

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**



Disposition of All Bills and Summaries of All Laws Enacted or
Finally Passed During the Second Regular Session
of the 131st Maine Legislature

Second Regular Session convened Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Second Regular Session adjourned sine die Friday, May 10, 2024

	Second Regular
Senate Legislative Days	43
House Legislative Days	42
Number of Bills	754

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JUNE 2024

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 1422 An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision authorizing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a rental subsidy program for homeless students in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must incorporate elements to provide housing subsidies to homeless students who have not attained 18 years of age who do not have adult family members or guardians to secure housing for them. Under this provision, the authority is required to report on the progress of the program's development to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than January 15, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 1540 Resolve, to Establish an Eviction Prevention Pilot Program

Although this bill was not enacted, a provision directing the Maine State Housing Authority to establish a pilot program designed to support eviction prevention was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. The program must be designed to provide eligible persons with up to \$800 per month in rental assistance paid directly to the person's landlord for a period up to 24 months. Under this provision, the authority or an entity delegated to administer the pilot program is required to submit a report to the committee having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than February 2, 2025. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part KKKK.

LD 2136 An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals and Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop a 10-year Plan to Address the Root Causes of Homelessness

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for emergency housing relief was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part HH.