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STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 1999

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst

Date: August, 1999

Re: Bill Summaries, 119th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999. Joint orders are effective when passed.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

*CARRIED OVER* ..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*  
*CON RES XXX*..... *Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*  
*DIED BETWEEN BODIES*..... *House & Senate disagree; bill died*  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... *One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT* ..... *Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*  
*EMERGENCY*..... *Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*  
*FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... *Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*  
*FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE* ..... *Bill failed to get majority vote*  
*FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... *Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... *Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died*  
*INDEF PP* ..... *Bill Indefinitely Postponed*  
*ONTP* ..... *Ought Not To Pass report accepted*  
*OTP ND*..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*  
*OTP ND/NT* ..... *Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*  
*P&S XXX* ..... *Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... *Chapter # of enacted Public Law*  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... *Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*  
*UNSIGNED* ..... *Bill held by Governor*  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*  
*READ AND PASSED*..... *Joint Order passed by the House and Senate*  
*PASSED AS AMENDED* ..... *Joint Order passed as amended by the House and Senate*

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

LD 1059 proposed to appropriate \$20,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the St. Croix International Waterway Commission for the operating costs of the St. Croix River salmon restoration program.

**LD 1118**                      **An Act to Enhance the Drug Testing Law**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH RAND	ONTP	

LD 1118 proposed to provide additional staff to the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor to enhance their abilities to perform timely certifications of drug and alcohol testing programs and employee assistance programs.

**LD 1143**                      **An Act to Provide Funding for the Education Research Institute**                      **P & S 42**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-174 S-404   MICHAUD

LD 1143 proposed General Fund appropriations to the Legislature for the Education Research Institute in the amount of \$150,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to maintain the kindergarten to grade 12 education database and support targeted research projects.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-174)** proposed to eliminate the reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs in the appropriation to the Education Research Institute and to clarify that the appropriated funds may not be used for travel.

**Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-404)** proposed to deappropriate funds from General Purpose Aid for Local Schools and the University of Maine System to offset the appropriations for the Education Research Institute.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 42 provides General Fund appropriations of \$150,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 to the Legislature for the Education Research Institute to maintain the education database and support targeted research projects through a contract with the University of Maine System. This bill also deappropriates, in each fiscal year of the biennium, \$75,000 from the Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, and \$75,000 from the University of Maine System to offset the General Fund appropriations for the Education Research Institute.

**LD 1152**                      **An Act to Fund the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Program**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN	ONTP	

LD 1152 proposed to provide a General Fund appropriation of \$40,000,000 for use under the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption program during fiscal year 1999-00.