



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver To Prohibit the Use of Food Supplement Benefits for the Purchase of Taxable Food Items

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Katz of Kennebec

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium revenue increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Restricting the use of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to certain food items will increase taxable sales to the State. Assuming the State receives the United States Department of Agriculture's approval of the State's waiver request for this restriction, this change in taxable sales would increase General Fund revenue by \$641,250 and Municipal Revenue Sharing revenue by \$33,750 in FY 2014-15. No revenue can be booked at this time as the waiver request has yet to be sent to or approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.