

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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## STATE OF MAINE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## 132ND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 329, L.D. 500, "An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'By July 1, 2027, the'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF****Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for contracted services to conduct free water testing of private residential well water of low-income residents for certain contaminants.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$0	\$40,000

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Health Educator III position in the environmental and occupational health program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, division of environmental and community health for educational outreach to low-income residents regarding free water testing and grants for drinking water systems.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$99,621	\$104,305
All Other	\$7,256	\$7,256

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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11/16/2021

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,877	\$111,561
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4	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
5	DEPARTMENT OF		
6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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8	GENERAL FUND	\$106,877	\$111,561
9	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$40,000
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11	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$106,877	\$151,561
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13 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
14 number to read consecutively.

15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment provides that well water testing programs established in the bill for  
17 low-income residents must be established by July 1, 2027. The amendment also adds an  
18 appropriations and allocations section.

19 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
20 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 500****LR 886(02)****An Act to Ensure Access to Safe Drinking Water from Household Wells in Rural Areas by Expanding Testing****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-288)****Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

	<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	\$106,877	\$111,561	\$115,019	\$118,145
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$106,877	\$111,561	\$115,019	\$118,145
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$106,877 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$111,561 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Public Health Educator III position to provide educational outreach to low-income residents regarding free water testing and grants for drinking water systems. The bill also includes Other Special Revenue allocations of \$40,000 each year beginning in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide free water testing for certain contaminants to low-income households.

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority associated with consulting with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the availability of grants under Title 30-A, section 4722, paragraph FF can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.