



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

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