



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1284

LR 971(01)

An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Johnson of Lincoln

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential increase in grants - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to establish the Maine Food Infrastructure Advisory Committee and requires ACF to award at least one grant of up to \$30,000 from the Agricultural Development Grant Fund for conducting market feasibility studies and developing business plans for local food infrastructure. This bill will not impact the amount of funds allocated to the Agricultural Development Grant Fund and the fund has sufficient resources to absorb the potential costs from this legislation.