



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2256

LR 3009(02)

An Act to Provide Emergency One-time Relief from the Wild Blueberry Tax for Growers in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

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	\$0	\$3,920	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,920	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$698,000)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a one-time suspension of the tax on sellers of wild blueberries subject to the blueberry tax for the 2024 calendar year. This temporary suspension will reduce Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Wild Blueberry Commission by \$698,000 in fiscal year 2024-25. The Commission has indicated that it has sufficient reserves in its unobligated funds to absorb the one-time reduction in revenues.

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Revenue Services of \$3,920 in fiscal year 2024-25 for administrative costs to implement the changes to the blueberry tax.