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LD1073	Y	Commission to Study the Promotion, Expansion and the Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry	ACF	Study the best way to expand racing opportunities for Maine horsemen and Maine-owned horses	11 / 6	Within 15 days following completion of appointments	December 5, 2007: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee	<p>Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses</p> <p>Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$4,760.00 Source: OSR Four meetings budgeted. If outside funding is not received by Sept. 15, no meetings are authorized and no expenses may be incurred or reimbursed.</p>	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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2 HP1018	N	Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity	BRED	Develop a comprehensive plan to achieve sustainable prosperity in Maine	15 / 15	Not specified	May 14, 2007 (initial report): First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature January 8, 2008 (final report): Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses during the interim Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$63,000.00 Source: GF Joint Standing Committees-4 meetings budgeted for each of the 7 committees to meet-\$45,500; 6 meetings for the JSC on Future Maine Prosperity-\$12,000 and Government Oversight Committee-\$5,500	OPLA and OFPR	In Senate
3 LD1163	N	BRED Committee Study of Business Compliance	BRED	Propose statutory changes that will increase business compliance with current reporting requirements for beneficiaries of state economic development incentives	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,500.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted for the BRED Committee to meet.	OPLA	Passed to be Engrossed in House and Senate

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4 HP1334 JO	N	Committee to Study the Prison Industries Program (Study will be conducted by CRJ Committee)	CRJ	Reviewing and assessing the current prison industries program	13 / 13	No later than September 15, 2007	January 15, 2008: Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,210.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted for the 13 members of the JSC on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to meet.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
5 HP1330 JSO	N	Commission to Study Strategies to Promote Financial Literacy	EDU	Review the experience in Maine and other states with promoting and teaching financial literacy to children and adults and develop recommendations	9 / 9	Not specified	December 5, 2007: Insurance and Financial Services Committee December 5, 2007: Legislative Council	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$4,530.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
6 SP0717 JSO	N	Commission to Develop Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Access, Retention and Completion for Low-wage, Low-skilled Adults	EDU	Study and make recommendations on ways to assist low-wage, low-skilled adults to overcome barriers to obtaining postsecondary degrees	13 / 7	When appointment of all members is completed	December 5, 2007: Labor Committee December 5, 2007: Education Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$5,130.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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7 LD1758	Y	Alternative Education Programs Committee	EDU	Conduct a review of all existing alternative education programs and how they are beneficial to youth at risk in Maine	13 / 7	Within 15 days following completion of appointments	December 19, 2007: Education Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$4,490.00 Source: GF	Legislative Council	On Study Table
8 SP0720 JO	N	Health and Human Services Committee Study of MaineCare	HHS	Receive information regarding and review the MaineCare program	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$16,250.00 Source: GF Budget based on 10 meetings. Minimum of 10 meetings specified.	OPLA	On Study Table
9 SP0724 JO	N	Health and Human Services Committee Review of Eligibility for and Transitioning of the MaineCare Program	HHS	Review eligibility for and transitioning of the MaineCare program	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,500.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	OPLA	On Study Table

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10 SP0732	N	Commission to Study Primary Care Medical Practice	HHS	Identify the causes of the loss of independent ownership of primary care medical practices and the effect of this on health care costs and access to medical treatment	13 / 8	Upon completion of appointment of all members	December 5, 2007: Health and Human Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$5,110.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
11 LD0755	Y	Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children	HHS	Recommend a comprehensive 3 year investment strategy and plan for Maine's young children	13 / 8	No later than September 1, 2007	: Health and Human Services Committee December 1, 2007: Business, Research and Economic Development Commit December 1, 2007: Taxation Committee December 1, 2007: Education and Cultural Affairs Committee December 1, 2007: Appropriations Committee December 1, 2007: Legislative Council	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$5,380.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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12 LD1239	Y	Working Group to Study the Effectiveness and Timeliness of Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss	HHS	Examine issues of access to timely and accurate diagnosis of hearing loss by 3 months of age	17 / 9	Within 30 days following completion of appointments	December 7, 2007: Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$9,490.00 Source: OSR Four meetings budgeted. If outside funding is not received by Oct. 1, no meetings are authorized and no expenses may be incurred or reimbursed.	Legislative Council	Passed to be Engrossed with Committee A and House B in House and Senate
13 LD1849	Y	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Regulation of Health Care Expenditures (Title 5 exempt)	HHS	Undertake a study of the health care system and health care regulation and recommend the most appropriate form of health care regulation necessary to ensure the provision of quality care, the accessibility and the affordability of care	19 / 5	Within 15 days of appointment of all members	March 1 annually: Insurance and Financial Services Committee March 1 annually: Health and Human Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$2,100.00 Source: GF FY09 \$2,100.00 Source: GF Ongoing costs of \$2,100 annually will be incurred for the 5 legislative members of the advisory council.	Governor's Office	Engrossed in Senate

