



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Promote the Hiring of Seasonal Workers**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Fredette of Newport**

**Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

**Fiscal Note Required: No**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

No state fiscal impact

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Extending the amount of time an employer may employ an employee without being charged for unemployment benefits from 5 weeks to 8 weeks may impact the unemployment contribution rate for some non-separating employers due to additional benefits being charged to their account. This legislation will not have a fiscal impact on the state as a direct reimbursement employer.

Although the actual impact to non-separating employers can not be determined, the Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor indicates that, had this provision been in place in 2010, 960 more claims and \$3.0 million more in benefits paid would have been charged to prior non-separating employers instead of being charged to the separating employer.