



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 313

LR 36(02)

An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to entities increasing the diversion of solid waste from disposal in the State. DEP is required to provide funding from the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund for these grants if it determines there are sufficient balances within the fund to make disbursements. There is no estimate on the amount of grants that will be disbursed to eligible entities. The bill also allows DEP to conduct rulemaking to change fees related to certain solid waste disposal, resulting in an estimated potential increase in Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund. This bill also requires DEP to establish a food scraps composting pilot program with costs expected to be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a food waste composting pilot program. Any additional costs to the Legislature to participate in the pilot program are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.