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126<sup>TH</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

126<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Legislative Council

Thursday, November 21, 2013  
10:00 AM

REVISED AGENDA

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OLD BUSINESS

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

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| ❖ <b>44</b> | Item #4: | Request for Extension of Reporting Date and Permission to Meet on December 4, 2013 (Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities, Sen. Craven and Rep. Stuckey, Co-Chairs) | <b>Decision</b>       |
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| ❖ <b>46</b> | Item #6: | Request for Extension of Reporting Date (Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System, David Flanagan, Chair)                             | <b>Decision</b>       |
| ❖ <b>47</b> | Item #7: | Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 126 <sup>th</sup> Legislature, Second Regular Session (Hon. Millicent MacFarland)  | <b>Decision</b>       |
| <b>50</b>   | Item #8: | Submission of Loring Development Authority of Maine's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2013  | <b>Acceptance</b>     |
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
October 30, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the October 30, 2013 Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators:	President Alfond, Senator Jackson, Senator Haskell, Senator Thibodeau and Senator Katz
Representatives:	Speaker Eves, Representative Berry, Representative McCabe, Representative Fredette and Representative Willette
Legislative Officers:	David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library Scott Clark, Director, Legislative Information Technology Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF AUGUST 28, 2013 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for August 28, 2013 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Willette. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

### Executive Director's Report

David Boulter, Executive Director, provided a written report as follows:

#### 1. Filming in State House

Numerous scenes for the movie, *Catatonk Blues*, were filmed in the State House on October 3 and 4, 2013 in accordance with Legislative Council approval. The cast and crew of the film were very appreciative of their use of the State House and, overall, everything went smoothly and professionally. The film is expected to be released early next summer.

#### 2. Water leaks in State House

Numerous leaks in the heating system in the State House have been discovered over the past several months. A preliminary review indicates that the leaks may be the result of corrosion and subsequent leaking at piping joints, the cause of which is unknown at this time. An engineering firm is currently investigating the extent and cause of the piping failures.

#### 3. YMCA Youth in Government Program

The State YMCA of Maine will hold its annual civic education program on legislating for high school youth in the State House on Friday through Sunday, November 15-17, 2013. Planning for the program is underway.

### Fiscal Report

Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on the following:

#### Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$298.8	\$318.8	\$20.0	6.7%	\$281.2	13.4%
FYTD	\$608.8	\$622.0	\$13.3	2.2%	\$584.9	6.3%

General Fund revenue was above budget projections by \$20.0 million (6.7%) in September and \$13.3 million (2.2%) for the first quarter of FY 2014. The 6.3% growth rate for the first quarter of FY 2014 revenue differs significantly from a projected decline that was budgeted for FY 2014.

Individual Income Tax was \$19.1 million above budget projections in September, about a third of which reflected a timing issue between August and September relating to withholding payments. \$10 million of this positive variance was due to the strong performance of September's estimated tax payments.

Sales and Use Tax revenue was \$4.0 million above budget projections in September and \$7.6 million through the first quarter. Taxable sales growth in the Building Supply and

Automobile/Transportation sectors has been the major factor contributing to this positive variance.

Corporate Income Tax collections have fallen \$2.9 million (6.8%) below budget for the first quarter of FY 2014. Preliminary data for October indicate that this negative variance will likely remain roughly the same after October.

### Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$24.9	\$26.0	\$1.1	4.4%	\$26.4	-1.7%
FYTD	\$61.5	\$62.8	\$1.4	2.2%	\$63.6	-1.2%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$1.1 million in September and \$1.4 for the first quarter of FY 2014. Monthly revenue in the Fuel Taxes category continues to fluctuate relative to budget, but through the first quarter this category was \$1.3 million above budget.

### Fall Revenue Forecast Update

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) began its fall revenue forecast update with 2 meetings in October. Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, was an information gathering session followed a week later by a meeting to update the economic forecast that is used in the tax models to forecast the major tax revenue sources. At that meeting, the CEFC revised the economic forecast for job growth and income growth downward. These changes will have a negative effect on the tax model forecasts of the major tax lines. However, some of this negative effect may be offset when the models are targeted based on recent higher than anticipated revenue.

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, to finalize the fall revenue forecast prior to its statutory reporting date of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

In response to an inquiry from Representative Fredette, Mr. Pennoyer gave a very brief summary on the fiscal status of state accounts. He explained that General Fund revenue for September was very good and the Highway Fund also had a better than expected month. Revenues for October appear to be on track. The CEFC, in its preliminary assessment, did lower the forecast for employment and personal income which would usually have the effect of lowering the economic forecast. But there may be some offsetting effect from the recent positive revenue variance particularly in the individual income tax.

