



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1614(01)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wind Energy Development Permitting

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Gideon of Freeport

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill changes the laws governing the expedited permitting of grid-scale wind energy development and allows the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to add and remove specific locations to the designated wind energy permitting area under certain circumstances. The LUPC will require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 for rulemaking related to these changes in law.