



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - General Fund
Future biennium cost increase - Trust for a Healthy Maine
Future biennium cost decrease - Fund for a Healthy Maine

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Trust for a Healthy Maine to receive money, beginning July 1, 2023, paid to the State pursuant to the tobacco settlement payment (TSP), as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1514, subsection 7, and from other sources and to distribute that money to state agencies or designated agents of the State to fund tobacco use prevention and control, ensure adequate resources for other disease prevention efforts, promote public health, plan and deliver public health and prevention programs and services, support accreditation of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and support public health workforce development. The bill also requires the allocation of TSP funds to be determined by the Trust for a Healthy Maine board and this new allocation process could lead to funding decreases in some areas currently funded by the Fund for a Healthy Maine. The full impact of these changes cannot be determined at this time and will only become known when future decisions of the new board are made.

Additionally, the bill lowers the amount available for the purpose of providing medical care in fiscal year 2023-24 to .40 of the TSP funds projected to be received in fiscal year 2023-24 and for fiscal year 2024-25 to .20 of the TSP funds projected to be received in fiscal year 2024-25 and to zero beginning in fiscal year 2025-26. This will decrease the funding for providing medical care coming from the Fund for a Healthy Maine, which will increase the general fund cost for that same purpose. The exact amount of this increase will be dependant on the amount of each year's TSP.