### Interim Legislative Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, provided a written report as to the current status of the interim legislative studies and commissions. (Refer to status report in preliminary agenda materials.)

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### 1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Eves, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the following report.

The Personnel Committee held a meeting earlier today, October 30, 2013 to consider the following matters:

#### 1. Request for Part-time Limited Period Position in OPEGA through FY2015

The committee considered Director Ashcroft's request to establish a part-time limited period Legislative Analyst position in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability through FY15 to assist in completing assigned projects in OPEGA. After discussion, the committee voted to recommend that the Legislative Council authorize OPEGA to establish a part-time position through fiscal year 2014, after which time the Legislative Council will evaluate the need to extend the position.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council authorize OPEGA to establish a part-time, limited period legislative analyst position through FY14 using unspent balances to pay the costs of the position, after which time the Legislative Council will evaluate the need to extend the position. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

#### 2. Request for Temporary Disability Income Benefits for a Partisan Staff Member

The committee considered a request by an employee in a Legislative Leadership office for temporary disability income benefits. The request is consistent with the provisions for temporary disability income benefits under the Legislative Council's personnel policies and guidelines. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the committee voted unanimously to approve the request. No Legislative Council action is required.

#### 3. Reappointment of David E. Boulter as Executive Director of the Legislative Council to a new 3 year term.

The committee noted that Executive Director Boulter is seeking reappointment as Executive Director and scheduled a time next month to discuss his reappointment.

### 2. State House Facilities Committee

Representative Berry, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, presented the following report.

The State House Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to consider the following matters:

#### 1. Renewed MOU with Maine Public Broadcasting Network

The committee reviewed a draft renewal memorandum of understanding (MOU) that has been negotiated with Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN) for televising legislative proceedings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the Legislature. The committee was comfortable with the agreement but added a provision that would allow other news media to

have reasonable use of the state-owned room to be used by MPBN as a broadcast studio and press room on a schedule established by MPBN. MPBN supports the memorandum of understanding as drafted, including the added provision. At its meeting, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Legislative Council approve the MOU. That item is on the Legislative Council agenda for later today.

2. MPBN request that the Legislature purchase new cameras for House and Senate Chambers

After a brief discussion, the committee members concluded that consideration of new cameras or other broadcasting equipment should not be decided on in 2013 but be deferred until 2014 when the facilities committee could then consider the request in the context of other capital improvement needs for 2014.

3. Capital improvement procurement policy

In light of the absence of a committee member, this matter was tabled to a future meeting.

4. Electric car charging stations

Executive Director Boulter gave the committee an update on the investigation into the feasibility of installing several charging stations on the State House campus, equipment and installation costs, potential for private sector donations and potential locations. The committee will continue its discussion at a future meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the August 28, 2013 Council Meeting

#### Legislative Council Decisions:

- A. That the Legislative Council exempt the legislative study contained in LD 1515: "An Act to Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services" from the Study Table established under Joint Rule 353 (10).

Motion by: Representative Mark Eves

Second by: Senator Justin Alford

Approved: August 29, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

- B. That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Maine State Police to serve food, buffet-style, to its troopers in the Hall of Flags as part of a formal inspection of its Central Division on or about noon on October 8, 2013.

Motion by: Representative Mark Eves

Second by: Senator Justin Alford

Approved: September 24, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

- C. That pursuant to Joint Rule 353 (6), the Legislative Council authorizes and directs Legislative Council staff to provide sufficient staff resources to the Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machines in the



State for the remainder of its authorized meetings, in light of the inability of the Department of Administration and Financial Services to provide such staffing.

Motion by: Senator Justin Alfond

Second by: Representative Mark Eves

Approved: September 27, 2013

Vote: 10-0 in favor

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Suggested Protocols for Deciding Legislator Bill Requests**

Executive Director Boulter summarized the suggested procedures for deciding legislator bill requests. He drew Legislative Council members' attention to several key aspects of the proposed protocol, including that the initial motion on each bill request will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the Second Regular Session, along with a presumed second to that motion. Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair. See the attached procedures.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested procedures for deciding Legislator bill requests. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

### **Item #2: Consideration of Requests to Introduce Legislation in Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on three hundred ninety-nine (399) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized ninety-nine (99) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, tabled four (4) bill requests and declined to authorize two hundred eighty-nine (289) bill requests. Out of the 399 requests, seven (7) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

### **Item #3: Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Public Broadcasting Network and Maine Legislative Council for Broadcasting Legislative Proceedings**

Representative Berry made a motion to table this matter to a future Legislative Council meeting. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

### **Item #4: Request to Use State House and Grounds for Critical Incident Response Exercise on Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

