



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Stetkis of Canaan

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Little or no savings to State Government

Possible savings to municipalities

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Making certain changes to the minimum wage laws will have no immediate impact on State Government as salary schedules for state employees will not be lowered when the first decrease of this bill from \$10.00 per hour back to \$9.00 per hour takes effect on enactment of this emergency bill or back to \$9.50 per hour if enactment occurs after June 1, 2018. Any savings from slowing future minimum wage increases will depend on the salary schedules in place at the time the increases occur, but would most likely be minimal if any.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

As with State Government, any municipal savings would depend on the existing rates of pay for employees in each municipality when the reduced increases take effect and on decisions by individual municipalities to react.