



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Reduce Maine's Dependence on Fossil Fuels and Carbon Footprint for Energy Production Using Waste Wood Fuel

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$79,118	\$108,532	\$112,097	\$115,234
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$79,118	\$108,532	\$112,097	\$115,234
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$585	\$585	\$585	\$585

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) has noted that processor reports from landowners are usually provided on a paper form and that current staffing levels cannot absorb the additional data gathering, entry, vetting, compilation and reporting requirements in the bill. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the ACF of \$79,118 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$108,532 in fiscal year 2024-25 for one Senior Planner position and associated All Other costs. The bill also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$585 to the ACF beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for the centralized technology management costs related to the position.