Capitol Police Chief Gauvin briefed the Legislative Council as to the nature of the request by the Maine National Guard, Maine Emergency Management Agency and law enforcement agencies to use the State House and grounds for a critical incident response training exercise on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 (Operation Vigilant Guard). Chief Gauvin explained that the exercise will

begin late in the day, around closing time, so as to have minimal impact on employees or legislative operations. Signs will be placed to inform people of the exercise. There is no intention to practice tactics; the exercise is more of a command coordination, communication coordination and actual logistics training. Representative Berry then asked Mr. Boulter to make sure that staff are made aware of the training exercise before it begins.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the request to use the State House and grounds as part of a critical incident response training exercise for emergency responders on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Motion by Representative McCabe. Second by Representative Willette.  
**Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Representative Fredette absent).**

#### **Item #5: Dates for Legislative Policy Forums in January and February 2014**

Mr. Boulter reviewed the memo by the Maine Development Foundation describing its plans to hold 4 legislative policy forum breakfasts for legislators in early 2014, and its request that the Legislative Council establish the dates for those forums. After discussion, Speaker Eves suggested the dates of January 14, January 16, January 28, and January 30, 2014.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the dates for the Legislative Policy Forums to be conducted by the Maine Development Foundation as follows: January 14, January 16, January 28, and January 30, 2014. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Representatives Fredette and Willette absent).**

#### **Item #6: Request for Voluntary Budget Savings from the Legislature**

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council refer the request by the director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Management for the Legislature to voluntarily identify budget savings to the Legislative Budget Subcommittee for its review and recommendation. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (8-0-0-2, with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).**

#### **Item #7: Legislative Council Meeting Schedule for 2014**

Legislative Council Chair Speaker Eves informed the Legislative Council members of the Legislative Council Meeting Schedule that he has established for calendar year 2014 which is noted below. All meetings will be held in the Legislative Council Chambers and are tentatively scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2014	Thursday, July 24, 2014
Thursday, February 27, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014
Thursday, March 27, 2014	Thursday, September 25, 2014
Thursday, April 24, 2014	Thursday, October 23, 2014
Thursday, May 22, 2014	Thursday, November 20, 2014
Thursday, June 26, 2014	Thursday, December 18, 2014

[Note: The 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 so the December meeting date is subject to change.]

**Item #8: Notice of Single Audit of the State of Maine**

The Office of the State Auditor has notified the Legislative Council by letter that it is performing a Single Audit of the State of Maine for the year ending June 30, 2013. No action by the Legislative Council was required.

**Item #9: Acceptance of the Annual Report of the Washington County Development Authority**

The Washington County Development Authority submitted its 2013 Annual Report for acceptance by the Legislative Council.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept the 2013 Annual Report of the Washington County Development Authority and place it on file. Motion by Senator Jackson. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2, with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).**

**Item #10: Executive Session**

**Motion:** That, in accordance with 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees and the Legislative Council and discussing collective bargaining negotiations between the employee representative for the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals and the Legislative Council. Motion by Senator Alfond. Second by Senator Katz. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2, with Senator Thibodeau and Representative Fredette absent).**

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 1:58 p.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by Senator Jackson, seconded by President Alfond, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 2:27 p.m. and reconvene its regular meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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	Action
<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY</b>	
LR 2268 Representative Lockman of Amherst An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps	FAILED
LR 2305 Representative Kumlega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery	PASSED
LR 2355 Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Ban the Use of Neonotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years	PASSED
LR 2471 Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Create a Mandatory Registry of Persons Convicted of Animal Abuse	FAILED
LR 2481 Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients	PASSED
LR 2518 Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Landowners To Manage, Prepare and Sign Forestry Plans for Their Own Property	FAILED
LR 2568 Representative Marean of Hollis An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses	FAILED
LR 2651 Representative Hickman of Winthrop An Act To End Hunger, Protect Small Farms and Homesteads and Promote Self-sufficiency for the People of the State	FAILED
LR 2663 Representative Kaenrath of South Portland An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes	FAILED
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	
LR 2235 Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity	FAILED
LR 2257 Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development	PASSED

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<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	
LR 2459 Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities	PASSED
LR 2495 Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education	FAILED
LR 2513 Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Fully Fund the Priority 1 and 2 Waiting List for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2515 Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network	FAILED
LR 2531 Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts	FAILED
LR 2564 Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology Infrastructure and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging Industries	PASSED
LR 2577 Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program	FAILED
LR 2580 Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites	FAILED
LR 2596 Senator Calu of Penobscot An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	PASSED
LR 2612 Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services	PASSED
LR 2625 Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural Development Fund	FAILED

