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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Define "Livable Wage"'

Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1-A is enacted to read:

§ 1-A. Livable wage defined

As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, "livable wage" means the statewide average livable wage for a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children as reported by the Department of Labor in the most recent annual report required pursuant to section 1405.'

Amend the bill by striking out section 3.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Allocates funds for one Senior Economic Research Analyst position and related All Other associated with annually calculating the livable wage for households in the State's counties and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2007-08	2008-09
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,523	\$66,129
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$49,523	\$69,129

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the defined household in the livable wage definition from a single-parent, one-child household to a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children. The amendment also removes

a section of the bill requiring the Department of Labor to measure annually the costs to workers paid less than a livable wage and the bureaucratic costs to subsidize workers paid less than a livable wage. This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)