



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Collings of Portland

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill implements a 4-step increase in the minimum wage which may increase salary costs to the State when the \$13.00 per hour rate begins on January 1, 2022. The impact of the changes to the minimum wage on State Government will depend on the salary schedules in place at the time the increases occur and cannot be estimated at this time.

The increased wages required by this bill would create costs to municipalities which would vary by individual municipality. As with State Government, the municipal impact would depend on the existing rates of pay for the lowest paid employees in each municipality at the time a higher wage would be imposed and cannot be estimated at this time.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Labor Standards to update the minimum wage poster and other related publications can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.