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**Legislative Study Committees and Commissions
for 2008 Legislative Interim**

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Policy Area	Authority	Study Name	Number of Authorized Meetings	Report Date	Total Members	Senate Appointments	House Appointments	Other Appointments	Staffing
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	PL 2007, c. 660	ACF Committee review of the recommendations of the Agricultural Creative Economy Study	3	Report to 124th Legislature	13				OPLA
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	PL 2007, c. 649	Committee to Study the Protection of Farms and Farmland	4	November 5, 2008	11	4: 2 Senators, 1 person with expertise in land use policy & 1 person with expertise in tax policy)	7: 4 members of the House, 2 persons representing diverse agricultural producer associations, & 1 person representing municipal interests		OPLA & OFPR
Criminal Justice & Public Safety	SP 933	CRJ Committee study of the Maine Sex Offender Registry	3	November 5, 2008	13				OPLA
Education & Cultural Affairs	Title 3, section 168-A	Legislative Youth Advisory Council (on-going council)	6 annually (including 2 public hearings), with 3 add'l meetings if funds permit)	Biennially to the Legislature	20	10: 2 Senators and 8 youth members	10: 2 Representatives & 8 youth members		OPLA
Education & Cultural Affairs	PL 2007, c. 666	OPLA Review of Laws on Dissemination of Confidential Information Relating to Teachers	N/A	November 5, 2008, with report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs	N/A				OPLA

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Health & Human Services	Resolves 2007, c. 209	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Long-term Home-based and Community-based Care	4	November 5, 2008 to the Legislature	11	5: 2 Senators and 3 non-legislators who are experts in long-term care financing	5: 4 Representatives & 1 non-legislator who is a consumer of long-term care	1 appointment by the Governor	OPLA
Health & Human Services	PL 2007, c. 629	HHS committee study to review the Fund for a Healthy Maine	3	October 1, 2008, with report to Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs	13				OPLA & OFPR
Insurance & Financial Services	Resolves 2007, c. 216	Staff Update Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System in the State	N/A	December 3, 2008, with report to 124th Legislature	N/A				Legislative Council staff
Judiciary	Title 4, section 1701	Judicial Compensation Commission	not specified	December 1st of each even-numbered year, with report to joint standing committees on AFA and JUD	3	1	1	1 appointed by the Governor	OFPR
Judiciary	PL 2005, c. 631) (Title 1, section 411)	Right to Know Advisory Committee (on-going committee)	At least 4 times annually	January 15th annually, with report to the Governor, Legislative Council, Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court	15	6: 1 Senator from JUD and five non-legislators	5: 1 Representative serving on JUD & 4 non-legislators	Governor appoints 3 members. AG serves as ex-officio member.	OPLA

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Labor	PL 2003, c. 699	Citizen Trade Policy Commission (on-going commission)	At least 2 times annually and two public hearings annually	Annually, with report to the Legislature, Governor and others. Sunset evaluation due by December 31, 2009	22	6: 3 Senators (representing at least 2 political parties) & and 3 non-legislators	6: 3 Representatives representing at least 2 political parties & 3 non-legislators)	Governor appoints 4 members. AG and 5 commissioners serve as ex-officio	OPLA
Natural Resources	PL 2001, c. 648	Community Preservation Advisory Committee (on-going committee)	No more than 4 times annually	Annually, with report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources	13	5: 2 Senators (1 from majority & 1 from minority party, with preference to members from the NAT, SLG, EDU, TRA, TAX or BRED committees), & and 3 non-legislators	6: 4 Representatives (at least 1 from majority party & 1 from minority party, with preference to members from the NAT, SLG, EDU, TRA, TAX or BRED committees) & 2 non-legislators	Director of SPO & Director of MHPC	State Planning Office. OPLA to provide assistance with drafting legislation