



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Minimize Conflicts between Property Owners and Grid-scale Wind Energy Developments

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Dunphy of Embden

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill removes statutory guidance for wind energy development standards and creates specific statewide standards for setback requirements, shadow flicker effects and decommissioning plans for grid-scale wind energy developments and offshore wind power projects. Any additional costs associated with required rulemaking can be absorbed by the Department of Environmental Protection within existing budgeted resources. Any additional costs associated with reviewing and providing any comments requested by permitting authorities can be absorbed by the State Planning Office within existing budgeted resources.