



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-483)
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Fiscal Note

Changes to grants - Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund
Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes changes to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund by allowing the ConnectMaine Authority to award funds to provide grant matches to municipalities that are applying for grants from other sources that require fund matching without requiring a 25% cash match requirement from the municipality. Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of the registration process for consumer-owned utilities seeking to expand into the provision of broadband services are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.