



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1602

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and Its Existing and Potential Effects on Species That Are Commercially Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-725)

S "A" (S-529) to C "A" (H-725)

Committee: Marine Resources

Fiscal Note

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The general operating expenses of this study commission are projected to be \$1,250 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$1,750 in fiscal year 2014-15. The continuation of this study in fiscal year 2014-15 is contingent on the commission receiving outside funding of \$1,500 by July 1, 2014 to offset most of the fiscal year 2014-15 costs. The fiscal year 2013-14 costs and the remaining \$250 of fiscal year 2014-15 costs must be funded from the Legislature's budget for legislative studies. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection to serve on the commission and to study the effects of coastal and ocean acidification are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.