



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1061

LR 1631(01)

An Act To Regulate Meteorological Data-gathering Towers in Maine

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Dunphy of Embden

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Unfunded

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$97,966	\$97,116	\$97,889	\$98,685
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$97,966	\$97,116	\$97,889	\$98,685
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,078	\$2,078	\$2,078	\$2,078

State Mandates

Required Activity

Municipalities will be required to provide certain notifications relating to permits for the construction or installation of meteorological towers if the Maine Land Use Commission or the Department of Environmental Protection is not required to provide such notification.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Environmental Protection will require a General Fund appropriation of \$95,466 in FY 2013-14 and \$97,116 in FY 2014-15 and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$2,078 in both FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 for one part-time Office Associate I position and associated administrative costs related to the meteorological tower construction or installation notification requirements.

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2013-14 for rulemaking costs, including printing, advertising and room rental.