



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1151

LR 1580(07)

An Act Regarding the Administration and Financial Transparency of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-105)

H "A" (H-110)

S "A" (S-367) to C "A" (H-105)

Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill transfers General Fund appropriations to a new Citizen Trade Policy Commission program in the Legislature and includes deappropriations from the Legislature program to implement a segregation of the commission's funding into a separate account. The Legislature's proposed budget includes annual General Fund appropriations of \$26,120 for the commission that are being transferred to the new program. In addition, funding for a biennial assessment of \$10,000 is also being transferred in fiscal year 2013-14. In addition to the amounts transferred, the appropriations to the commission are increased by \$1,500 each year.

This bill will also transfer the unexpended balance of funding designated for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission from the Legislature program within the Legislature to the newly established program, the Citizen Trade Policy Commission program within the Legislature. This provision will not affect General Fund lapsed balance, just the program in which the unexpended balance would carry forward from fiscal year 2012-13 to fiscal year 2013-14. The amount of the commission's unexpended balance at the close of fiscal year 2012-13 cannot be estimated at this time.