



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Require Public Hearings by the Legislature To Be Recorded and Posted on the Internet

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Brooks of Winterport

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$120,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$120,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Legislature will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$120,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$12,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 and annually thereafter for the estimated cost to contract for storing and posting audio recordings of public hearings of the Legislature on the Internet. The estimated costs may vary from the estimated amounts depending on the method chosen to implement this bill.

Additional costs to the Department of the Secretary of State associated with the State Archivist's assistance to and advisement of the Legislative Council in establishing a records management program for committee public hearings can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.