



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1874

LR 2319(01)

An Act to Support Maine Loggers' and Truckers' Right to Work in Maine by Improving Labor Standards

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Pres. Jackson of Aroostook

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential future biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) may obtain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program requires labor standards for logging and trucking contractors. The ACF has indicated that all current forest certifications are from programs that include labor standards. However, since the bill doesn't define a specific set of labor standards, the ACF has indicated that, should the criteria used by the forest certification programs be found to be inadequate, the resulting loss of certification would impair the ACF's ability to sell timber harvested from public lands it oversees, resulting in substantial revenue losses.