



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2401(02)

An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill sets the mileage reimbursement rate for Legislators attending sessions at the lesser of \$0.55 per mile or the federal reimbursement rate, increases the daily housing allowance from \$38 to \$70 per day, increases the meals allowance from \$32 to \$50 per day and caps daily mileage reimbursement at \$70 per day. The additional costs to the Legislature for these changes are estimated to be \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2022-23, \$788,600 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,234,770 in fiscal year 2024-25. Section 2 of the bill requires the Legislature to identify savings in Legislative accounts to offset these costs and therefore no additional appropriations for these additional costs are provided at this time.