OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

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Subj: LD 270, "An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do not Receive

Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries" (Stewart)

LD 566, "An Act To Address Labor Market Inequities in the School Funding Formula" (Tuell)

SUMMARY

Both bills remove some outdated language due to a change in the law that went into effect during the 2012-14 fiscal year.

LD 270 requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2022-23, when the Commissioner of Education makes the regional adjustment to the total operating allocation for each school administrative unit, the commissioner may not make an adjustment that decreases a school administrative unit's allocation for teacher and other school-level staff salary costs.

LD 566 requires the same thing beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. However, LD 566 also includes a transition period between fiscal years 2021-22 and 2024-25, by requiring the commissioner to reduce the adjustment incrementally to zero between those fiscal years. LD 566 also requires the commissioner to maintain the adjustment amount at the fiscal year 2021-22 amount for the subsequent 3 fiscal years for any school administrative unit for which the adjustment in fiscal year 2021-22 results in an increase in the unit's allocation for teacher and other school-level staff salary costs.

Drafter's note: LD 566 includes that the commissioner reduce the adjustment *incrementally to zero* between fiscal years 2021-22 and 2024-25. I think the intent was that the adjustment itself goes away (so that there is no decrease in funding), not that the SAU would have a labor market adjustment of 0.0. There was also a concern that the language unintentionally takes those who are receiving more than 100% down to a 1. The committee may want to clarify this language.

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TESTIMONY

• Proponents:

- While the system is designed to capture certain components of the cost of labor in these districts, they fail to capture other real costs of living, such as healthcare, transportation, heating, and weather maintenance costs
- o This disparity in the funding formula exacerbates teacher shortages
- Communities in rural Maine struggle to fund their schools and the labor market adjustment amplifies this in communities that do not have the economic activity of more affluent areas
- The idea of this bill came from a similar bill last session, and the recommendations at that time about include a "minimum" in regard to the regional adjustment
- **Opponents:** None
- Neither For Nor Against:
 - o The labor market indices need to be reviewed because they have not been updated since they were adopted
 - While the issue is complicated, now is a good time to adjust this component of the formula given the recent increase in teacher salary and the MEPRI report
 - o MEA proposed a specific alternative including updating salary data, a bottom cap of .93, and a "hold harmless" provision, all to be implemented for the 2022-23 school year; MEA also recommend requiring schools at the bottom cap to spend at least their full allocation on salaries

COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Origin of the Regional Adjustment
 - o First enacted pursuant to Public Law 2003, chapter 504 (LD 1623)
 - o Amended pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 2 (LD 1) to include salary and benefit costs of other school-level staff who are not teachers; this law also amended §15676 (EPS per-pupil rate) to provide that teaching staff and other staff costs should be adjusted by the regional adjustment.
- MEPRI Review of Geographic Cost Adjustment Component in the Essential Programs and Services Model (November 2019) https://www.maine.gov/doe/funding/gpa/eps/reports
- Excerpt from the PICUS report on the Regional Cost Adjustments (PICUS 2015) (attached)



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LD 270

LR 352(01)

An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Stewart of Aroostook Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Increase in teacher and other school-level staff salary costs - local school administrative units

| | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 | Projections FY 2023-24 | Projections FY 2024-25 |
|---|------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) General Fund | \$0 | \$11,700,000 | \$11,700,000 | \$11,700,000 |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$0 | \$11,700,000 | \$11,700,000 | \$11,700,000 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

No longer allowing a regional adjustment pursuant to 20-A MRSA §15682 to be applied to a school administrative unit's total operating allocation if the adjustment will result in a decrease in the unit's allocation for teacher salary costs and salary costs of other school-level staff who are not teachers will increase the total cost of K-12 public education by approximately \$22.6 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

The Department of Education will require a General Fund appropriation of \$11.7 million in fiscal year 2022-23 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program for the State's share of the increase in costs due to the requirement in this legislation. The additional costs to local school administrative units are estimated to be \$10.9 million annually.

