

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 451****LR 444(02)****An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
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| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$1,043,304 | \$1,121,003 | \$1,140,049 | \$1,186,362 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes certain rules for testing for PFAS contamination at solar and wind energy development sites. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has indicated that implementing the requirements of this bill can not be completed within existing resources and that additional staffing will be required. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$1,043,304 to the DEP starting in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Senior Environmental Hydrogeologist, four Hydrogeologist, four Environmental Specialist II positions, and associated position costs.