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119th LEGISLATURE / SECOND REGULAR SESSION
APPROVED INTERIM STUDIES
as of May 15, 2000

COMMISSION/STUDY	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	COMPENSATION	BUDGET
Round Table to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry	19 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses for legislators only	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,800
Resolves, Ch. 124 (Emergency)					
Legislative Committee to Study Access to Private and Public Land in Maine	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by the Legislative Council)
Joint Order/HP 1951					
Task Force to Reduce the Burden of Home Heating Costs on Low-Income Households	16 members; 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$1,300
Resolves, Ch. 132 (Emergency)					
Joint Select Committee on Study the Creation of a Public/Private Purchasing Alliance to Ensure Access to Health Care for all Maine Citizens	13 members; 3 Senators 10 Representatives	OPLA	12/01/00	Per diem and expenses	6 meetings PS: \$4,290 AO: \$4,200
Joint Order/HP 1857					
Commission to Study the Most Effective Method of Providing Retail Rate Reimbursement for Parts and Labor	7 members; 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$1,300
Ch. 766, Public Law (Emergency)					
Commission to Study Ownership Patterns in Maine	13 members; 4 legislators	State Planning Office	11/15/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$2,500
LD 2535 (not signed as of 5/15)					
Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy (continuation)	18 members; 5 legislators	OPLA	12/06/00	Per diem and expenses	5 meetings PS: \$1,375 AO: \$1,750
Ch. 762, Public Law					

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Commission to Study Domestic Violence Resolves, Chapter 126 (Emergency)	19 members; 5 legislators	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated.	8 meetings (4 during interim) PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000
Maine Fire Protection Services Commission Chapter 731, Part AAAAA	21 members; 5 legislators	May employ staff as needed	12/31/00	Per diem and expenses for all members	Legislative Account PS: \$1,100 AO: \$1,000 MFPS Account PS: \$ 2,640 AO: \$17,360
Joint Study Committee to Study Bomb Threats in Maine Schools Joint Order/HP 1938	6 members; 2 Senators 4 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Task Force on Educational Programming at Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Ch. 770, Public Law (Emergency)	13 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings PS: \$ 880 AO: \$3,000
Joint Select Committee on School-based Health Care Services Joint Order/HP 1864	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	12/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Commission to Study Kindergarten-to-grade-12 Educator Recruitment and Retention Resolves, Chapter 130 (Emergency)	14 members; No legislators	Dept. of Education	01/15/01	Expenses only	AO: \$30,000
Joint Select Committee on the Psychiatric Treatment Initiative Joint Order, HP 1955	8 members; 4 Senators 4 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings

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Youth in Need of Services Oversight Committee (on-going) Ch. 778, Public Law (Emergency)	24 members; 5 legislators	DHS	Twice annually	Per diem and expenses for legislative members	2 meetings PS: \$ 660 AO: \$ 600
Task Force to Study the Implementation of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Law LD 2580 (not signed as of 5/15)	7 members; 7 legislators	Attorney General	10/01/00	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings PS: \$1,540 AO: \$1,400
Council on Children and Families Chapter 785, Public Law (Emergency)	12 members; 7 legislators	Governor's Office (Assistance may be requested from Legislative Council)		Per diem and expenses for legislative members	3 meetings/year PS: \$1,155 AO: \$1,050
Commission to Study Equity in the Distribution of Gas Tax Revenues Attributable to Snowmobiles, All-terrain Vehicles and Watercraft Resolves, Chapter 131 (Emergency)	15 members; 10 legislators	OPLA	12/06/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	8 meetings PS: \$4,400 AO: \$5,700
Committee to Study Further Decriminalization of the Criminal Laws of Maine Joint Order/HP 1914	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Commission on the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse Joint Order/HP 1930	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Committee to Develop a Compensation Program for Victims of Abuse at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and to Continue Oversight of Multi-agency Cooperation Resolves, Chapter 127 (Emergency)	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	8 meetings PS: \$ 2,200 AO: \$29,500

