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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. 345, L.D. 825, "An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation"

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

Air Quality 0250

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

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$207,316	\$223,189
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$217,316	\$233,189

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.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 825****LR 1237(02)****An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification,
Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-tele)
Committee: Environment and Natural Resources
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium revenue increase - General Fund

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$217,316	\$233,189	\$237,167	\$246,741
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$217,316	\$233,189	\$237,167	\$246,741

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines has the potential to increase future General Fund or other dedicated revenue.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill prohibits activities that constitute or involve geoengineering and requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the prohibition. The DEP has indicated that the additional compliance, investigatory, and outreach efforts needed cannot be absorbed within existing staffing and would require additional resources. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to DEP of \$217,316 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$233,189 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one Environmental Specialist III position, one Senior Meteorologist position, and associated position costs.