



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Ensure Timely Reimbursement Under MaineCare Regarding Hospital Cost Reports

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Drinkwater of Milford

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

It is estimated that the costs to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would be one-time General Fund costs of \$24,284,033 in fiscal year 2025-26 to reimburse at least 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to a hospital's cost reports within 90 days of receipt and ongoing General Fund costs of \$42,758 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$44,776 in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish one Staff Auditor II position to review hospital cost reports. One-time Federal Expenditures Fund and Federal Block Grant Fund allocations would also be required for the FMAP match and ongoing Other Special Revenue allocations would be required for the position. The provisions of this bill must be implemented within existing resources. As this bill provides no new funding, the impact of these new unfunded costs on other programs in the DHHS cannot be determined at this time.