

38 The amendment also allows the Secretary of State to provide compensation to members
39 representing lived experience and provides a one-time General Fund allocation in fiscal
40 year 2025-26 of \$5,000. It also provides that if a department or agency of State
41 Government with which a board is associated does not have sufficient money in the budget
42 of the department or agency to provide compensation and reimburse expenses to members

1 representing lived experience, a member representing lived experience or the board with
2 which the member is associated may apply for compensation from the Secretary of State.
3 The Secretary of State is required to develop, as necessary, policies or procedures to
4 prioritize compensation for members representing lived experience, and compensation is
5 only allowable to the extent that funding is available.

6 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

7 **(See attached)**