



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage to \$8.00 per Hour

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$16,500 per year in fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor for the administrative costs associated with increasing the minimum wage. Of this amount, \$3,500 per year is for updating the minimum wage poster and other related publications, \$5,000 per year is related to postage costs to distribute the updated poster and publications to all employers in Maine and \$8,000 per year is for travel costs associated with compliance, education and outreach.

The first step on the lowest salary rate schedule in State Government is \$8.43 per hour. Currently there is no one being paid at that level. There are currently 2 employees being paid \$9.41 per hour. The 4-step increase in the minimum wage in the majority report will not increase salary costs to the State until the \$9.50 per hour rate begins on October 1, 2018 and any impact would be negligible.