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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 392, L.D. 1171, Bill, “An Act To Sustain and Attract Skilled Workers to Maine by Improving the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program”

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.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>

**Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174**

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
2	All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000
5	<b>FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE</b>		
6	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
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8	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
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10	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>

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

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment strikes the  
 16 section of the bill that establishes a liaison position with respect to the Job Creation  
 17 Through Educational Opportunity Program and replaces it with a section appropriating  
 18 \$70,000 in ongoing annual funds for the Finance Authority of Maine to hire and pay a  
 19 full-time customer service employee for the purposes of promoting the Job Creation  
 20 Through Educational Opportunity Program and assisting interested individuals,  
 21 businesses and schools. The amendment also provides that the Finance Authority of  
 22 Maine is not required but may contract with a private, nonprofit corporation to help  
 23 market the program.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

25 **(See attached)**