



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 856

LR 41(02)

An Act To Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$353,622	\$356,938	\$360,360
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$353,622	\$356,938	\$360,360
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$3,902	\$3,902	\$3,902

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry of \$103,622 for one Public Service Coordinator I position and ongoing allocations of \$3,902 for the associated All Other costs for the position. The bill also includes ongoing appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 of \$150,00 to the Governor's Energy Office for one Public Service Coordinator II position and appropriations of \$100,000 for the costs associated with the development and maintenance of a database of fully permitted or constructed energy facilities utilizing renewable resources that may be used to identify land use trends and potential natural resources impacts.

Sec. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for one Public Service Coordinator I position to support the design and establishment of a pilot project program to study the feasibility of dual-use projects, provide technical assistance to municipalities considering proposals for utility-scale solar energy projects on agricultural, forested and natural lands, analyze impacts to agricultural and natural resources and assist with further solar policy development for the department.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$103,622
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$103,622

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for related All Other costs to support the design and establishment of a pilot project program to study the feasibility of dual-use projects, provide technical assistance to municipalities considering proposals for utility-scale solar energy projects on agricultural, forested and natural lands, analyze impacts to agricultural and natural resources and assist with further solar policy development for the department.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$3,902
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,902

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$103,622
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$3,902
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$107,524

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for one Public Service Coordinator II position and associated All Other costs to develop and maintain information technology and databases, including publicly-accessible databases, and to coordinate engagement with municipalities, develop the database and other research needs.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$150,000
All Other	\$0	\$100,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL		\$0	\$250,000
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT			
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND		\$0	\$250,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		\$0	\$250,000
SECTION TOTALS		2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND		\$0	\$353,622
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$0	\$3,902
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		\$0	\$357,524