



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1856

LR 2893(05)

Resolve, To Conduct a Market Analysis Regarding the Feasibility of Expanded Gaming in Maine

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
No Amendments
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$150,000)	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

This bill authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet up to 4 times during the interim. The projected costs of these meetings are \$7,500 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether this amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 to the Legislature to provide funding for the purpose of entering into a contract with a firm experienced in providing consulting on casino-style gaming.

The bill transfers \$150,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board program, Other Special Revenue Funds account, to the General Fund.