CHAPTER 6: REGIONAL COST ADJUSTMENTS¹

An issue that gained prominence in school finance beginning in the 1970s and remains relevant today is the difference in prices that school districts face in purchasing educational resources. Districts not only purchase a different market basket of educational goods (just as individuals purchase a different market basket of goods), but they also pay different prices for the goods they purchase. District expenditures determine quantity issues (numbers of different types of educational goods purchased, such as teachers, books, buildings, etc.), the level of quality of those goods, and the cost of or price paid for each good. The variety, number, quality, and price of all educational goods purchased determines school district (and/or school) expenditures. While "expenditures" are often referred to as "costs" in school finance parlance, there is a difference between these two economic terms. "Expenditure" refers to the money spent on school resources; "cost" refers to the money spent on school resources to receive a certain level of output or to provide a certain quality of service. So comparing just expenditures would not indicate differences in costs; the comparison would have to be for expenditures for the quality of service – or teacher.

Prices that school districts (and/or schools) face in purchasing educational resources differ across school districts, and many states, like Maine, have taken an interest in trying to adjust school aid allocations to compensate for geographic cost or price differences. For example, a teacher of a certain quality will probably cost more in an urban area, where generally costs of living are higher, than in nonurban areas, where generally costs of living are lower. But prices or cost variations that districts must pay for teachers of the same quality also differ among school districts because of variations in the nature of the work required, the quality of the working environment, and the characteristics of the local community. Teachers might accept marginally lower salaries if, for example, they teach four rather than five periods a day or have smaller classes, or if there are numerous opportunities for staff development, relative to other districts. Or teachers might want marginally higher salaries if there are few cultural opportunities in the surrounding community. The combination of differences in general cost of living, working conditions, and the amenities of the surrounding community produces differences in prices that districts must pay for teachers of a given quality.

Though several different approaches can be taken in constructing cost-of-education indices (Chambers, 1981), there is substantial correlation among price indices constructed with different methodologies (Chambers, 1981). Whatever methodology is used, price differences can vary substantially across districts. In earlier studies of California (Chambers, 1980), Missouri (Chambers, Odden, and Vincent, 1976), New York (Wendling, 1981), and Texas (Monk and Walker, 1991), within-state price variations ranged from 20 percent (10 percent above and below the average) in California to 40 percent (20 percent above and below the average) in Texas. And price ranges remain about the same according to more recent studies of Wyoming and Texas (e.g., Baker, 2005; Taylor, 2004). These are substantial differences. These results mean that high-cost districts in California must pay 20 percent more for the same educational goods as low-cost districts; thus, with equal per-pupil revenues, high-cost districts are able to purchase only 75 percent of what low-cost districts can purchase. The differences in Texas are even greater. Such price differences, caused by circumstances and conditions essentially outside the control of district decision makers, qualify as a target for adjustments in some state aid formulas.

In early 2001, Fowler and Monk (2001) created a primer on how to develop price indices in education, using largely the hedonic index approach. Shortly after this primer was developed, however, a new approach to developing geographic adjustments for teacher salaries entered into school finance scholarly and policy debates. Rather than using the hedonic approach, which had been used for the preceding 30

¹ Much of this discussion draws on Odden and Picus, 2014.

years, the new method takes a "comparable wage" approach. Under this new approach, the adjustment for teachers is taken from salary variations in occupations other than teaching (for a recent study, see Taylor, 2010). Taylor and Fowler (2006) used all occupations requiring a bachelor's degree or greater while Imazeki (2006) used salaries only for occupations that were similar to teaching. Imazeki's analysis showed, moreover, that the indices produced for all occupations were different from those produced only for occupations similar to teachers.

States can take two different approaches in using a price or cost-of-education index. First, state aid can be multiplied by the price index, thus ensuring that equal amounts of state aid will purchase equal amounts of educational goods. But this approach leaves local revenues unadjusted by price indices. A better method is to multiply the major elements of a school aid formula by the price index to ensure that total education revenues can purchase the same level of resources. Thus, the price index is applied to the foundation expenditure level in a foundation program, the tax base guaranteed by the state in a GTB program, the state-determined spending level in a full-state-funding program, or total current operating expenditures for a percentage equalizing formula.

As such, including a price index in a school finance formula is relatively simple. And the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has recently produced comparative wage indices that can be used for all districts and all states, including Maine (Taylor and Fowler, 2006) with updated figures for 2011 (at http://bush.tamu.edu/research/faculty/taylor_CWI/) with documentation and a users' guide.