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LR 2291 Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses	FAILED
LR 2303 Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Strengthen the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	FAILED
LR 2317 Representative Crafts of Lisbon Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection	FAILED
LR 2347 Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State	PASSED
LR 2353 Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry	FAILED
LR 2354 Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review	FAILED
LR 2364 Senator Mazurek of Knox An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier	FAILED
LR 2385 Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine	FAILED
LR 2404 Senator Craven of Androscoggin An Act To Support Homeless Shelters	PASSED
LR 2417 Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities	FAILED

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<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>	
LR 2627 Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund	FAILED
LR 2634 Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents	FAILED
LR 2638 Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters	PASSED
LR 2644 Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in Portland	FAILED
LR 2653 Representative Rochelo of Biddeford An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources	PASSED
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	
LR 2231 Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Return 50% of a Fine to the Municipality Where the Infraction Occurred	WITHDRAWN
LR 2241 Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms	FAILED
LR 2263 Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry	FAILED
LR 2302 Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Provide Enforcement Authority to the State Board of Corrections	TABLED
LR 2306 Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations	FAILED

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<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2322	<b>Representative Willette of Mapleton</b> An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs	PASSED
LR 2329	<b>Representative Russell of Portland</b> An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government	FAILED
LR 2345	<b>Representative Parry of Arundel</b> An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response	PASSED
LR 2349	<b>Senator Jackson of Aroostook</b> Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks	FAILED
LR 2360	<b>Representative Brooks of Winterport</b> An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health Settings	FAILED
LR 2370	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Border Revenue with Counties	FAILED
LR 2373	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List	FAILED
LR 2374	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities	FAILED
LR 2375	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws	FAILED
LR 2376	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction	FAILED

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<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2538	<b>Representative Dion of Portland</b> An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms	FAILED
LR 2553	<b>Representative Russell of Portland</b> An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible Adult Use	FAILED
LR 2562	<b>Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland</b> An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta	PASSED
LR 2565	<b>Senator Thomas of Somerset</b> An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008	FAILED
LR 2570	<b>Representative Long of Sherman</b> An Act To Eliminate the State Board of Corrections	FAILED
LR 2626	<b>Representative Gideon of Freeport</b> An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose	FAILED
LR 2660	<b>Senator Burns of Washington</b> An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization	FAILED
<b>EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2221	<b>Representative Peterson of Rumford</b> An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools	PASSED
LR 2225	<b>Representative Peterson of Rumford</b> An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the Department of Education's Laptop Program	FAILED
LR 2227	<b>Representative Peterson of Rumford</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum	PASSED

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<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2397	<b>Senator Youngblood of Penobscot</b> An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants	FAILED
LR 2400	<b>Senator Thomas of Somerset</b> An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care	FAILED
LR 2446	<b>Representative Johnson of Greenville</b> An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods	FAILED
LR 2454	<b>Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland</b> An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County Jail	FAILED
LR 2463	<b>Representative McClellan of Raymond</b> An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks	FAILED
LR 2484	<b>Senator Flood of Kennebec</b> Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State	PASSED
LR 2494	<b>Senator Cain of Penobscot</b> An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence	PASSED
LR 2506	<b>Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland</b> An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility	FAILED
LR 2514	<b>Representative Volk of Scarborough</b> An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking	FAILED
LR 2524	<b>Representative McCabe of Skowhegan</b> An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing	TABLED
LR 2529	<b>Representative Marks of Pittston</b> An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence	PASSED

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<b>EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2232	<b>Representative Short of Pittsfield</b> An Act To Allow Public School Districts To Include in the Student Count Students Who Were Home-schooled and Are Attending a Charter School	WITHDRAWN
LR 2236	<b>Senator Johnson of Lincoln</b> An Act To Foster a Responsible School Budget Process	FAILED
LR 2238	<b>Representative Berry of Bowdoinham</b> An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers	PASSED
LR 2246	<b>President Allford of Cumberland</b> An Act To Promote Higher Education	PASSED
LR 2252	<b>Senator Katz of Kennebec</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education	PASSED
LR 2253	<b>Representative Devin of Newcastle</b> An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms	PASSED
LR 2283	<b>Representative Kinney of Limington</b> An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction	FAILED
LR 2320	<b>Senator Langley of Hancock</b> An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies	FAILED
LR 2336	<b>Representative Malaby of Hancock</b> An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program	FAILED
LR 2340	<b>Senator Grntwick of Penobscot</b> An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine	FAILED

