



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study the Needs, Opportunities and Efficiencies Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Golden of Lewiston

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,250 in fiscal year 2017-18. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. No additional funding is assumed for the expenses of non-legislative members of the commission. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to take part in a commission studying the production of salmonid sport fish are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. It is noted that the provisions of the bill prohibiting expenditures over \$150,000 to repair or upgrade salmonid fish hatcheries until the commission reports its findings conflict with allocations authorized in PL 2017, Chapter 2, to construct water supply pipelines and update water treatment at the Casco and Grand Lake Stream fish hatcheries.