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PROPOSED amendment for Representative Collings to  
LD 1566

*Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Create and  
Administer a Fund for Live Entertainment Venue, Performer and Worker and Public Art  
Recovery Grants*

**New Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development  
to Create a Program for Live Entertainment Performer and Worker Recovery Grants and  
the Maine Arts Commission to Create a Program for Public Art Recovery Grants**

Strike everything after the emergency preamble and before the summary and insert the  
following:

**Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to create a program  
to provide live entertainment performer and worker recovery grants. Resolved:** That the  
Department of Economic and Community Development shall create a program to provide live  
entertainment performer and worker recovery grants. The sources of funds for the program are  
any funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act that are eligible for the purposes of this  
program and any funds appropriated by the State. The purpose of the program is to compensate  
eligible performers and workers for lost income in calendar year 2020 as a result of economic  
disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An application may be made by an eligible  
performer or worker at any time and the department shall issue grants on a first-come, first-  
served basis until funding is fully depleted.

For purposes of this resolve, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Live entertainment" means a performance conducted in-person by one or more  
individuals to entertain an audience, including theater, music, other performing arts, cinema,  
sports, demonstration of or instruction in an activity or performing a task, lectures or horse or  
harness racing.

2. "Nonemployee income" means income derived by an individual from service provided  
as an independent contractor under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1043,  
subsection 11, paragraph E.

3. "Performer or worker" means an individual who derives nonemployee income from  
services as a live entertainment performer or from producing or supporting live entertainment.

**Sec. 2. Performer or worker eligibility. Resolved:** That a performer or worker who has derived more than \$1,000 in nonemployee income during tax year 2019 may participate in the program.

**Sec. 3. Maine Arts Commission to create a program for public art recovery grants. Resolved:** That the Maine Arts Commission shall create a program to provide public art recovery grants. The sources of funds for the program are any funds derived from the American Rescue Plan Act that are eligible for the purposes of this program and any funds appropriated by the State. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to public entities within the State, including, but not limited to public post-secondary institutions, k-12 schools, libraries, municipalities, and state and local governmental agencies who apply for funds for the installation of art or for the performance of art that is publicly accessible. For the purposes of the program, "art" must be construed broadly, and may include a mural, sculpture, painting, audio or visual presentation, digital presentation, musical or theatrical performance, demonstration of or instruction in an activity or performing a task or a lecture. A recipient of a grant under this section shall contract or commission a provider, maker or performer of the public art that resides or is located in the and as registered for the program with the Maine Arts Commission.

## SUMMARY