

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Strengthen Housing Stability Services by Increasing Support and Outreach

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Talbot Ross of Cumberland Committee: Housing and Economic Development Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) General Fund | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 | \$1,700,000 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$1,700,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to contract with community-based nonprofit organizations to hire an outreach caseworker and housing stability worker in each of the 9 homeless services hubs established by the Maine State Housing Authority.

The department suggested that the funding in this bill be moved from the 0228 - Purchased Social Services account to the Z374 - Housing First Program account. This change would not impact the amount of funding provided in the bill.