

OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW

Date: April 4, 2013
To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
From: Elizabeth Cooper, Legislative Analyst
Re: Amendment Review - LD 698

A fiscal note for LD 698 is attached for your review.

LD 698, An Act To Provide an Exemption from Fuel and Sales Taxes to Persons Engaged in Snowmobile Trail Grooming

- The Committee voted on March 18, 2013, and had a divided report of ONTP/OTPA
- The minority report does not amend the language of the bill. However, it requires a fiscal note, which makes the report OTPA.
- The fiscal note is on the back of this memorandum.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this amendment.



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 698

LR 202(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund	\$1,810	\$7,566	\$7,902	\$8,256	\$8,624
Highway Fund	\$19,616	\$80,032	\$81,632	\$83,265	\$84,930
Revenue					
General Fund	(\$1,810)	(\$7,566)	(\$7,902)	(\$8,256)	(\$8,624)
Highway Fund	(\$19,616)	(\$80,032)	(\$81,632)	(\$83,265)	(\$84,930)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$2,199)	(\$8,981)	(\$9,169)	(\$9,362)	(\$9,561)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Providing an exemption to the gasoline tax to persons engaged in certain snowmobile trail grooming will reduce Highway Fund revenue by \$19,616 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$80,032 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$81,632 in fiscal year 2014-15. It will also decrease Other Special Revenue Funds revenue within the Departments of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Marine Resources, as well as the TransCap Trust Fund within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, for their portions of fuel tax receipts. General Fund revenue is reduced by a small amount as well.

Expanding the sales tax exemption on snowmobiles and snowmobile trail grooming equipment from snowmobile clubs to persons registering this equipment with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will reduce General Fund revenue by \$1,781 in fiscal year 2012-13, 7,446 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$7,781 in fiscal year 2014-15. Municipal Revenue Sharing is reduced by a small amount as well.