



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Establish a Fund for the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Laboratory

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds (OSRF) allocations of \$400,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 to the newly created Animal and Plant Disease and Ticks and Other Insects Management Fund at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for pest management and pesticide safety outreach and education and for testing of ticks provided by the public and certain other laboratory operations at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's animal and plant disease and insect control laboratory.

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to transfer \$400,000 from the Board of Pesticides Control Fund (Pesticides Fund) in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Animal and Plant Disease and Ticks and Other Insects Management Fund at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. The Pesticides Fund has sufficient resources to make this one-time transfer. This bill also requires ACF to transfer \$400,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to this new account from available balances in various OSRF accounts within ACF or other sources available to ACF. ACF is expected to have sufficient resources in all of its OSRF accounts to make these yearly transfers in the foreseeable future. However, ACF has indicated that it will only make these transfers from the Pesticides Fund, but the Pesticides Fund does not have sufficient resources to make these annual transfers in perpetuity. The language in the bill gives ACF the authority to determine which account balances to draw from, but does not anticipate that ACF will only draw from the Pesticides Fund.