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LD 853

“An Act to Replace the Minimum Hourly Wage with a Regionally Based Living Wage”

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Provision

The ongoing modern issues with the world’s inflationary expatiation can be audited now and measured.

The world has an inflation of milk- from .10/cents in 1832 to **\$3.04** in 2025 here in Maine.

Therefore, a simple calculation tells us that **inflation** is now around **30%** on the standard averages of **MILK** in the United States and Maine since around 1832.

Therefore, we need to give a *supplementary salary*; not so much a completed and full salary to every applicant so easily. The state controlled system needs to have authority not oblation constantly for non compliant “common” or “public” actors. A “process” is necessary not a quick fix.

The state wants to encourage work in society, not give the socialists every day as a vacation.

We need workers in Maine, but we don't need everyone to do the same exact work at the same exact time. This is an experiment or method to save good workers also; with enough financing to want more and more. This is also the initiative program.

The simple method of giving a state wide salary check based on two facts now: 2 strong and logical numbers.

The average *salary* in America is approximately **\$58,279** right now; that is close to the amount Veterans' Affairs pay and Social Security pay that I get presently managed on a spreadsheet.

I receive around \$49,000 a year/non taxable income as a veteran of the USN.

This audit and financial theory goes as follows:

^The state needs to come up with a design application for qualifiers #1; just giving everybody a salary is going to create too much complacency in the economy and there will not be enough workers.

The salary CAP should now be: **\$40,795** for the qualified applicants.

\$58,279 is the base average salary in Maine right now in 2025.

30.1 percent of this number or .30 will get **to \$17,483** which is the **bottom CAP** for this procedure and implementation into the act.

Therefore **\$17,483** will be where every participant begins a salary.

Salaries don't go out without the participant filing the right program or paperwork with the state auditor's office.

When the qualifying candidate wins his campaign for a state allocated salary, the *participants* all start with **\$17,483** the **bottom CAP**.

Summary:

When the participating individual submits the applications necessary with the state computers or staff, they might win a salary or lose.

If they lose the application for salary or when they lose, they can come back in **1 year** to apply again. Therefore the participant can infinitely try application again until the applicant/participant does win their first salary stage at **\$17,483- bottom CAP>**.

This way the state auditor can rest assured that our numbers are not communist by design; state numbers are designed from statistical analysis and research. The CAP is salary is \$40,795; 30% of \$58,279. The applicant or participant applies and when they are given their first stage at \$17,483, after one year they can apply for second stage in one year following. The other progressive stages in one year increments afterwards.

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I love this idea. But! You must understand that inflation is truly around 30% since the 1982 economies.

I figured the salary CAP around \$40,795 dollars for the individual that qualifies eventually.

Every qualified participant/applicant needs to file with the state's auditor system to be verified and true. Once the applicant passes and wins the first "stage" of Maine salary they get a pay of \$17,483.

Every individual and every participating resident now has to wait 1 year for the applications necessary for the next "second stage" then the "third stage" the next year until they reach the TOP CAP.

This method gives the state plenty of time and information to forecast their budgets and study all facts and data necessary to qualify residents.

I was an ace in statistics in college.

God bless Maine. I love Maine.

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