



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 304(01)

An Act To Refund the Sales Tax Paid on Fuel Used in Commercial Fishing Vessels

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. MacDonald of Boothbay

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$427,500	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$570,000
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$427,500)	(\$570,000)	(\$570,000)	(\$570,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$22,500)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the refund of sales tax on purchases of fuel for use in commercial fishing vessels and allowing eligible certificate holders to purchase free of sales tax for such purchases will result in a loss to the General Fund and reduce revenues available for revenue sharing. Any costs associated with education efforts regarding the new refund and exemption system can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.