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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 506, L.D. 1376, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §219 in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "201-A," the following: 'upon the request of the eligible producers and eligible processors'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation 0393

Initiative: Provides funds to establish a part-time Consumer Protection Inspector position and for related costs to assist local food producers and processors.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$27,923	\$38,015
All Other	\$10,679	\$10,905
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$38,602	\$48,920

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$120	\$160
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$120	\$160

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 506, L.D. 1376

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SUMMARY

The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to take certain actions to assist local food producers and processors. This amendment requires the department to take these actions upon the request of the eligible producers and processors. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1376

LR 230(02)

An Act To Establish a Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-284)

Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$38,602	\$48,920	\$50,441	\$52,022
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$120	\$160	\$160	\$160

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes the Local Food Producers and Processors to Consumers Pilot Program to facilitate the sale of local foods by producers and processors directly to consumers. The pilot program will take place in the towns of Blue Hill, Brooksville, Penobscot, Sedgwick and Brooklin. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), upon request of eligible producers and processors, to encourage best management practices for food safety, identify certain educational opportunities, make visits to producer and processor operations and assist and advise local food policy councils. This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$38,602 and \$48,920 in fiscal year 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, to establish a new part-time Consumer Protection Inspector to assist in the pilot program. This pilot program will end on March 31, 2022. Any additional revenue loss to ACF from issuing fewer licenses is expected to be minor.