



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities To Further Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Facilities

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Burns of Washington

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

| | FY 2015-16 | FY 2016-17 | Projections FY 2017-18 | Projections FY 2018-19 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$2,986,030 | \$5,552,060 | \$8,007,779 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$2,986,030 | \$5,552,060 | \$8,007,779 |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | \$7,499,012 | \$12,067,576 | \$17,405,159 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | \$1,215,413 | \$1,124,658 | \$1,622,102 |
| Revenue | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$0 | \$7,499,012 | \$12,067,576 | \$17,405,159 |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | \$1,215,413 | \$1,124,658 | \$1,622,102 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$2,986,030 in fiscal year 2016-17 to provide an annual cost-of-living adjustment required by Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities. This bill also includes a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for the FMAP match and an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation for the service provider tax.

Based on a more current estimate, DHHS has indicated different appropriations and allocations would be required to implement the provisions of the bill. It would recommend increasing the General Fund appropriation already in the bill by \$225,475 in fiscal year 2016-17, decreasing the Other Special Revenue Funds allocation by \$664,545 in fiscal year 2016-17 and decreasing the allocation to the Federal Expenditures Fund by \$574,181 in fiscal year 2016-17.