



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1444

LR 550(05)

Resolve, To Enhance Agriculture and Farming

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-533)

S "A" (S-361) to C "A" (H-533)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$3,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for the Department of Environmental Protection to review statutes and rules that restrict use of lands for agricultural purposes, to consult with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, to solicit data from farmers and agricultural associations and to report findings and recommendations to increase agricultural uses of lands in an environmentally responsible manner to the legislature by January 15, 2013.

Additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources associated with consulting with the Department of Environmental Protection on these issues can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.