While the existence of the NCES price indices alleviates the need for analysis, price indices do alter the distribution of state aid. In general, education price indices are higher in urban and metropolitan areas than in rural areas. Thus, with a given amount of state aid, use of a price index shifts the shares of state aid at the margin from rural to urban school districts. This distributional characteristic injects an additional dimension to constructing a politically viable state aid mechanism. Nevertheless, prices vary across school districts and affect the real levels of education goods and services that can be purchased. Including an education price index in the school aid formula is a direct way to adjust for these circumstances that are outside the control of school district policymakers.

Maine currently uses a regional adjustment factor that was developed, using 2004-05 data, for 35 geographic regions in the state and compares the average teacher salary in the region to the state average.

The index represents the differences in teacher salaries at the time that it was developed whether the differences were caused by different local choices on teacher salary levels, differences in the ability to raise educational revenues and pay teachers or differences in the purchasing power of the education dollar. The EB approach suggests that Maine develop either an Hedonic wage index or a Comparable Wage Index, or use those indices that have been developed by the NCES, instead of the current regional cost adjustment in the formula.

Our model allows simulation of alternative Cost of Education (CEI) adjustments. The examples in Chapter 5 above all use a CWI developed by NCES in 2011. Table 6.1 displays the results of the EB simulation using the Maine Regional Cost Adjustment in place of the CWI. The first thing one should note is that the use of Maine's index reduces the additional cost of the EB by \$44.8 million to \$316.1 million over EPS. Maintaining the current state share of 45.5% requires a slightly lower RTR of 8.72 mills (compared to 9.06 mills for the EB with the CWI).

Table 6.1: Outcome of EB Model with Maine CEI and State Share at Current Level of 45.5%

| | Change in Costs (\$ millions) | | illions) | Percent of Total EB Revenues (%) | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--|
| Simulation | Total | State | Local | State | Local | RTR (mills) | |
| J1: Maine | | | | | | | |
| CEI, State | 316.1 | 130.6 | 185.5 | 45.5 | 54.5 | 8.72 | |
| Share 45.5% | . [| | e up on the care . | C. Photo J. Pr. 1 | | | |

However, buried in these data are potentially substantial differences in the impact the index will have on individual SAUs. The best way to estimate this is to compare the value of the index across all three possibilities, the Maine Regional Cost Adjustment, the 2006 NCES CWI and the 2011 NCES CWI. Table 6.2 provides the index values for all three indexes for all SAUs in Maine. The impact on an individual SAU can be determined by comparing the value for the Maine Regional Cost Adjustment to the other two. If an alternative index is higher, the district will gain more revenue under the alternative, if the value is lower, then the district will gain more revenue under the Maine Regional Cost Adjustment.

Table 6.2: Comparison of Regional Cost Adjustments for Maine SAUs

| SAU ID (MEDMS) | SAU Name | Cost Adjustments ME Cost Index | (2006) | CWI (2011) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1000 | Acton School Department | 1.03 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1001 | Alexander School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1004 | Appleton School Department | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1007 | Auburn School Department | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| 1008 | Augusta Public Schools | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1009 | Baileyville School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1010 | Bancroft School Department | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1011 | Bangor School Department | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1012 | Bar Harbor School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1014 | Beals School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1015 | Beddington School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1016 | Biddeford School Department | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1017 | Blue Hill School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1018 | Bowerbank School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1020 | Bremen School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1021 | Brewer School Department | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1022 | Bridgewater School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1023 | Bristol School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1024 | Brooklin School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1025 | Brooksville School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1026 | Brunswick School Department | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1028 | Calais School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1029 | Cape Elizabeth School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1031 | Carroll Plt School Department | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1032 | Castine School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1033 | Caswell School Department | . 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1035 | Charlotte School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1038 | Cooper School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1039 | Coplin Plt School Department | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1040 | Cranberry Isles School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1041 | Crawford School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1043 | Damariscotta School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1045 | Deblois School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1046 | Dedham School Department | 0.94 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1047 | Dennistown Plt School Department | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1048 | Dennysville School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1050 | Drew Plt School Department | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.09 |

