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120th MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
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Memorandum

To: Senate and House Chairs, Joint Standing Committees
120th Legislature

From: Michael V. Saxl, Chair *MS*
Legislative Council

Michael H. Michaud, Vice-chair *MHM*
Legislative Council

Date: March 25, 2002

Subject: Legislative Study Table

Please be advised that on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at 2:00PM (immediately following the Legislative Council's monthly meeting), the Legislative Council will review legislative studies that have been proposed during the Second Regular Session.

As part of its deliberations, the Council will consider the necessity for each study and the availability of budgetary and staffing resources to support the study. Because there is insufficient funding to support all of the studies now proposed, the Legislative Council will consider whether the matter to be studied can be handled by the appropriate joint standing committee as part of the committee's interim meeting schedule in lieu of convening a separate study committee.

Committee chairs are welcome to attend the meeting as the Legislative Council does the Study Table on Tuesday. Chairs will not be asked to present proposed studies but may be asked for clarification if Legislative Council members have any questions about the study proposals. A listing of the studies to be considered by the Legislative Council will be made available by the Executive Director's Office by noon on Tuesday, March 26th.

If you have any questions, please speak with either one of us or contact the Executive Director's Office.

Thank you.

Cc: Richard A. Bennett, Senate President
Legislative Council Members
Pam Cahill, Secretary of the Senate
Millie MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Dave Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council
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LD #	Emergency or Non-Emergency?	Bill/Study Title	Study Type	Policy Area	Purpose	Size of Study Group	# Legislators	Start Date	Report Date	Compensation	Fiscal Costs	Staffing	Notes
1 LD 2096 (page 1)	Emergency	Resolve, to Promote the Interests of the People of Maine when Public Funds are Used to Acquire Conservation Easements	Departmental	ACF	Convene a working group to develop a process for state agencies to use when negotiating conservation easements acquired with state funds	no specific size mentioned	1	not specified	1/15/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY03 - \$470	State Planning Office	Engrossed in House and Senate
2 H.P. 1682 (page 8)	Non-Emerg.	Committee on Workforce Investment	Legislative	AFA	Develop an effective and efficient comprehensive system for workforce development based on the Workforce Investment Act of 1998	12	12	no later than May 31, 2002	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY03 - \$12,720	OPLA	Voted OTP-AM by AFA on 3/21/02
3 LD 472 (page 11)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Establish a Fatherhood Issues Study Commission	Legislative	AFA	Study issues associated with being a father, including barriers to involvement in children's lives and strategies to improve parenting abilities of fathers	9	5	no later than August 21, 2002	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$3,700	OPLA	Passed in House; Senate Approp. Table
4 LD 1784 (page 14)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Address the Health Coverage Crisis for Maine's Small Business and Self-Employed Persons	Other	BAN	Maine Small Business Health Coverage Board of Directors	11	none	not specified	Annually by April 1, beginning in 2004	Board members receive expenses	Amount can not be determined at this time	OFPR until the Board can make other arrangements for staff	Enacted by House; Engrossed in Senate
5 H.P. 1702 (page 24)	Non-Emerg.	Task Force to Study the Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing	Legislative	BEC	Gather information to develop recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers to and provide incentives for the creation and availability of affordable housing	22 plus others are invited to participate as voting members	6	no later than 30 days after adjournment of Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature	11/6/02	Members receive Per Diem and Expenses	FY03 - \$12,820	OPLA	Referenced to BEC on 3/25/02
6 LD 2184 (page 26)	Non-Emerg.	Committee to Study Reimbursement Rates for Maine's Bottle Redemption Businesses and Other Issues Related to the Handling and Collection of Returnable Containers (reestablishment of previous committee)	Legislative	BEC	Study issues related to the operation of bottle redemption businesses and to the handling and collection of returnable containers	15	3	not specified	12/1/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members expenses to be paid by SPO	FY03 - \$1,575	State Planning Office	Enacted by House; Senate Approp. Table

