



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 593

LR 869(05)

An Act To Restore Eelgrass Mapping and Enhance Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-82)

S "A" (S-378) to C "A" (H-82)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$284,514	\$331,624	\$328,305
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$284,514	\$331,624	\$328,305
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Bureau of Water Quality within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of \$197,843 in fiscal year 2022-23 for one Biologist II position, one Environmental Technician position and associated All Other costs, and \$86,671 in fiscal year 2022-23 to collect aerial imagery, process maps, disseminate findings and maintain or replace equipment. The bill also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 starting in fiscal year 2022-23 to establish the Eelgrass and Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping Fund program to allow acceptance of grants, bequests, gifts or contributions to support the program from any source, public or private.

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources to consult with the DEP are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.