| SAU ID (MEDMS) | SAU Name | Cost Adjustments ME Cost Index | CWI (2006) | CWI (2011) |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1052 | East Millinocket School Department | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1053 | Easton School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1054 | Eastport School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1055 | Edgecomb School Department | 1.02 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1057 | Falmouth School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1058 | Fayette School Department | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1061 | Georgetown School Department | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1062 | Gilead School Department | . 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1064 | Glenwood Plt School Dept. | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1065 | Gorham School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1067 | Grand Isle School Department | 0.99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1068 | Grand Lake Stream Plt School Dept | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1069 | Greenbush School Department | 0.89 | 1:06 | 1.09 |
| 1070 | Greenville School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1073 | Harmony School Department | 0.94 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1074 | Hermon School Department | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1076 | Highland Plt School Department | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1077 | Hope School Department | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1078 | Isle Au Haut School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1079 | Islesboro School Department | 1.01 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1081 | Jefferson School Department | 0.95 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1082 | Jonesboro School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1083 | Jonesport School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1084 | Kingsbury Plt School Department | 0.94 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1085 | Kittery School Department | 1.06 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1086 | Lakeville School Department | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1088 | Lewiston School Department | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| 1090 | Lincoln Plt School Department | 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1091 | Lincolnville School Department | 1.01 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1092 | Lisbon School Department | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| 1094 | Frenchboro School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1095 | Machias School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1096 | Macwahoc Plt School Dept | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1097 | Madawaska School Department | 0.99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1102 | Marshfield School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1104 | Meddybemps School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1105 | Medway School Department | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1106 | Milford School Department | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
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|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1107 | Millinocket School Department | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1109 | Monhegan Plt School Dept | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1112 | Mount Desert School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1114 | Nashville Plt School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| .1115 | Newcastle School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1116 | New Sweden School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1117 | Nobleboro School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1118 | Northfield School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1121 | Orient School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1124 | Orrington School Department | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1125 | Otis School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1127 | Pembroke School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1128 | Penobscot School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1129 | Perry School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1132 | Pleasant Ridge Plt School Dept | 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1134 | Portland Public Schools | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1135 | Long Island School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1136 | Princeton School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1141 | Reed Plt School Department | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1143 | Robbinston School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1145 | Roque Bluffs School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1148 | Sanford School Department | 1.03 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1149 | Scarborough School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1150 | Sedgwick School Department | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1151 | Shirley School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1153 | South Bristol School Department | 1.03 | , 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1154 | Southport School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1155 | South Portland School Department | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1156 | Southwest Harbor School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1159 | Surry School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1160 | Talmadge School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1161 | The Forks Plt School Dept | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1162 | Tremont School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1163 | Trenton School Department | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1164 | Upton School Department | 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1165 | Vanceboro School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1166 | Vassalboro School Department | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1168 | Waite School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1170 | Waterville Public Schools | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1173 | Wesley School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1175 | Westbrook School Department | . 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1176 | Westmanland School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1179 | Whitneyville School Department | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1180 | Willimantic School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1183 | Winslow Schools | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1185 | Winthrop Public Schools | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1187 | Woodland School Department | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1188 | Woodville School Department | 0.88 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1190 | Yarmouth Schools | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1191 | York School Department | 1.06 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1192 | Baring Plt School Department | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1193 | Medford School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1194 | Carrabassett Valley School Department | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1195 | Beaver Cove School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1196 | RSU 79/MSAD 01 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1197 | RSU 03/MSAD 03 