



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires a majority vote of the Legislature to allow the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into or renew a contract for the operation of the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill, located in the City of Old Town. Failure by the Legislature to approve an operating services agreement, or extension, may result in the closure of Juniper Ridge Landfill, the only operational State-owned landfill. Nullification of the indemnity clause in the current operating services agreement would transfer multi-million dollar closure and post-closure financial liability from the current operator to the State. Additionally, costs to contract with a new operator may incur additional costs to the State than originally negotiated in 2004. A more precise fiscal estimate cannot be determined at this time.