



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 825**

**LR 1237(02)**

## **An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### **Fiscal Note**

Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	<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	\$217,316	\$233,189	\$237,167	\$246,741
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
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### **Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines has the potential to increase future General Fund or other dedicated revenue.

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill prohibits activities that constitute or involve geoengineering and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the prohibition. The DEP has indicated that the additional compliance, investigatory, and outreach efforts needed cannot be absorbed within existing staffing and would require additional resources. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to DEP of \$217,316 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$233,189 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Environmental Specialist III position, one Senior Meteorologist position, and associated position costs.