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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 829, L.D. 1117, Bill, “An Act To Promote the Hiring of Seasonal Workers”

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

**'Resolve, To Require the Commissioner of Labor To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Determine the Most Appropriate Amount of Time an Employer May Employ an Employee without Being Subject to Unemployment Compensation Requirements'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Stakeholder group; report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall convene a stakeholder group to determine the most appropriate amount of time an employer may employ an employee without the employer's being subject to unemployment compensation requirements. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall invite the participation of representatives from the Maine Merchants Association, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the Maine Tourism Association. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall submit a report with the stakeholder group's recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by January 15, 2012. The joint standing committee is authorized to introduce a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill, makes the bill a resolve and directs the Commissioner of Labor to establish a stakeholder group to determine the most appropriate amount of time an employer may employ an employee without the employer's being subject to unemployment compensation requirements.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**