

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1640****LR 350(02)****An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission  
and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

## Legislative Cost/Study

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Legislative Cost/Study**

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2025-26. 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**

The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 for consulting costs to create the Base Gagetown Training Registry, which will collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who report this data and trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. These funds shall not lapse but will remain in the account to be used for the purpose for which they were appropriated.