



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 842**

**LR 1866(01)**

**An Act to Strengthen the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority by Inviting Participation on the Board of Directors by and Negotiating for Funding from the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Ankeles of Brunswick**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority  
Minor cost increase- Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Negotiating with the State of New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to obtain funding for the operation of the Amtrak Downeaster rail service could result in increased revenue. Costs to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to conduct that negotiation and to add two new members to the board are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budget resources.