



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Require Prevailing Wages To Be Paid on All Public Works Projects Receiving State Funding

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

Table with 5 columns: Category, FY 2013-14, FY 2014-15, Projections FY 2015-16, Projections FY 2016-17. Rows include Net Cost (Savings) and Appropriations/Allocations for General Fund.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$105,862 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$146,141 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Regulation and Enforcement program within the Department of Labor for 2 Labor and Safety Inspector positions and related all other costs associated with the increase in enforcement activity as a result of extending the requirement for payment of the prevailing hourly rate of wages and benefits for all public works contracts to include those contracts which are funded by any amount of State funding transferred to a school district or municipality which amounts to \$50,000 or more.

This legislation may increase the total state and local costs of major capital school construction projects and local repair projects with a cost of \$50,000 or more if the prevailing wage and benefits as determined by the Department of Labor pursuant to Title 26, §1308 is higher than wages and benefits currently being paid by school administrative units for construction projects. The impact of this legislation on the State and individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Transportation and municipalities may incur additional costs on construction projects funded through the State's municipal partnership initiative if the total project is over \$50,000 but the State and municipality portions are each under \$50,000.