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Date 6/1/23

(Filing No S-161)

MARINE RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 615, L D 1552, "An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund"

Amend the bill in section 3 in §6466 in the first indented paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L D) by inserting after the following "department" the following "The fund consists of money received as appropriations and contributions from public and private sources"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following

Sec. 4. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before July 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources, Lobster Innovation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF Lobster Innovation Fund N439

Initiative Provides funding to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$500

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 615, L D 1552 (S-161)

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SUMMARY

This amendment allows the Lobster Innovation Fund to accept money from public and private sources. The amendment also directs the State Controller to transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Marine Resources, Lobster Innovation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1552

LR 171(02)

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-161)

Committee: Marine Resources

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	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,000,000	\$500	\$500	\$500
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Lobster Innovation Fund (the fund) within the Department of Marine Resources to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II, or Class III Lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies. The bill includes a one-time transfer of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the fund and provides an allocation to the fund of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to allow expenditure of the transferred money.