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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to HP 557, LD 901, “Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Support Farm Apprenticeships in Maine”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following

'Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding a farm apprenticeship pilot program. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Education, educational institutions, particularly public and private postsecondary institutions, statewide organizations representing organic farmers and gardeners and conventional farmers, a statewide organization that works to protect farmland and support farmers, and a statewide business association to develop recommendations for a potential farm apprenticeship pilot program. The stakeholder group shall consider existing models for farm apprenticeships and solicit input from interested parties. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may undertake a survey of existing programs within the State and in other states to inform the work of the stakeholder group. The commissioner shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by March 1, 2024. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 901

LR 2255(02)

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Support Farm Apprenticeships in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-225)
Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$20,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the contracted services of a facilitator to oversee a stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a farm apprenticeship program