



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Black of Franklin

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$217,316	\$233,189	\$237,167	\$246,741
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines has the potential to increase future General Fund or other dedicated revenue.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits activities that constitute or involve geoengineering and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the prohibition. The DEP has indicated that the additional compliance, investigatory, and outreach efforts needed cannot be absorbed within existing staffing and would require additional resources. The DEP would require ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$217,316 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Environmental Specialist III position, one Senior Meteorologist position, and associated position costs.