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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 328, L.D. 499, "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Environmental Protection 0251**

Initiative: Provides funding for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$104,480	\$112,482
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$109,480	\$117,482

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

SUMMARY

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

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/08/25 **LRL**

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LD 499

LR 841(02)

An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-73)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$109,480	\$117,482	\$119,494	\$124,326

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits certain geoengineering-related activities and authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the prohibition. The DEP has indicated that the administrative activities associated with this bill would require additional staff and resources. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$109,480 to the DEP beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Environmental Specialist III position and associated costs.