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LD 151 addresses a non-existent problem in Maine. Agricultural employers, like McDougal Orchards, struggle to find workers every year. Many hire off-shore employees through the H2A program. Wage and hour laws may not cover them, but adverse effect wages (\$14.29/hr) do. If any employer uses these workers, they are obligated under current law to pay the same to local workers, if they can find them. This is well above minimum wage. Please don't consider forwarding this bill.