

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 500****LR 886(02)****An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Health and Human Services****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	\$106,877	\$111,561	\$115,019	\$118,145
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$106,877	\$111,561	\$115,019	\$118,145
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$106,877 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$111,561 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Public Health Educator III position to provide educational outreach to low-income residents regarding free water testing and grants for drinking water systems. The bill also includes Other Special Revenue allocations of \$40,000 each year beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide free water testing for certain contaminants to low-income households.

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority associated with consulting with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the availability of grants under Title 30-A, section 4722, paragraph FF can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.