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An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine LD 2334 (not signed as of 5/15) (Emergency)	(Continuation of MCJUSTIS)	OPLA	01/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members	
Study Pension Plan Design and Benefits Under the Maine State Retirement System (Approved as part of Labor Committee's authorized interim work)	Joint Standing Committee on Labor	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	5 meetings PS: \$ 3,575 AO: \$15,750
Commission to Study the Establishment of an Environmental Leadership Program LD 1562 (not signed as of 5/15)	8 members; 8 legislators	OPLA	01/15/02	Per diem and expenses	8 meetings PS: \$3,520 AO: \$3,700
Task Force to Study Market Power Issues Related to the Solid Waste Hauling and Disposal Industry Chapter 773, Public Law	5 members; 2 Senators 3 Representatives	OPLA	12/05/01	Per diem and expenses	4 meetings (to be funded from Legislative Account) AO: \$ 4,500 (for consultants)
Task Force to Study Growth Management Joint Order/SP 1090	14 members; 3 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	(To be approved by Legislative Council)
Mercury Products Advisory Committee Chapter 779, Public Law	13 members; 4 legislators	DEP	01/15/02	Per diem and expenses for legislative members; expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings/FY 2001 PS: \$ 880 AO: \$ 800
Commission to Study Economically and Socially Just Policies for Foreign Investments and Foreign Purchasing by the State LD 2461 (not signed as of 5/15)	12 members; 4 legislators	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	6 meetings PS: \$1,320 AO: \$3,500
Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of the Vietnam War in the State House Hall of Flags Resolves, Chapter 113	5 members; 0 legislators	None	12/01/00	No compensation	\$500 (allocation)

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Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices Joint Order/HP 1774	13 members; 3 Senators 10 Representatives	OPLA	11/01/00	Per diem and expenses	To be approved by the Legislative Council
Task Force on the Maine Learning Technology Endowment Ch. 731, Public Law, Part FFF	16 members; 6 legislators (max)	OFPR/OPLA	12/15/00	Per diem and expenses for legislative members	7 meetings PS: \$2,310 AO: \$5,400
Long-term Care Implementation Committee Ch 731, Public Law, Part BBBB	13 members; 4 legislators	DHS	02/01/01 02/01/02 12/31/02	Expenses only authorized	9 meetings/year
Prescription Drug Advisory Commission Ch. 786, Public Law	12 members; No legislators	DHS	04/01/01; annually thereafter	Legislative per diem and expenses for members not otherwise compensated	4 meetings/year

STUDY COMMISSIONS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED

COMMISSION	MEMBERSHIP	STAFFING	REPORT	BUDGET/COMPENSATION
State Compensation Commission 3 MRSA § 2-B	5 0 legislators	OFPR	Annual	Costs absorbed by legislative account
Judicial Compensation Commission 4 MRSA § 1701	3 0 legislators	OFPR	Annual	Costs absorbed by Judicial Dept.
Commission on Performance Budgeting 5 MRSA, Ch. 151-C	13 6 legislators	OFPR	Ongoing	Legislators' per diem & expenses paid from legislative account
Statutory Review of Income Taxes 36 MRSA § 197-199	Joint Standing Committee on Taxation	OFPR	Annual	Per diem & expenses
Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated With the Production of Salmonoid Sport Fish in Maine Ch. 82, Resolves of 1999	13 3 legislators	OPLA	9/29/00	Per diem & expenses for legislators; expense's for members not otherwise compensated
Citizens Advisory Committee to Secure the Future of Fish and Wildlife Ch. 86, Resolves of 1999	24 5 legislators	OPLA	12/15/00	Per diem & expenses for legislators; expenses for members not otherwise compensated
Economic Development Incentive Commission 5 MRSA § 10370-L, sub§ 5, as amended by Chapter 768, 1999 Public Law	11 members 4 legislators	OFPR	11/01/01	AO: \$20,000