

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1710

LR 833(02)

An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program

> Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " " Committee: Housing Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,750 in fiscal year 2024-25. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Maine Human Rights Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority associated with serving on the Commission to Improve Tenant Landlord Relationships and Maximize Use of Housing Vouchers are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.