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1198 | RSU 80/MSAD 04 | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1200 | RSU 06/MSAD 06 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1201 | RSU 07/MSAD 07 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1202 | RSU 08/MSAD 08 | · 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1204 | MSAD 10 | 0.99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1205 | RSU 11/MSAD 11 | 0.95 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1206 | RSU 82/MSAD 12 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1207 | RSU 83/MSAD 13 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1208 | RSU 84/MSAD 14 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1209 | RSU 15/MSAD 15 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1211 | RSU 17/MSAD 17 | 0.94 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1213 | RSU 85/MSAD 19 | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1214 | RSU 86/MSAD 20 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1216 | RSU 22/MSAD 22 | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1217 | RSU 87/MSAD 23 | 0.89 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1218 | RSU 88/MSAD 24 | 0.99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1221 | MSAD 27 | 0,99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1222 | RSU 28/MSAD 28 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1223 | RSU 29/MSAD 29 | . 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1224 | RSU 30/MSAD 30 | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
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|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1225 | RSU 31/MSAD 31 | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1226 | RSU 32/MSAD 32 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1227 | RSU 33/MSAD 33 | 0.99 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1229 | RSU 35/MSAD 35 | 1.06 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1231 | RSU 37/MSAD 37 | . 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1234 | RSU 40/MSAD 40 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1235 | RSU 41/MSAD 41 | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1236 | RSU 42/MSAD 42 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1238 | RSU 44/MSAD 44 | 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1239 | RSU 45/MSAD 45 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1240 | MSAD 46 | 0.94 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1243 | RSU 49/MSAD 49 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1245 | RSU 51/MSAD 51 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1246 | RSU 52/MSAD 52 | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| 1247 | RSU 53/MSAD 53 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1248 | RSU 54/MSAD 54 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1249 | RSU 55/MSAD 55 | 0.94 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1251 | RSU 57/MSAD 57 | 1.03 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1252 | RSU 58/MSAD 58 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1253 | RSU 59/MSAD 59 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1254 | RSU 60/MSAD 60 | 1.06 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1255 | RSU 61/MSAD 61 | 0.94 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1257 | RSU 63/MSAD 63 | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1258 | RSU 64/MSAD 64 | 0.89 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1259 | RSU 65/MSAD 65 | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1261 | RSU 68/MSAD 68 | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 1262 | RSU 70/MSAD 70 | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1264 | RSU 72/MSAD 72 | 0.94 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1265 | RSU 74/MSAD 74 | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1266 | RSU 75/MSAD 75 | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1267 | MSAD 76 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1270 | Indian Island | 1.02 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1271 | Indian Township | 1.02 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1272 | Pleasant Point | 1.02 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 1281 | Boothbay-Boothbay Hbr CSD | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1283 | Mt Desert CSD | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1284 | Airline CSD | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1288 | East Range CSD | 0,96 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
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|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1289 | Deer Isle-Stonington CSD | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 1290 | Great Salt Bay CSD | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 1292 | Moosabec CSD | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 1293 | Wells-Ogunquit CSD | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 1294 | Five Town CSD | 1.00 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 3104 | Lake View Plt. School Department | 0.95 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3106 | West Forks Plt School Department | 1.03 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3109 | Seboeis Plt School Department | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3129 | East Machias School Department | 0.84 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3130 | Lowell School Department | 0.86 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3131 | Caratunk School Department | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3136 | Cutler School Department | 0.84 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3137 | Machiasport School Department | 0.84 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3138 | Whiting School Department | . 0.84 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3149 | Chebeague Island School Department | 1.08 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3152 | RSU 01 - LKRSU | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 3156 | RSU 02 | 0.97 | 1.03 | 1.02 |
| 3157 | RSU 04 | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.07 |
| 3158 | RSU 05 | 1.08 | 1.11 | 1.10 |
| 3159 | RSU 10 | 0.93 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3160 | RSU 12 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3161 | RSU 13 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 3162 | RSU 14 | 1.08 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 3163 | RSU 16 | 0.98 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| 3164 | RSU 18 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3165 | RSU 19 | 0.94 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3166 | RSU 20 | 1.01 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 3167 | RSU 21 | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 3168 | RSU 23 | 1.09 | 1.12 | 1.11 |
| 3169 | RSU 24 | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 3170 | RSU 25 | 0.94 | 0.96 | 0.96 |
| 3171 | RSU 26 | 1.02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3172 | RSU 34 | 1,02 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3173 | RSU 38 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3174 | RSU 39 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.91 |
| 3175 | RSU 67 | 0.86 | 1.06 | 1.09 |
| 3184 | RSU 78 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| | RSU 73 | 0.96 | 1.04 | 1.03 |

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| 3199 | RSU 50 | 0.88 | 0.95 | 0.95 |
| 3206 | RSU 09 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| 3208 | Portage Lake | 1.00 | 0.91 | 0.91 |

Sources include ME Cost Index: DOE file, RegionalSalaryCostIndex_StarksPortLake.xls; CWI (2006): http://nces.ed.gov/edfin/adjustments.asp; CWI (2011): http://bush.tamu.edu/research/faculty/taylor_CWI/.

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