



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Cardone of Bangor

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$2,750 in fiscal year 2021-22. The Legislature's budget for the 2022-2023 biennium includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$21,260 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 Courts to serve on the Commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.