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LR 2343	Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula	FAILED
LR 2380	Representative Gillway of Searsport An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering	FAILED
LR 2383	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System	PASSED
LR 2413	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2430	Representative Kruger of Thomaston An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula	FAILED
LR 2431	Senator Plummer of Cumberland An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers	FAILED
LR 2433	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies	FAILED
LR 2436	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs	FAILED
LR 2465	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills	FAILED
LR 2466	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools	FAILED
LR 2472	Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions	FAILED

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LR 2605	Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State	PASSED
LR 2636	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission	FAILED
LR 2646	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter Medication	FAILED
LR 2658	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Require Financial Audits of Special Purpose Private Schools	FAILED
LR 2670	President Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State	PASSED
LR 2694	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes	FAILED
<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
LR 2319	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District	PASSED
LR 2324	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Coriana Water District	PASSED
LR 2328	Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission	PASSED
LR 2334	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion	PASSED

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LR 2478	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units	FAILED
LR 2482	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools	FAILED
LR 2486	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools	PASSED
LR 2507	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Improve the Funding Mechanism for Charter Schools	FAILED
LR 2532	Representative Nelson of Falmouth Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council	FAILED
LR 2555	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools	PASSED
LR 2566	Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Increase the Affordability of Higher Education	FAILED
LR 2572	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students	FAILED
LR 2599	Representative Dickerson of Rockland An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity	FAILED
LR 2603	Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Grading System That Results in a Single Grade for Any Public School or Public Charter School in the State	FAILED
LR 2604	Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State	FAILED

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LR 2348	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company	PASSED
LR 2378	Representative Kumlega, III of Deer Isle An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board	PASSED
LR 2398	Senator Youngblood of Penobscot An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project	FAILED
LR 2418	Representative Grabam of North Yarmouth An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services	FAILED
LR 2421	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Require Notification of the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies	FAILED
LR 2424	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission	FAILED
LR 2437	Representative Dunphy of Embden An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act	FAILED
LR 2444	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State	PASSED
LR 2445	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Phase Out the State Universal Service Fund	FAILED
LR 2473	Representative Dunphy of Embden An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson and Madison Water District	PASSED

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<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
LR 2496	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Provide for Economic and Technological Development by Increasing the Allowable Customer Charge in the Event of More than One Grant Being Awarded for Wind Energy Projects	WITHDRAWN
LR 2523	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband	FAILED
LR 2606	Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Encourage Distributed Generation in the State	FAILED
LR 2618	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine	PASSED
LR 2619	Senator Mullett of Cumberland An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs	FAILED
LR 2623	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers	TABLED
LR 2624	Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Raise the Cap on Rate Impact for Offshore Wind Energy	FAILED
LR 2650	President Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act	PASSED
LR 2671	Representative Boland of Sanford An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission	FAILED
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
LR 2292	Representative Pringle of Windham An Act To Promote Recycling in Maine's Communities	FAILED
LR 2410	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State	PASSED

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<b>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
LR 2665	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels	FAILED
LR 2686	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government	PASSED
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
LR 2220	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability	PASSED
LR 2224	Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Establish a Program Providing for Adaptive Equipment Accounts for Persons Receiving Long-term Care Services	FAILED
LR 2237	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments	FAILED
LR 2272	Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services	FAILED
LR 2293	Senator Mazurek of Knox An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program	FAILED
LR 2315	Representative Bennett of Kennebunk An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws	FAILED
LR 2325	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work	FAILED
LR 2330	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt	PASSED

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LR 2426	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects	FAILED
LR 2438	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Protect Maine Lakes	PASSED
LR 2450	Senator Valentino of York An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible	FAILED
LR 2468	Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes	PASSED
LR 2480	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met	FAILED
LR 2487	Representative Grant of Gardiner An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection	PASSED
LR 2488	Representative Grant of Gardiner An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products	TABLED
LR 2527	Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake	FAILED
LR 2597	Representative Harlow of Portland An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar Sealant Products	FAILED
LR 2601	Representative Stuckey of Portland An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B	FAILED

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<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
LR 2331	Senator Woodbury of Cumberland An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices	PASSED
LR 2335	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness	FAILED
LR 2338	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care	PASSED
LR 2342	Representative McElwee of Caribou An Act To Enhance Insurance Coverage for Telemedicine Services	PASSED
LR 2352	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2357	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People	PASSED
LR 2359	Representative Farnsworth of Portland Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop Alternative Options for Transportation of MaineCare Recipients	FAILED
LR 2366	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers	PASSED
LR 2367	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense Sterile and Nonsterile Compounds	FAILED
LR 2371	Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center	FAILED

