

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 662****LR 1333(02)****An Act to Fund Military Sexual Trauma Liaisons****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$485,000	\$485,000	\$485,000	\$485,000
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$285,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Health and Human Services to support organizations in the State providing housing and support services for unhoused veterans, their children and survivors of military sexual trauma. The funding is provided by a transfer of the same amount from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund (MUCF).

It also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$200,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Economic and Community Development to support organizations in the State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life. Funding for this program is also provided through a corresponding transfer from the MUCF.

The Office of Cannabis Policy has noted that declining revenues into the MUCF, combined with previously authorized transfers out of it, have reduced the fund balance and increased the risk that available resources will be insufficient to meet existing statutory obligations. The additional obligations and transfers proposed in this bill would increase that risk. If fund resources become insufficient, the Office may need to seek additional funding sources to ensure it can continue to meet its statutory obligations.