



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Prohibit Offshore Wind Energy Development

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Strout of Harrington

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Federal Expenditures Fund
Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds
Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Municipalities

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will prevent state agencies, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of Maine from licensing, permitting, or otherwise approving or authorizing the siting, construction, or operation of offshore wind power projects in state-owned submerged lands, territorial waters, or federal waters. It may limit the States' ability to pursue federal funding in areas related to certain wind energy development and may also eliminate any State or municipal revenue from any licenses or permits that would otherwise be issued for certain wind energy projects.

Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Department of Environmental Protection to review the provisions of law under the agencies respective jurisdiction and submit changes to conform with the prohibitions in this bill are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.