

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 866****LR 743(01)****An Act to Reduce Posting of Hunting Lands by Providing Free Antlerless Deer Permits to Certain Landowners Who Keep Their Lands Open to Hunting****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Foster of Dexter****Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife****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	\$384,132	\$384,132	\$384,132	\$384,132
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)	(\$384,132)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill would provide complimentary antlerless deer permits to landowners who meet specified criteria. Beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, this change is expected to reduce General Fund revenue by \$384,132. This estimate assumes that approximately 32,000 landowner-designated permits, which are currently part of the statutory allocation and distributed through the lottery system, will no longer generate the standard \$12 permit fee.