

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1533****LR 1730(01)****An Act to Ensure the Retention of R1 Research Institution Status by the University of Maine****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Tipping of Penobscot****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,686,441	\$5,372,883	\$8,059,324	\$10,745,766
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$2,686,441 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$5,372,883 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the University of Maine System to support an additional 25 graduate students per year in research graduate programs until each student completes the student's program.