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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 419, L.D. 1050, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers”

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, under federal law, an asylum seeker must wait a minimum of 180 days after filing an application for asylum to receive authorization for employment; and

Whereas, proposals before the United States Congress to amend immigration laws to curtail this waiting period have not yet been acted upon; and

Whereas, there is an acute labor shortage in the State that could be alleviated by permitting asylum seekers to receive authorization for employment without waiting the mandatory 180 days; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it'

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the unanimous report of the committee. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)