



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide Additional Assistance for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Receiving Food Supplement Program Benefits

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hamann of South Portland

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800	\$1,783,800

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will require General Fund appropriations of \$1,783,800 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to ensure that a household that includes a member who is elderly or disabled and that receives a federally funded benefit under the statewide food supplement program receives a minimum benefit of \$30 per month by providing a supplemental benefit. The current monthly benefit amount is set by the federal government. The supplemental benefit needed to meet the minimum monthly benefit amount of \$30 would have to be fully state funded.

DHHS expects some additional cost to update the Automated Client Eligibility System to issue the supplemental benefit. Sufficient data is not available to quantify this impact.