



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Increase the Recycling Rate in Maine

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Welsh of Rockport

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000	\$1,280,000

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

Requires municipalities to semi-annually receive household hazardous waste from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017; requires municipalities with more than 2,000 in population to receive, recycle and if possible sell all cardboard disposed of in the municipality; requires municipalities with over 2,000 in population to receive and compost household yard waste.

##### Unit Affected

Municipality

##### Local Cost

Significant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The bill provides state funding for the cost of the mandate and therefore no mandate preamble is required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Expending funds from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund (MSWMF) to reimburse municipalities for all of their expenses related to semi-annually receiving household hazardous waste, and to reimburse municipalities larger than 2,000 in population for receiving and recycling cardboard and for receiving and composting household yard waste will require an allocation of \$1.28 million starting in fiscal year 2012-13 for the State Planning Office to make the reimbursements. The Department of Environmental Protection is concerned that the solvency of the MSWMF could be in jeopardy if these additional expenditures are made from the MSWMF for the activities and requirements of this bill.