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<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
LR 2389	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18	PASSED
LR 2394	Representative McGowan of York An Act To Increase Treatment for and Education Regarding Alcohol Abuse	FAILED
LR 2406	Representative Fredette of Newport Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency	FAILED
LR 2419	Representative Duprey of Hampden An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care	FAILED
LR 2432	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids	FAILED
LR 2447	Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing	FAILED
LR 2452	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education	FAILED
LR 2453	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Replace Current MaineCare-funded Nonemergency Transportation Services with a More Reliable and Efficient System of Transportation Services To Better Meet the Needs of the Elderly and Other MaineCare-eligible Clients	PASSED
LR 2491	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use	FAILED
LR 2492	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program	FAILED

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LR 2569	Representative Briggs of Mexico Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness	FAILED
LR 2574	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children	PASSED
LR 2581	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment	FAILED
LR 2582	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives	FAILED
LR 2588	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act	PASSED
LR 2589	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A	FAILED
LR 2590	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act	PASSED
LR 2600	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by Health Care Practitioners	FAILED
LR 2607	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement	PASSED
LR 2611	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Require Immunization of Asylees	FAILED

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LR 2497	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program	FAILED
LR 2500	Representative Sanborn of Gorham An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services	PASSED
LR 2501	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered by the County Extension Services	FAILED
LR 2502	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs	FAILED
LR 2503	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse	PASSED
LR 2510	Representative Sanderson of Chelsea An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries	FAILED
LR 2512	Representative Farnsworth of Portland An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment	FAILED
LR 2534	Representative Dorney of Norridgewock An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety	PASSED
LR 2554	Representative Pringle of Windham Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel	PASSED
LR 2567	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine	FAILED

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LR 2613	Representative Gideon of Freeport An Act To Increase Safety for Children by Requiring the Labeling of Inhalers	FAILED
LR 2614	Representative Frey of Bangor An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization	PASSED
LR 2664	Representative Hayes of Buckfield An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer	FAILED
LR 2667	Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care	FAILED
LR 2682	Representative Dorney of Norridgewock An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients	FAILED
LR 2684	Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Prevent Overdoses in Maine	FAILED
<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>		
LR 2230	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Exempt a Veteran from the Requirement of Taking a Hunter Safety Course To Obtain a Hunting License	WITHDRAWN
LR 2233	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Delete All References in the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Laws to Certain Birds as Wild Game Birds	WITHDRAWN
LR 2240	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Expand Marketing at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	FAILED
LR 2280	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting	PASSED

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<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>		
LR 2321	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro	PASSED
LR 2341	Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Promote Religious Freedom	FAILED
LR 2356	Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Create an Annual Flintlock Hunting Season	FAILED
LR 2361	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	FAILED
LR 2390	Representative Wood of Sabattus An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings	FAILED
LR 2434	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting	FAILED
LR 2443	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	FAILED
LR 2469	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game Hunting	FAILED
LR 2474	Senator Sherman of Aroostook An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing	FAILED
LR 2519	Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Swim Areas To Be Designated by Associations Owning Frontage on Inland Waters	FAILED

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LR 2423	Senator Hill of York An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law	PASSED
LR 2457	Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws	FAILED
LR 2508	Senator Whittemore of Somerset An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers Sales	FAILED
LR 2628	Representative Powers of Naples An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders	PASSED
LR 2629	Representative Chase of Wells An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses	FAILED
LR 2662	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure	FAILED
<b>JUDICIARY</b>		
LR 2222	Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good	FAILED
LR 2248	Representative Shaw of Standish An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access	FAILED
LR 2266	Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law	FAILED
LR 2294	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years	FAILED
LR 2337	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act Regarding "Paper Roads" Established before 1998	FAILED

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<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>		
LR 2528	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Paddle Boarding	FAILED
LR 2578	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millinagassett Lake	FAILED
LR 2621	Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Encourage Access to Maine's Rivers and Lakes for Fishing	FAILED
LR 2649	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Provide State Park Access to Maine Veterans	FAILED
<b>INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>		
LR 2269	Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders	FAILED
LR 2307	Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Provide Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Costs for New Businesses	FAILED
LR 2395	Representative McGowan of York An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans	PASSED
LR 2402	Representative Rankin of Hiram An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability	PASSED
LR 2412	Representative Priest of Brunswick An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate Titles More Marketable	FAILED
LR 2420	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Exempt Epinephrine Autoinjectors from the Prior Authorization Requirement	FAILED

