



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Faulkingham of Winter Harbor

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes one-time appropriations of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Lobster Legal Defense Fund within the Department of Marine Resources. The funds will be used to reimburse a statewide association of individuals engaged in commercial lobster fishing and the labor union representing individuals engaged in commercial lobster fishing in the State for legal costs incurred and paid in legal proceedings involving the regulations of the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.