



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of the Maine Biomass Industry

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Gideon of Freeport

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The general operating expenses of this commission are projected to be \$2,750 in fiscal year 2016-17. The Legislature's budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the commission during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires funding for commission expenditures come from federal funds provided by the United States Department of Energy to the Governor's Energy Office. This fiscal note assumes that the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the commission will come from the legislative budget as described above. Any additional costs for departments and agencies to provide support and assistance to the commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of the departments and agencies participating.