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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Spkr. Fecteau of Biddeford

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,579,762	\$4,598,520	\$4,607,762
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$4,579,762	\$4,598,520	\$4,607,762
State Mandates				Local Cost (Funded)
Required Activity			Unit Affected	
Requires municipalities to review, develop and implement zoning and land use ordinances including adoption of priority development zones.			Municipality	\$4,294,680

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,579,762 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Economic and Community Development to implement certain recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions.

Detail of \$4,579,762 appropriation:

- 1) \$79,762 to a newly created Municipal Housing Development Permit Review Board program for one Planning and Research Assistance position to assist the board in conducting research and performing administrative tasks.
- 2) \$89,760 to a newly created Municipal Land Use and Zoning Ordinances Review Incentive Program for one Public Service Coordinator I position to implement the program and to provide technical assistance to municipalities.
- 3) \$115,560 to a newly created Municipal Planning Assistance Grant and Incentive Program Fund program for one Public Service Coordinator II position to serve as a municipal planning coordinator providing expertise in zoning and land use ordinances to municipalities.
- 4) \$3,000,000 for grants to municipalities to review municipal land use and zoning ordinance. (Mandate funding)
- 5) \$1,294,680 to assist municipalities in the development and implementation of zoning and land use ordinances. (Mandate funding)