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Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Dunphy of Old Town

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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The general operating expenses for two legislators to participate in this study are projected to be \$1,250 in fiscal year 2017-18. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for participating in the Commission to Simplify Maine's Fishing Rules to review fishing laws and rules are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. The estimated fiscal impact on the Legislature's budget does not assume reimbursement of expenses for members of the Commission who are not legislators.