

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Provide for Workforce Development in the Forest Products Industry

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " " Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$132,235	\$143,513	\$144,694	\$145,921
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$132,235	\$143,513	\$144,694	\$145,921

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations totaling \$132,235 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$143,513 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor for the Bureau of Employment Services to conduct a forest products workforce development pilot program. Of this amount, \$100,000 per year is appropriated to provide funding to employers in the forest products industry who hire high schools graduates or holders of general equivalency diplomas who are between 18 and 20 years of age. An additional \$32,235 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$43,513 in fiscal year 2016-17 is appropriated for one half-time CareerCenter Consultant position and related all other costs to administer the pilot program. Because this legislation does not provide an end date for the pilot program, this fiscal note assumes that the program will extend at least through the 2018-2019 biennium.