



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$123,905	\$116,317	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$123,905	\$116,317	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$121,756	\$126,526
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$121,756	\$126,526

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create a regulatory program for products with intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. Beginning January 1, 2023, manufacturers of products containing PFAS must report the presence of those substances to the DEP and the sale of certain products containing PFAS is prohibited. The DEP is instructed to use information reported by manufacturers to develop a list of additional products to add to the sales prohibition by January 1, 2030. The bill also allows the DEP to charge manufacturers fees to offset the costs of the reporting requirements and enforcement of the sales prohibitions.

The DEP has indicated that additional staffing and resources would be required to develop the PFAS regulatory program. The bill includes one-time appropriations of \$111,405 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$116,317 in fiscal year 2022-23 for one Public Service Coordinator I position and associated costs. The bill also includes a one-time appropriation of \$12,500 in fiscal year 2021-22 for rule-making costs. The DEP will require allocations of \$121,756 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$126,526 in fiscal year 24-25 to continue the Public Service Coordinator I position. It is anticipated that the DEP will be able to fund the increased allocations with the new fees.