



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## 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

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Cushing of Penobscot

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$39,535)	(\$26,975)	(\$26,975)
Highway Fund	\$0	\$39,852	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$39,535)	(\$26,975)	(\$26,975)
Highway Fund	\$0	\$39,852	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment designates the Director of the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship as the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Special Advocate within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and establishes an effective date of February 1, 2019. The incremental impact of delaying the effective date is a General Fund savings of \$39,535 and a Highway Fund cost of \$39,852 in fiscal year 2018-19.

As amended, the bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$27,018 to the Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission program within DECD for one Public Service Manager 1 position to serve as the Director of the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Special Advocate. The full-year cost of the position is estimated to be \$104,406 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$107,074 in fiscal year 2020-21.

As amended, the bill also includes a General Fund deappropriation of \$27,018 and a Highway Fund deallocation of \$28,470 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Secretary of State due to the Special Advocate position being transferred to DECD.