



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Schmersal-Burgess of Mexico

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits certain geoengineering-related activities and authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the prohibition. The DEP has indicated that the administrative activities associated with this bill would require additional staff and resources. The DEP would require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$109,480 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.