



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1854

LR 2900(01)

An Act Regarding Compensation for the Panel of Mediators

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Cushing of Penobscot

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$32,058	\$32,058	\$32,058
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$32,058	\$32,058	\$32,058

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Maine Labor Relations Board will require ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$32,058 per year, beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 for the cost associated with the increase in payments to members of the Panel of Mediators from \$100 to \$300 for up to 4 hours of mediation services provided and from \$100 to \$300 for each consecutive period of up to 4 hours thereafter. This fiscal note assumes that there will be no more than two 4-hour periods in one day. The Maine Labor Relations Board will receive a corresponding increase in dedicated revenues from fees charged to parties who use the services of the Mediators. Pursuant to Title 26, section 892, the costs for services rendered and expenses incurred by the panel and any applicable state cost allocation program charges must be shared equally by the parties to mediation.

Additional costs to the Maine Labor Relations Board to submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.