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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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**SUMMARY**

This bill increases from one to 3 the number of commissioners of local housing authorities who must be residents of assisted housing and increases from one to 3 the number of Maine State Housing Authority commissioners who must be residents of assisted housing.

The committee amendment (H-264) allows 7 commissioners to be appointed to a municipal housing authority, an increase from 6 commissioners permitted by current law. The amendment also requires that in a municipality with subsidized housing, at least 2 of the commissioners be residents of that housing. The amendment removes the provisions of the bill relating to the Maine State Housing Authority and also adds the necessary state mandate preamble and fiscal note.

**LD 749      An Act to Provide for Affordable Cooperative Housing in the State      PUBLIC 300**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> MITCHELL E	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-398
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**SUMMARY**

This bill creates the Maine Cooperative Housing Ownership Act to provide for affordable housing in the State. The housing in the bill is aimed specifically at creating housing cooperatives, with emphasis on providing affordable housing for successive generations.

The committee amendment (H-398) replaces the original bill, although much of the same language remains essentially intact. The amendment makes several technical changes, including placing the legislation in Title 13 and clarifies that the legislation is one means of providing housing on a cooperative basis. The amendment specifies that any cooperative arrangement is subject to property taxes and also adds a fiscal note.

**LD 765      An Act to Provide Local Control for the Job-start Program      PUBLIC 214**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> FOSTER	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> S-126 S-128    CAREY
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**SUMMARY**

This bill moves the Maine Job-start Program from the Finance Authority of Maine and places it with the Department of Economic and Community Development. The move also shifts control to the local level by placing the revolving loan fund and the loan approval process with the local community action agency. The bill changes the name of the Maine Job-start Program to the Maine Micro Enterprise Development Program.

The committee amendment (S-126) establishes procedures for the Finance Authority of Maine to approve local community action agency control of portions of the Job-start Revolving Loan Fund. The amendment also adds the necessary fiscal note.

The Senate amendment (S-128) is presented on behalf of the Committee on Bills in Second Reading in order to make technical corrections.