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

HOUSE AMENDMENT “B” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1426,
L.D. 2225, “An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme
Inland and Coastal Weather Events”

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting
the following:

**Sec. A-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus;
Infrastructure Adaptation Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000,000 by the close of the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2024 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the
Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue
Funds account for municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair
and improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets,
regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency.

Sec. A-2. Administration of Infrastructure Adaptation Fund program.
Funds appropriated under section 4 must be administered by the Department of
Transportation and must be awarded by interagency boards using competitive processes.
The interagency boards shall allocate up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided to
infrastructure projects related to wharves and piers that support commercial fisheries and
aquaculture businesses in this State and the remainder to projects related to noncoastal
municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvement
projects that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional
economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency. Project rating criteria may include
the potential extent of public safety; emergency management and infrastructure resiliency
benefits; future climate conditions; ability to leverage federal and other funding; and
community, economic and environmental benefits. All projects must demonstrate increased
resilience to future storm and flooding impacts. The award criteria must prioritize proposals
that demonstrate a significant and compelling community benefit; recipients that are not
covered by Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster funds; and recipients that
demonstrate that the damage is not covered by insurance and that all emergency relief
currently available has been exhausted. The administration of the funds must include
sufficient documentation and record-keeping requirements to provide assurance that funds

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have been awarded consistent with the program guidelines and used for the intended purpose.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part B.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to retain the transfer of \$50,000,000 to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account, but changes the source of funding from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. It specifies that up to \$30,000,000 of the funds provided must be used for projects related to wharves and piers that support commercial fisheries and aquaculture businesses in this State, with the remainder of the funds to be used for noncoastal municipal, state or regionally significant infrastructure adaptation, repair and improvements that support public safety, protection of essential community assets, regional economic needs and long-term infrastructure resiliency.

The amendment strikes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that create the Business Recovery and Resilience Fund program within the Department of Economic and Community Development and that provide funding from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund for economic recovery and resilience grants.

The amendment retains the appropriations and allocations section in Committee Amendment "A" and retains the title and the emergency preamble and emergency clause in the bill.

SPONSORED BY: Billy Bob Faulkingham
(Representative FAULKINGHAM, B.)

TOWN: Winter Harbor

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2225

LR 3090(13)

An Act to Provide Funding to Rebuild Infrastructure Affected by Extreme Inland and Coastal Weather Events

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-987)

Sponsor: Rep. Faulkingham of Winter Harbor

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	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$10,000,000)	(\$500)	\$0	\$0
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$50,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment replaces the one-time transfers from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund with a one-time transfer from the unobligated surplus of the General Fund resulting in a one-time cost to the General Fund of \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24. The amendment retains the one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$500 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Department of Transportation but removes the one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$500 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Department of Economic and Community Development.