



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 601(03)

## An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Libby of Auburn

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>					
General Fund	(\$21,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>					
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund for a Healthy Maine	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$419,000,000)	(\$500)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Block Grant Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>					
General Fund	(\$398,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$20,947,368)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>					
General Fund	\$419,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$419,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amounts above reflect the incremental change from the original bill.

This amendment eliminates the provision in Part A of the bill that transfers \$21.0 million from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program within the Maine State Housing Authority to support housing and emergency shelters. The allocation of the \$21.0 million is also removed.

The amendment also eliminates the provision in Part B of the bill that transfers \$398,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program and replaces it with a suspension of the state sales tax until such time as the State Tax Assessor determines the net General Fund revenue loss would be \$398.0 million. The allocation of \$398,000,000 is also removed and the cost is now reflected as a reduction of revenue to the General Fund of \$398,000,000 and a reduction to the Local Government Fund of \$20,947,368 in fiscal year 2022-23.