

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 173****LR 502(02)****An Act to Exempt Certain Watercraft from Registration Requirements****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$82,822	\$82,822	\$91,104	\$99,386
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$238,257)	(\$238,257)	(\$262,083)	(\$285,908)
<b>Revenue</b>				
General Fund	(\$82,822)	(\$82,822)	(\$91,104)	(\$99,386)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$238,257)	(\$238,257)	(\$262,083)	(\$285,908)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The fee changes proposed in this bill are expected to reduce General Fund revenue to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) and the Department of Marine Resources (DMR), as well as reduce Other Special Revenue Funds (OSR) revenue to both IFW and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Detailed impacts are outlined below:

Registration Revenue			Lake and River Sticker Revenue		
IFW	General Fund	\$ (62,117)	IFW	OSR	\$ (71,477)
DMR	General Fund	\$ (20,705)	DEP	OSR	\$ (166,780)
		\$ (82,822)			\$ (238,257)

The estimated revenue reductions are based on current registration data and assume that approximately 11,913 inland and 2,269 tidal registrations that are currently registered as 10 hp or below would qualify under the 5 hp or below category created in the bill. Statutorily required fee increases in fiscal year 2028-29 and distribution formulas for the Lake and River Protection Sticker program remain unchanged. The bill includes accompanying Other Special Revenue Fund deallocations to reflect the reduction in anticipated revenues.