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L.D. 1156

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 728, L.D. 1156, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation"

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Amend the bill in section 5 in the 8th line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$6,000,000" and inserting the following: '\$3,000,000'

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Amend the bill in section 6 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 2, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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'1. Funds must be awarded by a competitive grant process to municipalities; other qualified subdivisions of State Government, including executive branch departments and agencies; and nonprofit organizations.'

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Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "30%" and inserting the following: '25%'

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Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20%" and inserting the following: '25%'

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Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 4 in the first line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20%" and inserting the following: '10%'

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Amend the bill in section 6 by inserting after the first indented paragraph the following:

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'Funding from this program may not be used to dismantle state-owned tracks and ties for nonrail use except as provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 7107.'

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Amend the bill in section 10 in the question in the 3rd line (page 3, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$6,000,000" and inserting the following: '\$3,000,000'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment clarifies that other qualified subdivisions of State Government eligible for funding under the bond issue include executive branch departments and agencies; changes the percentage of funds that must be expended in support of nonmotorized trails from 30% to 25% and the percentage of funds that must be expended in support of motorized trails from 20% to 25%; changes the matching contributions requirement from 20% to 10%; and specifies that bond proceeds may not be used to dismantle state-owned tracks and ties for nonrail use except as provided for under the State Railroad Preservation and Assistance Act.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1156

LR 682(02)

**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment  
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

*A (M-937)*

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Bond Issues	Term (years)	Principal	Rate (%)	Interest	Total Cost
General Fund - Non-Taxable	10	\$30,000,000	3.75%	\$6,187,500	\$36,187,500

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-24	General	Bond Issue	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$266,000 may be required.