



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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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

Fiscal Note

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