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An Act To Make Changes to the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$165,491)	(\$168,103)	(\$170,896)	(\$173,773)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$165,491)	(\$168,103)	(\$168,103)	(\$168,103)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation transfers governance of the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Potato Board. As a result, the bill includes a deallocation of \$165,491 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$168,103 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the department related to Personal Services and All Other costs for one Potato Storage Consultant position. Since the bill transfers this position's responsibilities but not the actual position to the Maine Potato Board, this analysis assumes the position would be eliminated. Additionally, the department receives reimbursement from the Finance Authority of Maine for the costs of this position. This revenue, \$165,491 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$168,103 in fiscal year 2014-15, would be eliminated in the bill.

Additional costs to the Finance Authority of Maine can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.