



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure Fairness among Large Consumers of Natural Gas

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Future biennium revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill limits the natural gas conservation assessment on large-volume agricultural businesses to the first 1 million centum cubic feet of annual usage. While this change will decrease revenue to the Efficiency Maine Trust, the total assessment collected will still be sufficient for its intended purpose. Any additional costs to the Public Utilities Commission as a result of changing the definition of a large-volume manufacturer that is subject to an assessment under the natural gas conservation program to also include large-volume agricultural businesses are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.