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LR 2344	Representative Cray of Palmyra An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives	FAILED
LR 2351	Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Improve Compensation for Jurors	FAILED
LR 2365	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status	FAILED
LR 2391	Representative Dion of Portland Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts	FAILED
LR 2396	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General	FAILED
LR 2401	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage	FAILED
LR 2441	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Protect Conservation Easements on the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River from Expansion to the Federal Government	FAILED
LR 2461	Representative Beaulieu of Auburn An Act To Ensure That Meritorious Freedom of Access Act Requests Receive Appropriate Attention	FAILED
LR 2467	Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act To Conform Residential Lease Laws to Commercial Lease Laws	FAILED
LR 2490	Representative Beavers of South Berwick An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing	PASSED

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LR 2505	<b>Representative Timberlake of Turner</b> An Act To Reform Certain Remedies and Procedures in Civil Actions	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2517	<b>Representative Chenette of Saco</b> An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent to Marry in Any Municipality	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2522	<b>Representative Russell of Portland</b> An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2571	<b>Representative Clark of Easton</b> An Act To Allow the Placement of Cameras and Electronic Surveillance Equipment on Private Property without Written Permission of the Landowner	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2592	<b>Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland</b> An Act To Increase Legal Protection for Public Safety Personnel	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2608	<b>Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation</b> An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child Support Enforcement	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2654	<b>Representative Hayes of Buckfield</b> An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2687	<b>Representative Gifford of Lincoln</b> An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2693	<b>Senator Katz of Kennebec</b> An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in Divorce Actions	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
LR 2403	<b>Senator Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2409	<b>Representative McCabe of Skowhegan</b> An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2429	<b>Representative Keschl of Belgrade</b> An Act To Prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2439	<b>Senator Boyle of Cumberland</b> An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2449	<b>Senator Langley of Hancock</b> An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2451	<b>Senator Valentino of York</b> An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2464	<b>Senator Cushing of Penobscot</b> An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2470	<b>Representative Pouliot of Augusta</b> An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2485	<b>Representative Beck of Waterville</b> An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2489	<b>Representative Lockman of Amherst</b> An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees	<b>FAILED</b>

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LR 2223	<b>Representative Peterson of Rumford</b> An Act To Encourage Small Business and Guarantee Property Rights by Prohibiting Restrictions on a Homeowner's Ability To Operate a Business in a Residential Area	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2234	<b>Representative Villa of Harrison</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2245	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to Unemployment Compensation	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2273	<b>Representative Daughtry of Brunswick</b> An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2274	<b>Representative Daughtry of Brunswick</b> An Act To Assist Victims of Domestic Violence	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2289	<b>Senator Patrick of Oxford</b> An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2295	<b>Representative Plante of Berwick</b> An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2309	<b>Senator Saviello of Franklin</b> An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2372	<b>Representative Wilson of Augusta</b> Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Housing Authority To Finance the Construction Costs or Renovations for a Veterans Home or Homeless Shelter	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2393	<b>Representative Maker of Calais</b> An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home Is Abandoned	<b>FAILED</b>

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LR 2493	<b>Senator Cain of Penobscot</b> An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2499	<b>Senator Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2509	<b>Representative Fredette of Newport</b> An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2598	<b>Representative Dickerson of Rockland</b> Resolve, To Require the Review of Laws and Rules Governing Cosmetology-related Licensures	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2609	<b>Representative Gideon of Freeport</b> An Act To Update Parts of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2610	<b>Senator Mazurek of Knox</b> An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2639	<b>Senator Vitell of Sagadahoc</b> An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2640	<b>Senator Boyle of Cumberland</b> An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2641	<b>Senator Millett of Cumberland</b> An Act To Promote Maine Startups and Improve Maine's Economy	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2647	<b>Senator Haskell of Cumberland</b> An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2661	<b>Senator Valentino of York</b> An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
LR 2691	Senator Woodbury of Cumberland An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity	FAILED
<b>MARINE RESOURCES</b>		
LR 2267	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Radiation-poisoned Seafood to Maine's Tribal Members	FAILED
LR 2479	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Fishing for Lobster across Different Zones	FAILED
LR 2511	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast	FAILED
LR 2587	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms	PASSED
LR 2602	Representative MacDonald of Boothbay An Act To Improve the Process for Student Access to Commercial Lobster Licenses	FAILED
LR 2637	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Increase the Size of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps	FAILED
LR 2648	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Allow Retired Department of Marine Resources Patrol Officers To Qualify for Any 2 Marine Fisheries Licenses under Moratorium or Limited Entry	FAILED
<b>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
LR 2244	Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis County	FAILED

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		Action
<b>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
LR 2382	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement	PASSED
LR 2416	Representative Beaulieu of Auburn An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County	FAILED
LR 2425	Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid Comparably	FAILED
LR 2440	Representative Brooks of Winterport Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings	FAILED
LR 2448	Representative Johnson of Greenville Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church	FAILED
LR 2681	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation	PASSED
<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2242	Representative Weaver of York An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States	FAILED
LR 2247	Senator Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Restore the Circuitbreaker Program	FAILED
LR 2249	Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Reinstate Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs	PASSED

