



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,800 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$3,050 in fiscal year 2026-27. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy to serve on the commission and to provide any data or information the commission considers relevant can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.