



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 205

LR 2401(05)

An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-5)

S "A" (S-6) to C "A" (S-5)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill sets the mileage reimbursement rate for Legislators attending sessions at the lesser of \$0.55 per mile or the federal reimbursement rate, increases the daily housing allowance from \$38 to \$70 per day, increases the meals allowance from \$32 to \$50 per day and removes the cap on daily mileage reimbursement. The additional costs to the Legislature for these changes are estimated to be \$1,100,000 in fiscal year 2022-23, \$788,600 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,234,770 in fiscal year 2024-25. Section 6 of the bill requires the Legislature to identify savings in Legislative accounts to offset these costs and therefore no additional appropriations for these additional costs are provided at this time.