



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage to \$8.00 per Hour

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Bates of Westbrook

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$16,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 for the administrative costs associated with increasing the minimum wage. Of this amount, \$3,500 is for updating the minimum wage poster and other related publications, \$5,000 is related to postage costs to distribute the updated poster and publications to all employers in Maine and \$8,000 is for travel costs associated with compliance, education and outreach.

The first step on the lowest salary rate schedule in State Government is \$8.43 per hour. Currently there is no one being paid at that level. The increase to \$8.00 per hour will not increase salary costs to the State.