

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1268****LR 2073(02)****An Act to Address Employee Recruitment and Retention Issues Within the Maine State Ferry Service
by Providing a Yearly Stipend****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Transportation****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
Island Ferry Services Fund	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000
Transfers				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$450,000)	(\$450,000)
Island Ferry Services Fund	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Transportation will require Island Ferry Services Fund allocations of \$449,980 beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 for annual stipends to qualified employees of the Maine State Ferry Service. The Department will also require annual transfers of approximately \$450,000 beginning in fiscal year 2027-28 from the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund to the Island Ferry Services Fund to cover the cost of the stipends.