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14 LD1521	N	Insurance and Financial Services Committee Review of Lyme Disease	IFS	Review issues related to Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$1,625.00 Source: GF Estimated cost for the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services to meet one time.	OPLA	On Study Table
15 LD1760	N	Maine Individual High-Risk Reinsurance Pool Association (Title 5 exempt)	IFS	Oversee Maine's individual high-risk reinsurance pool association	11 / 2	Not specified	March 15 annually: Insurance and Financial Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$840.00 Source: GF FY09 \$840.00 Source: GF Ongoing costs in the same amount will also be incurred in future years for two legislators who will serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Individual High-risk Reinsurance Pool Association.	Bureau of Insurance	Tabled in House

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16 LD1890	N	Board of Directors of the Maine Individual Reinsurance Program (Title 5 exempt)	IFS	Establish procedures for the Maine Individual Reinsurance Program	14 / 2		Annual by March 15: Insurance and Financial Services Committee	Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$840.00 Source: GF FY09 \$840.00 Source: GF Ongoing costs in the same amount will also be incurred in future years.	Bureau of Insurance	Voted, divided report, not reported out
17 LD0216	N	Council on Financial Literacy	JUD	Encourage and support projects and programs that seek to inform and educate Maine residents on the management of their personal finances	11 / 1	Not specified	January 15, 2009: Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$420.00 Source: GF Reflects the annual cost for one legislative member who will serve as a member of the Council on Financial Literacy. FY09 \$420.00 Source: GF	Treasurer of State	Passed to be Engrossed in House and Senate

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18 LD0391	Y	Adoption Laws and Practices Task Force	JUD	Conduct a review of adoption laws and practices and propose a comprehensive public policy addressing the issues involved in adoption laws and practices	13 / 3	No later than September 15, 2007	December 5, 2007: Judiciary Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,330.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	Divided report, Maj. OTP-Am; Min. ONTP
19 LD1263	Y	Tribal-State Work Group	JUD	Examine issues identified in the framework document prepared for the Assembly of Governors and Chiefs	17 / 8	Not specified	December 5, 2007: Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature December 5, 2007: Governor December 5, 2007: Tribal governments	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$10,830.00 Source: GF General Fund Appropriation included in the bill. Budget based on six meetings; up to 6 meetings specified in the bill.	Maine Indian-Tribal Commission	On the Appropriations Table

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20 SP0689 JO	N	Marine Resources Review of Maine's Groundfishing Industry	MAR	Review the options available for the long-term support of the commercial groundfishing industry	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$0.00 Source: GF No fiscal impact. Review to be conducted during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.	OPLA	On Study Table
21 SP0726 JO	N	Marine Resources Committee Study of the Depletion of Finfish Stocks in the Gulf of Maine	MAR	Study the depletion of finfish stock in the Gulf of Maine and report out a bill	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,500.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
22 HP1355 JO	N	Natural Resources Committee Study of Solid Waste Management	NAT	Review laws regarding solid waste management and the public benefit determinations	13 / 13	No later than September 15, 2007	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,500.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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23 LD0336	N	Community Preservation Advisory Committee	NAT	Reauthorizes the Advisory Committee	13 / 6	Not specified	Annually: Natural Resources Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY09 \$3,270.00 Source: GF Appropriation in the amount of \$3,270 included in the bill. Legislative budget also includes funds in this amount.	State Planning Office; OPLA drafting assistance	On Appropriations Table
24 LD1845	N	Technical Advisory Group on Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring (Title 5 exempt)	NAT	Advise the Commissioner during the development of a 5-year monitoring plan and annual work programs	12 / 2	On-going	March 31 annually: Natural Resources Committee March 31 annually: Marine Resources Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$420.00 Source: GF FY09 \$420.00 Source: GF Ongoing costs estimated to be \$420 annually for the additional legislator who will serve as a member of the advisory group.	DEP and DMR	On Study Table

