



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Transfer Responsibility for Licensing of Land-based Aquaculture from the Department of Marine Resources to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Langley of Hancock

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor cost impact - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill would transfer authority for the licensing of land-based aquaculture from the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF). No licenses have yet been issued for this purpose by DMR. Moving the licensing authority is not expected to alter the frequency of issuing such licenses in the future. Any additional costs to ACF as a result of licenses issued in the future are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within budgeted resources.