

**Tables Accompanying Testimony in Support of LD 1376, “An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage”**

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**Table 1: Projected Minimum Wages and Potential “Living Wage”**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Current law	\$13.80	\$14.45	\$14.90	\$15.25	\$15.55	\$15.90	\$16.25	\$16.60	\$17.00	\$17.40	\$17.80
LD 1376	\$13.80	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$23.00	\$24.00
Living Wage	\$16.53	\$17.31	\$18.33	\$19.30	\$19.94	\$20.43	\$20.86	\$21.31	\$21.78	\$22.27	\$22.78

**Table 2: Projected Statewide Median Wages and Kaitz Index under LD 1376**

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Statewide median wage	\$26.06	\$27.31	\$28.13	\$28.75	\$29.35	\$29.97	\$30.63	\$31.33	\$32.05	\$32.79	\$33.54
Statewide Kaitz Index	53%	55%	57%	59%	61%	63%	65%	67%	69%	70%	72%

**Table 3: Projected Median Wages and Kaitz Index in Northeastern Maine under LD 1376**

Northeast Maine median wage	\$22.21	\$23.28	\$23.98	\$24.51	\$25.02	\$25.55	\$26.11	\$26.71	\$27.32	\$27.95	\$28.59
Northeast Maine Kaitz index	62%	64%	67%	69%	72%	74%	77%	79%	81%	82%	84%

**Notes**

Projections for current law minimum wage and median wages use the Consumer Price Index projections by the US Congressional Budget Office in their February 2023 Budget Outlook. <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58848>

The living wage is based on the MIT Living Wage Calculator figure for a single adult without dependents in Maine in 2023. Future years are adjusted used the CPI. <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/23>

“Median wage” means the median hourly wage for employees working at least 50 weeks per year and at least 35 hours per week in Maine. 2023 figures are calculated using the US Census Bureau, American Community Survey microdata for 2017-2021.

“Kaitz Index” is calculated by dividing the minimum wage by the median hourly wage for full-time, year-round employees.

“Northeast Maine” is a designation the Census Bureau uses to refer to the combined areas of Aroostook and Washington County. According to the ACS data, it is the lowest-wage area of the state.

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