

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1270****LR 1752(02)****An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to work with the Department of Energy Resources to review those parts of the Maine Revised Statutes governing the administration and activities of the Governor's Energy Office to develop legislation to effect the transition of responsibilities to the Department of Energy Resources. This work can be absorbed within existing staff and budget resources but it will likely delay the completion of other work normally performed by those offices when the Legislature is not in session.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill eliminates the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), establishes the Department of Energy Resources (DER), and transfers the GEO's staff and duties to DER. The reorganization will result in the following net-neutral budget adjustments in fiscal year 2025-26:

Elimination of funding to the GEO includes:

General Fund deappropriations	\$2,461,149
Federal Expenditures Fund deallocations	\$4,680,902
Other Special Revenue Funds deallocations	\$418,180

Corresponding adjustments to the newly created Department of Energy will include

General Fund appropriations	\$2,461,149
Federal Expenditures Fund allocations	\$4,680,902
Other Special Revenue Funds allocations	\$418,180

Any additional costs to the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future from the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

The appropriations and allocations in this bill are also included in Part A of the proposed biennial budget. If they are enacted through the budget, the appropriations and allocations in this bill will no longer be necessary.