



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

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

Fiscal Note

Table with 5 columns: Category, FY 2015-16, FY 2016-17, Projections FY 2017-18, Projections FY 2018-19. Rows include Net Cost (Savings) and Appropriations/Allocations for General Fund.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$16,500 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for the administrative costs associated with increasing the minimum wage. Of this amount, \$3,500 per year is for updating the minimum wage poster and other related publications, \$5,000 per year is related to postage costs to distribute the updated poster and publications to all employers in Maine and \$8,000 per year 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. There are currently 2 employees being paid \$9.41 per hour. The 3-step increase in the minimum wage in the minority report will not increase salary costs to the State.