



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Environment and Natural Resources**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

### Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$2,234 in projected balances from fiscal year 2022-23 and \$36,777 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Executive Department to participate in the commission are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.