



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act Regarding the Disclosure of Hormone-disrupting Chemicals in Packaged Food

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (ACF) to solicit information from manufacturers and distributors of food products regarding the presence of certain chemicals in their food or food packaging and to make a database of this information available to the public. The bill allows ACF to assess a fee on manufacturers and distributors to cover the cost of the program. This fiscal note assumes that roughly 500 manufacturers and distributors of food or food products will meet the reporting criteria and will pay a \$100 annual fee that will generate annual Other Special Revenue Funds revenue of \$50,000 starting in fiscal year 2017-18. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$50,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for ongoing maintenance of the database and website. The ACF has indicated there will be considerable start-up costs for construction of the database and website. As this work will need to begin well before revenue begins to be received from the new fee, the bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 for contracts with vendors to create the database and website.

While this bill only requires ACF to solicit information from manufacturers and distributors and to provide a compilation of this information to the public, the department has indicated it would likely seek to establish a laboratory testing program to certify compliance. This testing program would require additional appropriations for purchase of laboratory equipment, laboratory fit up and ongoing maintenance. These costs are not included in this fiscal note.