



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response Through a COVID-19 Review Commission

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 \$9,350 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 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 to serve on the COVID-19 Review Commission are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Any additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management associated with assisting the Commission are also expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.