



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1541

LR 1620(03)

An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
Future biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes stewardship programs for packaging material overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Participating parties that sell or distribute products containing certain types of packaging material would choose to create individual programs, coordinate with other parties, or utilize a third-party administrator when developing programs to meet the packaging stewardship requirements. Participating parties would pay costs related to the stewardship programs. The bill authorizes the DEP to establish fees paid by participants in the programs to offset department costs related to overseeing the program requirements. DEP has indicated that additional staffing will be required and estimates the department will require allocations of \$285,860 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$294,123 in fiscal year 2024-25 for one Environmental Specialist III position, one Environmental Specialist IV positions and associated All Other costs. It is anticipated that the DEP will be able to fund the increased allocations with the new fees.