



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1066**

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## **An Act Regarding Limits on Municipal General Assistance Programs**

### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Bernard of Aroostook**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

Potential current biennium savings - General Fund

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The limits on municipal general assistance included in the bill are expected to reduce General Fund expenditures in the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program relative to current law. Because the current budget for the state reimbursement program is insufficient to cover the projected costs of the program, any reduction in costs from the provisions of the bill would not result in savings to budgeted amounts, but would reduce the amount of the gap between budgeted and actual expenditures.

The limitation on the duration of housing assistance to 3 months in a 12 month period is expected to reduce the state reimbursement to municipalities for general assistance by \$4,323,134 annually. This savings estimate does not include potential additional savings from the changes in the bill to the maximum level of assistance, ineligibility period and work requirements because data is not available to assess these impacts.