



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Establish a Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$120	\$160	\$160	\$160

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program to facilitate the sale of local foods by producers and processors directly to consumers. The pilot program will take place in the towns of Blue Hill, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick and Brooklin. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), upon request of eligible producers and processors, to encourage best management practices for food safety, identify certain educational opportunities, make visits to producer and processor operations and assist and advise local food policy councils. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$38,602 and \$48,920 in fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, to establish a new part-time Consumer Protection Inspector to assist in the pilot program. This pilot program will end on March 31, 2022. Any additional revenue loss to ACF from issuing fewer licenses is expected to be minor.