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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by March 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to manage a stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a farm apprenticeship pilot program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000

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**CHAPTER 111
H.P. 626 - L.D. 979**

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to fund transportation from hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites; one-year pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals who are willing to use and desire medically managed withdrawal services but lack transportation services to get to the site. The department shall contract with 2 certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs for a one-year period with total funding of no more than \$30,000. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area of the State. The certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs receiving the funding from the department are responsible for providing transportation services to medically managed withdrawal sites and collecting data on service use. The department may contract for the service required in this section as part of its next regular contracting process with hypodermic apparatus exchange programs. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and

human services matters with the results of the pilot program. The report must include the number of individuals who received transportation services, the distances traveled in the rural and urban sites, the adequacy of the funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the department to contract with 3rd parties for a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000

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**CHAPTER 112
H.P. 687 - L.D. 1092**

Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Ad hoc committee establishment required. Resolved: That, no later than November 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish an ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee shall make recommendations addressing the intervention in and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. For the purposes of this section, "commercial sexual exploitation of children" means any activity involving the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of monetary or nonmonetary value given or received by any person. The ad hoc committee must include representatives of the department, child advocacy centers, community-based agencies with expertise working with commercially sexually exploited children and a statewide coalition of sexual assault centers. By January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of

the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with any recommendations from the ad hoc committee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

S.P. 482 - L.D. 1186

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a hunting and fishing software application. Resolved: That, within existing resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall develop a software application that a person can download onto the person's electronic device to allow the person to access the department's publicly accessible website pages regarding hunting and fishing information, licenses and permits. The department shall complete development of the application by December 21, 2024 to be used by the public for the 2025 hunting and fishing seasons.

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CHAPTER 114

S.P. 68 - L.D. 129

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

Sec. 1. Allopathic medical school feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. State and national current and future physician workforce supply and distribution data including primary and specialty care fields;
2. Innovative allopathic medical school models, especially those that include partnerships between public universities and nonprofit health care systems;
3. Allopathic medical school enrollment projections;
4. Program content and accreditation standards;

5. Required resources including personnel, classrooms, research and clinical laboratories and equipment, student housing and operating expenses;

6. Capacity in the State to support residency training;

7. Costs associated with establishing and operating a public allopathic medical school and funding models that include state appropriations and tuition revenue;

8. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System policies for creating new programs;

9. The impact of establishing an allopathic medical school on existing education and health-related training programs in the State;

10. Programs to retain graduates to pursue careers in the State, especially in rural primary and specialty care with a focus on underserved areas and populations;

11. Other programs and partnerships to address current and projected needs of a physician workforce; and

12. Opportunities to strengthen health and medical research activities to enhance the health and well-being of residents of the State.

Sec. 2. Coordination; testimony. Resolved: That in conducting the study under section 1, the University of Maine System shall coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program located in Penobscot County and shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of representatives of the following organizations:

1. The Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System;
5. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness;
6. A statewide association representing Maine hospitals;
7. A statewide association representing Maine physicians;
8. A statewide association representing Maine primary care providers;
9. A medical center in the State with an education and training partnership with a medical school located outside of the State;
10. A nonprofit community health care network that includes federally qualified health centers; and
11. An osteopathic medical school based in the State.