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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE

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132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 612, L.D. 1528, "An Act to Support Farmland Conservation"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides funding for farmland conservation efforts under the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 164.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides funding for associated All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$114,286	\$120,766
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$117,786	\$124,266

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers baseline allocation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 612, L.D. 1528 (S-84)

1	All Other	\$500	\$500
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3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
4	DACF Administration 0401		
5	Initiative: Establishes one Resource Management Coordinator position and provides		
6	funding for associated All Other costs.		
7	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
8	All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292
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12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
13	All Other	\$647	\$647
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15	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$647	\$647
16	Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund Z313		
17	Initiative: Transfers baseline allocation.		
18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
19	All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
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21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)
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23	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
24	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
25	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
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27	GENERAL FUND	\$121,078	\$127,558
28	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,000,647	\$647
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30	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,121,725	\$128,205

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

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This amendment replaces the bill's appropriations and allocations section.

36 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

37 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1528****LR 1689(02)****An Act to Support Farmland Conservation****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****"A" (S-84)**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,121,078	\$127,558	\$132,268	\$137,161
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$121,078	\$127,558	\$132,268	\$137,161
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,000,647	\$647	\$647	\$647
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill modifies the accounting structure of the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program (MWFAPP) by moving it from a standalone account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) to a sub-account under the Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources (BAFRR) within DACF. As a result, the bill includes a one-time deallocation of the \$500 baseline established for the MWFAPP in Public Law 2021, Chapter 135, and a corresponding \$500 allocation to establish the new sub-account under BAFRR.

The bill provides ongoing General Fund appropriations to DACF of \$121,078 and Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$647 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 for one Research Management Coordinator position and associated position costs.

Additionally, the bill includes a one-time General Fund transfer of \$1,000,000 to DACF in fiscal year 2025-26 and a corresponding allocation of the same amount.