



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Study the Current Status and Future Sustainability of
Aquaculture in the State**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,250 in fiscal year 2019-20. An estimated \$6,190 is available in each of fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 in the Legislature's proposed budget for legislative studies as well as any balances from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. 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

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Maine System to serve on the task force can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.