

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 222****LR 101(02)****An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to design and implement a take-back and disposal program by July 1, 2027, for firefighting and fire-suppressing foam located in the state that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The DEP has indicated it will use contracted services to complete these requirements. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the DEP in fiscal year 2025-26 for the estimated contracted services cost. This estimate assumes that roughly 50,000 gallons of foam meeting these requirements are present in the state and that disposal of this foam will cost \$100 per gallon. The appropriation includes an allowance that any remaining unused balance of the appropriated funds at the end of fiscal year 2025-26 must be carried forward and made available for the same purpose in fiscal year 2026-27.

Any additional costs to the Department of Public Safety to consult with the DEP are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.