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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 803, L D 1969, "An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 21 and inserting the following

Sec. 21. Transfer to Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the repeal pursuant to this Act of the Land for Maine's Future Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6203, the State Controller shall transfer all funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund established under Title 5, section 6203-D Notwithstanding Title 5, section 6203-D, subsection 2, the department shall disburse these funds in accordance with Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part FFFF, section 8 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the repeal pursuant to this Act of the Land for Maine's Future Fund, the State Controller shall transfer all funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund

Sec. 22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF Conservation and Recreation Fund N461

Initiative Provides allocations to establish a fund and allow expenditures

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

Conservation Land Management Fund N462

Initiative Provides allocations to establish a fund and allow expenditures

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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

Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund N460

Initiative Provides allocations to authorize expenditures to accomplish the purposes of the funds established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 353

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,663,659	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$37,663,659	\$500

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	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$37,664,659	\$1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$37,664,659	\$1,500

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that upon repeal the of the Land for Maine's Future Fund any funds within the Land for Maine's Future Fund, both the Community Conservation Projects Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Land for Maine's Future Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account, are required to be transferred to the Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1969

LR 2547(02)

An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-233)
 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
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$37,664,659	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Transfers				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill repeals the Land for Maine's Future Fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) and replaces it with the Land For Maine's Future Trust Fund, also within ACF. The bill also creates the Conservation and Recreation Fund (CRF) and the Conservation Land Management Fund (CLMF) within ACF. The bill directs a one-time transfer on or before June 30, 2023 of the remaining balances in the Land for Maine's Future Fund, currently estimated at \$364,159 and the Land for Maine's Future-Community Conservation Projects Fund, currently estimated to be \$37,299,500 to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. The bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$37,643,659 to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 to allow for the expenditure of the transferred funds. The bill also includes ongoing allocations of \$500 beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to establish the CRF and CLMF programs and accounts within the ACF to allow for receipts from other funding sources.