



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$418,250	\$50,000	\$50,000

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,500 in fiscal year 2016-17. The Legislature's budget includes \$10,000 in in fiscal year 2016-17 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is 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 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to conduct a detailed forest inventory of the State's public reserved lands and public nonreserved lands, provide educational grants to certain educational programs related to logging and to develop a statewide priority list of projects under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for the State's public reserved lands. This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund within ACF in fiscal year 2016-17 of \$65,000 for the forest inventory, \$300,000 for educational grants, \$50,000 for conducting recreational infrastructure projects related to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and \$3,250 for other related costs. The Public Reserved Lands Management Fund has sufficient resources to cover these expenditures.