



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding Outcome-based Forestry and the Use of Glyphosate

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$103,540	\$231,520	\$88,520

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires that gubernatorial appointments to a technical review panel of outcome-based forestry projects be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry matters and be subject to confirmation by the Legislature. The bill requires that landowners provide written notice to the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) prior to any use of glyphosate in an outcome-based forestry area. The bill also directs the Board of Pesticides Control (BPC), within the ACF, to establish an environmental risk advisory committee to assess the environmental risks associated with glyphosate use and complete a final report of their findings by February 1, 2022. The BPC has indicated that it will require additional staffing to complete the environmental review process. The bill includes additional allocations of \$103,540 to the BPC to allow expenditure of existing resources for one toxicologist, contracted staffing, environmental sampling and literature review. The impact of these new unfunded costs on other programs in the BPC cannot be determined at this time.