



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1146(02)

## An Act to Reform the State's Adult Use Cannabis Seed-to-sale Tracking System to Allow for Canopy Tagging

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$8,540,934	\$2,087,564	\$2,152,399	\$2,219,308
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
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### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that group tracking of adult-use cannabis plants includes plant canopy as a group for tagging and tracking purposes. The Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services has indicated that there are currently no commercial off-the-shelf software applications available that provide the capability to track products in this manner and that the State would have to develop an in-house custom software application to fulfill the inventory tracking system requirements in this bill. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$7,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to the OCP to contract with the Maine Office of Information Technology to develop the tracking system. The OCP has indicated that additional staffing and resources will be necessary to ensure compliance with the new tracking process. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,540,934 to the OCP beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for one Auditor Supervisor position, four Auditor positions, twelve Field Investigator positions, two Field Investigator Supervisor positions and associated All Other costs.