



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 876

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An Act to Support Rural Resilience and Emergency Response Through the Maine Service Fellows Program

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Rielly of Westbrook

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$700,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Maine Office of Community Affairs (OCA) to support the participation of 20 program fellows in the Maine Service Fellows Program.

The OCA will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$32,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$16,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to contract with an outside entity to compile a list of volunteers who are available at the request of the Governor during states of emergency to provide emergency response and support services in coordination with the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

Any additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to consult with the Office of Community Affairs to compile a list of volunteers available to assist during states of emergency are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.