



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission
and to Reestablish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Senaqtor Hickmanof Kennebec

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,400 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,650 in fiscal year 2024-25. The Legislature's budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$38,909 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are 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

Any additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management associated with establishing the training registry are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.