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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 928, L.D. 1432, “An Act to Amend the Law Governing Racial Impact Statements”

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

'An Act to Increase the Inclusion of Demographic Data from State Agencies in the Legislative Process'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2015, c. 102, §6, is further amended to read:

7. Committee assistance. To provide research, analysis and bill drafting assistance for joint standing or select committees, including, but not limited to, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and other legislative agencies and to collect and assemble demographic data from state agencies related to legislation before joint standing or select committees of the Legislature;

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Establishes and appropriates funds for one limited-period Legislative Analyst position and related All Other costs in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to support the work of the office including half-time during session collecting and assembling demographic data from state agencies related to legislation. This position ends June 17, 2028.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$124,322
All Other	\$0	\$7,500

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	_____	\$0	_____	\$131,822
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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. The amendment requires nonpartisan legislative staff to collect and assemble demographic data from state agencies related to legislation before joint standing or select committees of the Legislature. The amendment creates a limited-period Legislative Analyst position in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)