



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,520 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$2,770 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 Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the University of Maine System, the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Disability Rights Center to take part in a task force are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.