

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 493****LR 971(02)****An Act To Allow Custom Slaughterhouses To Produce Cuts of Meat To Be Sold Commercially in the State****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$250,000	\$150,000	\$150,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing appropriations of \$150,000 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to underwrite a University of Maine Cooperative Extension Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point position for assisting with developing and writing food safety plans for meat and poultry processors and seafood processors. The bill also includes a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the ACF to support a feasibility study conducted by the University of Maine to identify financial, physical, regulatory and cultural barriers to increasing red meat and poultry slaughter and processing in the State.

The bill also directs the ACF to create an exploratory committee to work with stakeholders to address the State's institutional capacity for animal slaughter and meat and poultry processing and report progress by January 1, 2023. Additional costs to the ACF, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Labor, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension related to serving on the exploratory committee can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.