



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. McKane of Newcastle

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note Required: No

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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 10 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, there would have been 1,700 more claims and \$5.6 million more in benefits paid charged to prior employers.