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L D 1670

Date 5-15-23

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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 H P 1068, L D 1670, "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following

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

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF  
DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative Provides funding for technology costs associated with positions

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$6,584	\$6,584
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$6,584</u>	<u>\$6,584</u>

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$1,170	\$1,170
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,170</u>	<u>\$1,170</u>

**Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383**

Initiative Provides ongoing funding to support public-private partnerships to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$19,784,727	\$19,717,830
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$19,784,727</u>	<u>\$19,717,830</u>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1	<b>Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383</b>		
2	Initiative Provides funding for contracted services		
3	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
4	All Other	\$37,000	\$37,000
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6	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$37,000</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>

7	<b>Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383</b>		
8	Initiative Provides funding for one Public Service Manager II positon and one Senior		
9	Planner position and associated All Other costs		
10	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
11	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2 000	2 000
12	Personal Services	\$164,689	\$231,586
13	All Other	\$7,000	\$7,000
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15	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$171,689</u>	<u>\$238,586</u>

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17	<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND</b>		
18	<b>FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
19	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
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21	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>	<b>\$20,000,000</b>
22	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>
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24	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$20,001,170</b></u>	<u><b>\$20,001,170</b></u>

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

28 **SUMMARY**  
29 This amendment provides ongoing funding of \$20,000,000 each fiscal year, rather than  
30 for the biennium only, to the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment  
31 Fund

32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
33 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1670

LR 651(02)

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)  
 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
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170	\$1,170

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$20,000,000 starting in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries. This includes \$178,273 to establish one Public Service Manager II position and one Senior Planner position and their associated All Other costs and \$37,000 for contracted services for administrative support for program implementation. The bill also includes ongoing Other Special Revenue Funds allocations to ACF of \$1,170 starting in fiscal year 2023-24 to allow expenditures for technology management costs associated with the newly established positions.

Additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development to collaborate with the advisory board can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.