



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Talbot Ross of Cumberland

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services, beginning July 1, 2026, to include the cost of food provided or served at emergency shelters in the reimbursement of general assistance costs to municipalities. This is expected to increase the general assistance funding required by the Department of Health and Human Services. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible because general assistance recipient data is kept at the municipal level and varies over time.