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MINORITY

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 149, L.D. 383, "An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 22 the following:

'Sec. 23. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for one limited-period Environmental Specialist III position and one limited-period Senior Planner position and associated position costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$216,779	\$233,487
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$231,779	\$248,487

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$0

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

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2025-26 2026-27

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 149, L.D. 383 (S-170)

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1	GENERAL FUND	\$481,779	\$248,487
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3	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$481,779</u>	<u>\$248,487</u>

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5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
6 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

8 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations
9 and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 383

LR 604(02)

An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **A(S-170)**
 Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund
 Potential future biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$481,779	\$248,487	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$481,779	\$248,487	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill transfers statutory references for the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Because the bill maintains all existing positions, funding, and operations, this reorganization has no net fiscal impact.

The bill also directs the DEP to submit a report by January 1, 2026, with recommendations for the potential future consolidation of LUPC and DEP into a new entity, the Maine Environmental and Land Use Commission. While implementation costs cannot be estimated until the report is complete, the scope of the proposed consolidation and associated structural changes suggest that those costs are likely to be significant.

The bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations of \$250,000 to the DEP in fiscal year 2025-26 for contracted legal services, one-time General Fund appropriations of \$231,779 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$248,487 in fiscal year 2026-27 for two limited-period positions to coordinate the agency transition and prepare the required report.