



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1828

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An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-428)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to enter into a 36-month contract with an outside entity to administer the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund (CASF). The bill also requires ACF to develop procedures to pay 100% of the cost for spaying and neutering of feral cats and prohibits requiring a copayment for the spaying. ACF has indicated that transferring current staffing from the CASF to the Animal Welfare Fund (AWF) and eliminating existing contracted staffing will allow the cost of administering the contract to be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The bill includes offsetting Personal Services and All Other allocations and deallocations of \$27,083 within the CASF and again within the AWF beginning in fiscal year 2022-23. The prohibition of a copayment will increase the cost of spaying and neutering feral cats. The department has indicated that CASF has sufficient resources available to accommodate this increase.