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25 LD1091	N	Maine Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission (8 year study)	SLG	Develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Maine's role in the Civil War	13 / 7	No later than November 15, 2007	December 15 each year: State and Local Government Committee December 15 each year: Legislative Council	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members may receive per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$5,530.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted each year. FY09 \$5,530.00 Source: GF Ongoing through December 31, 2005 with estimated costs of \$5,530 annually through FY 2016.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
26 LD0261	Y	Property Tax Assessment Review Committee	TAX	Review statutory and constitutional requirements relating to the valuation of property and assessment of property taxes	11 / 6	Not specified	December 1, 2007: Taxation Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$4,070.00 Source: GF Four meetings budgeted.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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27 SP0725 JO	N	Committee to Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police (consists of CRJ and TRA Committee members)	TRA	Examine the formula for funding of the State Police from the General Fund and Highway Fund and develop recommendations for funding the State Police	13 / 13	When appointment of members is completed	December 5, 2007: Transportation Committee December 5, 2007: Criminal Justice Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$7,250.00 Source: HF Four meetings budgeted. Highway Fund allocation included in CA to LD 781, Highway Fund Budget	Legislative Council	On Study Table; Funded through the Highway Fund
28 SP0731	N	Transportation Committee Study of Certain Transportation-Related Matters	TRA	Examine the physical and functional features of and jurisdictional responsibilities over the current collector and state aid highway networks	13 / 13	Not specified	: No report required	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$6,500.00 Source: HF Four meetings budgeted. Highway Fund allocation included in CA to LD 781, Highway Fund Budget	Legislative Council	On Study Table; Funded through the Highway Fund

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29 LD1919	N	Working Group on Motor Fuel Taxes	TRA	Examine how motor fuel taxes could be restructured to eliminate or change the current indexing system	0 / 2	Not specified	January 15, 2008: Transportation Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$840.00 Source: GF Reflects the cost for two legislators to participate in the examination of motor fuel taxes.	DOT and DAFS	On Study Table

Totals: 2008

GF	\$169,945.00
HF	\$13,750.00
OSR	\$14,250.00

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GF	\$13,420.00
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1 LD0977	N	Working Group on Funding Needs of Air and Ground Emergency and Critical Care Medical Services	HHS	Review costs of emergency response services and emergency and nonemergency transportation services	0 / 0	Not specified	January 15, 2008: Health and Human Services Committee	Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$0.00 Source: No fiscal impact to the Legislature. No legislators identified to serve on the working group.	DHS	On Study Table
2 LD1371	N	Commission to Study Funding Issues Regarding Emergency Homeless Shelters	HHS	Study the connections between social services, corrections and homelessness	0 / 0	Not specified	January 15, 2008: Health and Human Services Committee	Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$0.00 Source: No fiscal impact to the Legislature. No legislators identified to participate in the study.	DHS	On Study Table

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3 LD0245	N	Secretary of State Study of Dealer Plates	TRA	Examine and develop recommendations for changes to the laws and rules governing dealer plates	0 / 0	Not specified	November 30, 2007: Transportation Committee	Fiscal Costs: FY08 \$0.00 Source: No fiscal impact to the Legislature. No legislators identified to serve on the working group.	Secretary of State	On Study Table

Totals: 2008

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