



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Move Propane Safety Oversight to the Maine Fuel Board

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Fitts of Pittsfield

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$82,679	\$37,748	\$43,842	\$50,300
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Office of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will require additional Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$140,596 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$119,717 in fiscal year 2012-13 for one full-time Inspector position and one half-time Office Specialist I position and related costs associated with the Propane and Natural Gas Board assuming the oversight responsibilities of certain propane facilities from the Public Utilities Commission. This preliminary fiscal impact statement assumes an increase in dedicated revenue to the Board of approximately \$140,000 per year from fees, projected to be capped at \$175 per facility, that the Board will be allowed to assess and that an estimated 800 facilities will be added to the Board's jurisdiction.

Removing jurisdiction over propane gas systems from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will remove the need for one full-time utilities analyst position at the PUC with annual salary and benefits of \$81,969. The bill will require a deallocation for the position.