



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-769)

H "A" (H-778) to C "A" (H-769)

S "A" (S-633) to C "A" (H-769)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,094,019	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$2,094,019	\$113,739	\$117,108
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,094,019)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$1,294,019	\$0	\$0
Private Trust Funds	\$0	(\$200,000)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This resolve establishes the Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program as a 3-year pilot program within the Department of Education and requires a total of \$2,094,019 to be transferred to a newly created Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the pilot program. Of that amount, \$1,094,019 is transferred from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, \$200,000 is transferred from certain enforcement settlement funds within the Office of the Attorney General and \$800,000 is transferred from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

This resolve includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$2,094,019 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the pilot program fund. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 is allocated for grants to school districts to partner with nonprofit community-based organizations to create and implement plans to provide teacher training in next generation science standards and interdisciplinary climate education. Additionally, \$94,019 is allocated for the establishment of one limited-period Regional Education Representative position to administer the 3-year pilot program through June 30, 2025. The cost of the limited-period position is estimated to be \$113,739 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$117,108 in fiscal year 2024-25. A Federal Expenditures Fund base allocation of \$500 is also provided for fiscal year 2022-23 to allow for the expenditure of funds for the pilot program in the event that any federal funds are received.