



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 502****LR 1010(01)**

## **An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers**

### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Ardell of Monticello****Committee: Environment and Natural Resources****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
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#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill changes the emissions standards for outdoor wood boilers and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt new rules regarding their use. The DEP has indicated that these changes cannot be completed within existing resources and that additional staffing is required. The DEP would require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$109,480 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$117,482 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.