

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 935****LR 2199(01)****Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Air and Soil Chemical and Metal Levels and on Soil Testing on Solar Panel Farm Sites****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Rep. Quint of Hodgdon****Committee: Environment and Natural Resources****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	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to submit two reports by December 3, 2025: one summarizing available data on airborne and soil levels of chemicals and metals statewide, and one detailing soil testing conducted at solar panel farm sites before, during, and after installation, including ongoing monitoring and results. The DEP has indicated that compiling these reports will require a comprehensive review of records and sampling data across multiple programs to link environmental test results to more than 700 solar development sites. This task will require significant staff time and resources. The DEP would require a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 for contracted services. As the resolve is not an emergency measure, the delayed effective date may constrain the department's ability to complete the reports within the required timeframe.