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Memo

TO: Legislative Council Members
FROM: *Dave*
Dave Boulter, Executive Director
DATE: April 3, 2002
RE: Legislative Council Action on Proposed Studies

Please find attached the results of the actions taken by the Legislative Council on March 26, 2002 regarding proposed studies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose or me.

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LD #	Bill/Study Title	Policy Area	Purpose	FY 03 Fiscal Costs	Legislative Council Action
LD 2096	Resolve, to Promote the Interests of the People of Maine when Public Funds are Used to Acquire Conservation Easements	ACF	Convene a working group to develop a process for state agencies to use when negotiating conservation easements acquired with state funds	\$ 0	Accepted 9-0 (Remove legislative participation, invite committee comments)
HP 1682	Committee on Workforce Investment	AFA	Develop an effective and efficient comprehensive system for workforce development based on the Workforce Investment Act of 1998	N/A	Rejected 9-0 (Authorize LAB to study matter during interim meetings)
LD 472	Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission	AFA	Study issues associated with being a father, including barriers to involvement in children's lives and strategies to improve parenting abilities of fathers	N/A	Rejected 5-3
LD 1784	An Act to Address the Health Coverage Crisis for Maine's Small Business and Self-Employed Persons	BAN	Maine Small Business Health Coverage Board of Directors		No Action
H.P. 1702	Task Force to Study the Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing	BEC	Gather information to develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and provide incentives for the creation and availability of affordable housing	N/A	Rejected 8-0

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LD 2184	Committee to Study Reimbursement Rates for Maine's Bottle Redemption Businesses and Other Issues Related to the Handling and Collection of Returnable Containers (re-establishment of previous committee)	BEC	Study issues related to the operation of bottle redemption businesses and to the handling and collection of returnable containers	\$1,260	Accepted 7-1
LD 2200	Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenue and Job Market	BEC	Examine issues concerning a Maine-based casino and determine a casino's impact on traffic, revenues, job and services	\$6,820	Accepted 6-3
LD 2002	Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study County Jail Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State	CRJ	Study initiatives for regional cooperation and solutions in operating county jails	\$2,115 (for additional meeting and report)	Accepted 8-0 (Change to JSO, authorize CRJ to study matter during interim meeting; allow 1 additional meeting)
LD 2163	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Domestic Violence	CRJ	Continue the work of the previous study commission on domestic violence	N/A	Rejected (lack of motion)
LD 2103	An Act Regarding Essential Programs and Services	EDU	Proposed statutory language to implement the essential programs and services funding model	Cost absorbed to provide drafting assistance	Accepted 9-0

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HP 1671	Task Force to Study the Creation of a Registry of Director Support Professionals	HHS	Gather information and requests necessary data from public and private entities in order to assess the need for a registry of personal care attendants who work with the mentally retarded	N/A	Tabled
LD 1925	Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security	HHS	Develop a plan for relieving hunger and ensuring food security in Maine	N/A	Tabled
LD 1933	Resolve, establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Address the Financing of Long-term Care	HHS	Investigate and analyze the future costs of providing long-term health care to elderly and disabled adults and recommend a system to finance these services	\$6,480	Accepted 9-0
LD 2164	An Act to Provide Government with the Necessary Authority to Respond to a Public Health Emergency Caused by an Act of Bioterrorism	HHS	Appropriations Committee is required to develop a mechanism for the financing of a response to a public health emergency and submit a report to the Legislative Council with its recommendations	N/A	Rejected 8-1 (Authorize AFA to study matter during interim meetings)
LD 2058	Resolve, to Continue the Study of Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families	LAB	Study the benefits and costs of providing family and medical leave benefits	\$4,040	Accepted 6-3

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LD 2199	An Act to Address the Unfunded Liability of the MSRS and the Equity of Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers	LAB	Study the impact of the changes made to the law that treat state employees and teachers who did not have 10 years of service on July 1, 1993 less favorably than those with 10 years of service on July 1, 1993	\$2,660	Accepted 7-2
SP 756	Commission to Study Issues Concerning School Bus Drivers (funding decision needed by Council)	LAB	Gather information and make recommendations concerning increasing access to unemployment compensation for school bus drivers	N/A	Rejected 6-3
SP 821	Task Force to Study a Universal Special Retirement Plan for All Levels of Law Enforcement Officers	LAB	Study the feasibility, advantages, disadvantages, cost implications and other relevant information concerning the establishment of a universal special retirement plan for law enforcement officers	N/A	Rejected 7-2
LD 2070	An Act to Establish the Community Preservation Advisory Committee	NAT	Advise the Governor, the Legislature, the State Planning Office and other state agencies on matters relating to community preservation	\$3,270	Accepted 6-3

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LD 2186	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of Storm Water Management in Developed Watersheds	NAT	Examine laws and rules governing storm water regulation with the goal of improving the laws to protect the waters from the impacts of developed watersheds	N/A	Rejected 9-0 (Authorized NAT to study matter during interim meetings)
LD 1991	Resolve, to Develop a Living Memorial in Capitol Park in Honor of the Victims and Heroes of the September 11, 2001 Tragedy	SLG	Study issues involved in the design of a living memorial in Capitol Park	Cost absorbed by State House & Capitol Park Commission	Accepted 9-0 (Direct State House & Capitol Park Commission to conduct study)
LD 2046	Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the Korean War in the State House Hall of Flags	SLG	To arrange for a plaque or plaques and a flag(s) to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House in honor of the Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean War	\$3,340	Accepted 9-0
LD 2018	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws	TRA	Establishes an advisory committee to establish a pilot project to simplify truck weight laws	N/A	Rejected 9-0 (Direct department to conduct study; provide for oversight by TRA Committee)

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PL 2001, c. 439, Part ZZZ	Health Care System and Health Security Board	BAN	Develop recommendations to provide health care coverage to all citizens of Maine		Legislative; continuation
PL 2001, c. 439	Legislative Youth Advisory Council	EDU	Establishes an on-going advisory council to provide advice to the Legislature on issues of importance to youth		Legislative; on-going, beginning July, 2002
PL 2001, c. 462	Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine	IFW	Study the needs associated with the production of salmon and issues relating to fish hatcheries		Continuation
HP 613	Recodification of Title 12, chapters 701-721	IFW	OPLA and ROS prepare a proposed recodification of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws		Continuation
Resolve 2001, c. 45	Resolve, to Implement Additional Recommendations of the MCJUSTIS Board	JUD	Amend MRSA to continue to make crimes and civil violations compatible with court computerization		Continuation