



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Create a Pilot Program To Support the State's Small Food Processors

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 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to conduct research and develop recommendations to assist small scale food processors and strengthen the agricultural economy. The department must research federal grants, review initiatives and present a written report to the Legislature on ways to assist these processors. The bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$30,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to contract with a firm or university to conduct a needs assessment of the small scale food processors.