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7 LD 2200 (page 34)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Study the Impact of a Maine-based Casino on the Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, State Revenue and Job Market	Legislative	BEC	Examine issues concerning a Maine-based casino and determine a casino's impact on traffic, revenues, jobs and services	19	7	Within 15 days following completion of appointments	1/2/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$10,420 (includes three regional public hearings)	OPLA	BEC and LVA Voted OTP-AM (maj) and ONTP (min)
8 LD 2002 (page 38)	Emergency	Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study County Jail Population, Cost and Reimbursement by the State	Legislative	CRJ	Study initiatives for regional cooperation and solutions in operating county jails	13	Members of the CRJ Committee	no later than May 15, 2002	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY02 - \$2,730 FY 03 -\$6,260	OPLA	Emergency Passed in House; Senate Approp. Table
9 LD 2163 (page 41)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Domestic Violence	Legislative	CRJ	Continue the work of the previous study commission on domestic violence	20	5	30 days after members have been appointed	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$6,050	OPLA	Engrossed in House and Senate
10 LD 2103 (page 67)	Non-Emerg.	An Act Regarding Essential Programs and Services	Departmental	EDU	Propose statutory language to implement the essential programs and services funding model	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Cost absorbed	Drafting assistance by OPLA during the interim only	Engrossed in House; Senate no action taken
11 HP 1671 (page 82)	Non-Emerg.	Task Force to Study the Creation of a Registry of Direct Support Professionals	Legislative	HHS	Gather information and requests necessary data from public and private entities in order to assess the need for a registry of personal care attendants who work with the mentally retarded	9	7	June 1, 2002	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$9,125	OPLA	Engrossed in House; Senate no action taken
12 LD 1925 (page 84)	Emergency	Resolve, to Extend the Reporting Deadline for the Maine Millennium Commission on Hunger and Food Security	Legislative	HHS	Develop a plan for relieving hunger and ensuring food security in Maine	15	4	1997	12/15/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY02 - \$840 FY03 - \$2,520	Department	House Emergency Passed; Senate Approp. Table
13 LD 1933 (page 86)	Emergency	Resolve, Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Address the Financing of Long-term Care	Legislative	HHS	Investigate and analyze the future costs of providing long-term health care to elderly and disabled adults and recommend a system to finance these services	21	4	no later than 60 days following appointments	11/6/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only if other sources of funding are available	FY03 - \$4,850 FY04 - \$4,850	OPLA	Engrossed in House and Senate

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14 LD 2164 (page 95)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Provide Government with the Necessary Authority to Respond to a Public Health Emergency Caused by an Act of Bioterrorism	Departmental	HHS	Appropriations Committee is required to develop a mechanism for the financing of a response to a public health emergency and submit a report to the Legislative Council with its recommendations	Members of the Appropriations Committee	13	Not specified	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY03 - \$6210	OFPR	Referenced to HHS and JUD; Public hearing held on 3/19/02	
15 LD 2058 (page 102)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Continue the Study of Benefits and Costs for Increasing Access to Family and Medical Leave for Maine Families	Legislative	LAB	Study the Benefits and costs of providing family and medical leave benefits		15	2	August 15, 2002	12/1/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses if outside funding is available	FY03 - \$1,850	OPLA	House passed; Senate Approp. Table
16 LD 2199 (page 106)	Emergency	An Act to Address the Unfunded Liability of the MSRS and the Equity of Retirement Benefits for State Employees and Teachers	Legislative	LAB	Study the impact of the changes made to the law that treat state employees and teachers who did not have 10 years of service on July 1, 1993 less favorably than those with 10 years of service on July 1, 1993		9	3	no later than June 1, 2002	12/1/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$5,210	Legislative Council	Referred to LAB 3/21/02; Public Hearing on 3/26/02
17 SP 756 (page 111)	Non-Emerg.	Commission to Study Issues Concerning School Bus Drivers (funding decision needed by Council)	Legislative	LAB	Gather information and make recommendations concerning increasing access to unemployment compensation for school bus drivers		10	3	no later than May 15, 2002	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY02 - \$1,280 FY03 - \$3,825	OPLA	Passed in House and Senate
18 SP 821 (page 119)	Non-Emerg.	Task Force to Study a Universal Special Retirement Plan for All Levels of Law Enforcement Officers	Legislative	LAB	Study the feasibility, advantages, disadvantages, cost implications and other relevant information concerning the establishment of a universal special retirement plan for law enforcement officers		11	6	no later than August 15, 2002	1/31/03	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$5,720	OPLA	Passed in Senate; unfinished business in House

