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L D 1441

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Date 5-17-23

Majority

(Filing No H-175)

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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131ST LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 937, L D 1441, "An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources"

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Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph F in the last 3 lines (page 2, lines 16 to 18 in L D) by striking out the following: "areas where there is low flow and occurrences of low flow For the purposes of this paragraph, "low flow" means the flow of water in a stream is low due to prolonged dry weather" and inserting the following 'in-stream flows and lake or pond water levels subject to water use requirements established by the Board of Environmental Protection under Title 38, section 470-H'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following

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'Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §352, sub-§8 is enacted to read

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8. Report. Beginning January 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters. The report must include a summary of the board's activities during the prior calendar year and any findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, relating to the board's duties under subsections 2 and 3. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any of the recommendations included in the report.'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 6 the following

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'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

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DACF Administration 0401

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Initiative Provides funding for the technology management costs associated with one part-time Hydrogeologist position

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GENERAL FUND

2023-24

2024-25

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All Other

\$3,292

\$3,292

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292
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4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$585	\$585
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7	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$585	\$585
8	Geology and Resource Information Z237		
9	Initiative Provides funding for one part-time Hydrogeologist position and associated costs		
10	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
11	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0 500	0 500
12	Personal Services	\$51,993	\$54,793
13	All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
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15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$55,493	\$58,293
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17	AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND		
18	FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
19	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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21	GENERAL FUND	\$58,785	\$61,585
22	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$585	\$585
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24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$59,370	\$62,170

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26 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section

27 number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

29 This amendment removes from the bill references to low flow areas and occurrences

30 of low flow and clarifies that the Maine Agricultural Water Management Board within the

31 Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must develop recommendations for

32 measures to better identify and notify agricultural producers about in-stream flows and lake

33 or pond water levels subject to water use requirements established by the Board of

34 Environmental Protection under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 470-H The

35 amendment requires the Maine Agricultural Water Management Board to report annually

36 only to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture,

37 conservation and forestry matters The amendment also adds an appropriations and

38 allocations section

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1441

LR 2071(02)

An Act to Enhance State Oversight of Water Use and Water Resources

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)
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	\$58,785	\$61,585	\$64,324	\$67,201
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$58,785	\$61,585	\$64,324	\$67,201
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$585	\$585	\$585	\$585

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill changes the duties of the Water Resources Planning Committee and the Maine Agricultural Water Management Board within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF), increasing data maintenance and reporting requirements. The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$58,785 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for one part-time Hydrogeologist position and associated costs. It also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$585 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for technology management costs associated with the position.