



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1764

LR 2735(01)

An Act To Streamline Advocacy for Maine Small Businesses by Relocating the Bureau of the Special Advocate within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Stetkis of Canaan

Committee: State and Local Government

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	\$0	\$39,535	\$51,557	\$54,225
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$68,322)	(\$68,322)	(\$68,322)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$39,535	\$51,557	\$54,225
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$68,322)	(\$68,322)	(\$68,322)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill transfers the Special Advocate position from the Department of Secretary of State to the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Department of Secretary of State will require a General Fund deappropriation of \$64,849 and a Highway Fund deallocation of \$68,322 in fiscal year 2018-19. The Office of Business Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development will require a General Fund appropriation of \$104,384 in fiscal year 2018-19 for one Public Service Manager I position to serve as the small business Special Advocate.

Overall, transferring this position will result in a net General Fund cost of \$39,535 in fiscal year 2018-19 and a Highway Fund savings of \$68,322 in fiscal year 2018-19. This assumes an August 1, 2018 effective date.