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19	LD 2070 (page 121)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Establish the Community Preservation Advisory Committee	Legislative	NAT	Advise the Governor, the Legislature, the State Planning Office and other state agencies on matters relating to community preservation	13	7	Not specified	Annual by December 1	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only to be paid for by MSHA	FY03 - \$3,270; FY04 - \$3,270; FY05 - \$3,270	State Planning Office and drafting assistance by Legislative Council	Enacted in House; Engrossed in Senate
20	LD 2186 (page 126)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study the Effectiveness of Stormwater Management in Developed Watersheds	Legislative	NAT	Examine laws and rules governing stormwater regulation with the goal of improving the laws to protect the waters from the impacts of developed watersheds	13	4	within 30 days following appointment completion	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members expenses to be paid for by MSHA	FY03 - \$4,820	OPLA	Referenced to NAT Committee; Voted OTP-AM
21	LD 1991 (page 131)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Develop a Living Memorial in Capitol Park in Honor of the Victims and Heroes of the September 11, 2001 Tragedy	Non-state	SLG	Study issues involved in the design of a living memorial in Capitol Park	8	up to 4	within 14 days of completion of appointments	11/6/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses; other members receive expenses only	FY03 - \$3,880	OPLA	House passed; Senate Approp. Table
22	LD 2046 (page 134)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of World War II and the Korean War in the State House Hall of Flags	Non-state	SLG	To arrange for a plaque or plaques and a flag (s) to be displayed in the Hall of Flags in the State House in honor of the Maine Veterans of World War II and the Korean War	5	0	no later than August 18, 2002	initial report by 10/4/02; final report by 11/1/02	No compensation	FY03 - \$1,500 (report printing costs)	OPLA	House passed; Senate Approp. Table
23	LD 2018 (page 137)	Non-Emerg.	An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws	Departmental	TRA	Establishes an advisory committee to establish a pilot project to simplify truck weight laws	12	8	N/A	12/31/04	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	FY03 - 5040	DOT	In TRA Committee; Voted OTP-AM

Total of Potential Studies Fiscal Costs FY02/03 - \$116,685

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24	P.L. 2001, c. 439, Part ZZZ (page 147)	Emergency	Health Care System and Health Security Board	Legislative (continuation)	BAN	Develop recommendations to provide health care coverage to all citizens of Maine	19	4	Within 30 days of completion of appointments	12/1/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	Already funded	OPLA	continuation
25	P.L. 2001, c. 439 (page 152)	Emergency	Legislative Youth Advisory Council (on-going)	Legislative	EDU	Establishes an on-going advisory council to provide advice to the Legislature on issues of importance to youth	21 voting and 5 nonvoting	3	July, 2002	2/15 annually	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	Already funded	OPLA and Muskie School	on-going beginning July 2002
26	P.L. 2001, c. 462 (page 155)	Emerg.	Commission to Study the Needs and Opportunities Associated with the Production of Salmonid Sport Fish in Maine	Legislative	IFW	Study the needs associated with the production of salmon and issues relating to fish hatcheries	15	5	1998	10/31/02	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses	Already funded	OPLA	continuation
27	HP 613 (page 160)	Non-Emerg.	Recodification of Title 12, chapters 701-721	Legislative Staff	IFW	OPLA and ROS prepare a proposed recodification of the inland fisheries and wildlife laws	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/15/02	N/A	Already funded	OPLA	continuation
28	Resolve 2001, chapter 45 (page 161)	Non-Emerg.	Resolve, to Implement Additional Recommendations of the MCJUSTIS Board	Legislative Staff	JUD	Amend MRSA to continue to make crimes and civil violations compatible with court computerization	MCJUSTIS Policy Board	none	1998	12/15/02	N/A	Already funded	OPLA drafting assistance	continuation