



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, to Allow Hemphill Farms, Inc. to Sue the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential current biennium cost increase - Risk Management Self-Insurance Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional filing fees will increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve authorizes Hemphill Farms Inc. to sue the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for damages in connection with actions taken by the Department. If the plaintiffs are successful, it is assumed that the first \$400,000 would come from the Risk Management Self-Insurance Fund and anything over \$400,000 would come from the General Fund. The amount and timing of any payment will depend on when the suit is settled and its outcome. The bill states that any award of damages cannot exceed \$2,500,000

The Department of the Attorney General can absorb the additional costs of defending this claim within existing resources.