



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Marine Resources To Conduct an Impact Study in the St. George River Estuary

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Kruger of Thomaston

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) to conduct an impact study in the intertidal areas of the St. George River estuary on the effects of harvesting marine worms and softshell clams in the same area and submit a report on this study to the Legislature by January 4, 2016. DMR has indicated that they will require a General Fund appropriation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to contract with a third party to conduct the study due to time restrictions and DMR staff being occupied with currently existing shellfish programs.