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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 8 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: '~~shall~~may'

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

‘Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174

Initiative: Provides funds for a customer service position to assist individuals, businesses and schools interested in the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$70,000	\$70,000

Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174

Initiative: Provides additional funds for the marketing of the educational opportunity tax credit throughout the State.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$100,000	\$100,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$100,000	\$100,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment strikes the section of the bill that establishes a liaison position with respect to the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program and replaces it with a section appropriating \$70,000 in ongoing annual funds for the Finance Authority of Maine to hire and pay a full-time customer service employee for the purposes of promoting the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program and assisting interested individuals, businesses and schools. The amendment also provides that the Finance Authority of Maine is not required but may contract with a private, nonprofit corporation to help market the program.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)