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		Action
<b>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
LR 2251	Representative Hayes of Buckfield An Act Regarding Municipal Obligations with Respect to Veterans' Graves in Public Burial Grounds	FAILED
LR 2277	Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies	FAILED
LR 2286	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide the Indian Representatives a Vote in the Maine Legislature	FAILED
LR 2297	Senator Johnson of Lincoln An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's Day" to "Patriots' Day"	FAILED
LR 2298	Representative Theriault of Madawaska An Act To Allow Richard and Ann Cayer To Secede from the Town of Madawaska	FAILED
LR 2316	Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich	FAILED
LR 2323	Representative Poullot of Augusta An Act To Require That State Agencies Share Information Required by Multiple State Agencies for Multiple Purposes To Reduce Burdensome Collection Costs	FAILED
LR 2362	Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service	FAILED
LR 2369	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County	FAILED
LR 2377	Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter	FAILED

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		Action
<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2258	Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents	PASSED
LR 2259	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the State Income Tax	FAILED
LR 2260	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans	FAILED
LR 2261	Representative Doak of Columbia Falls An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly	FAILED
LR 2262	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015	FAILED
LR 2271	Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Restore the Authority of a Municipality To Provide Municipal Property Tax Assistance	FAILED
LR 2275	Representative Kinney of Limington An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax	FAILED
LR 2278	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors	FAILED
LR 2281	Representative Welsh of Rockport An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes	PASSED
LR 2290	Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Apply Retroactively the Sales Tax on Camper Trailers and Motor Homes Purchased for Rental in the Same Manner as on Automobiles Purchased for Rental	WITHDRAWN

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<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2296	Representative Evangelos of Friendship An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing	FAILED
LR 2299	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property	PASSED
LR 2301	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption	FAILED
LR 2311	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Require the Transfer of a Tree Growth Management Plan at the Time the Property is Transferred	FAILED
LR 2339	Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption	FAILED
LR 2346	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on Newspapers and Periodicals	PASSED
LR 2350	Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Taxation of Periodicals	WITHDRAWN
LR 2381	Representative Willette of Mapleton An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities	FAILED
LR 2388	Representative Chase of Wells An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority To Provide Property Tax Assistance	FAILED
LR 2399	Representative Casavant of Biddeford An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens	FAILED

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<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2520	Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans	FAILED
LR 2530	Representative Rotundo of Lewiston An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds	FAILED
LR 2533	Representative Nelson of Falmouth An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations	FAILED
LR 2563	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents	FAILED
LR 2573	Representative Chenette of Saco An Act To Reinstate Municipal Authority for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs	FAILED
LR 2579	Representative Harlow of Portland An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption	FAILED
LR 2593	Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine	FAILED
LR 2617	Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits	FAILED
LR 2620	Senator Sherman of Aroostook An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property	FAILED
LR 2655	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales Tax	FAILED
LR 2659	Representative Casavant of Biddeford An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief To Persons over 70 Years of Age	FAILED

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<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2405	Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption	PASSED
LR 2407	Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan	PASSED
LR 2408	Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans	PASSED
LR 2428	Representative Keschl of Belgrade RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax	FAILED
LR 2442	Representative Stanley of Midway An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program	FAILED
LR 2455	Representative Weaver of York An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services	FAILED
LR 2475	Senator Sherman of Aroostook Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices	FAILED
LR 2498	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive	PASSED
LR 2504	Representative Crockett of Bethel An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment	PASSED
LR 2516	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law	FAILED

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<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2666	Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction Equipment from Fuel Taxes	FAILED
LR 2668	Senator Craven of Androscoggin An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit	FAILED
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
LR 2250	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans	FAILED
LR 2255	Senator Mason of Androscoggin An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate	FAILED
LR 2284	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford An Act To Require a Person Operating a Motorcycle To Wear Protective Headgear and Eye Gear	FAILED
LR 2285	Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle	FAILED
LR 2310	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles	FAILED
LR 2358	Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville An Act To Amend the Law Governing Exemptions for the Use of Safety Belts	FAILED
LR 2387	Representative Rochelo of Biddeford An Act To Improve the Quality of Transportation in Southern Maine by Establishing a Biddeford and Saco Transportation District	FAILED
LR 2392	Representative Saucier of Presque Isle Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System	FAILED

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
LR 2435	<b>Representative Yerow of Brewer</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2456	<b>Representative Weaver of York</b> An Act To Require an Emergency Contact Phone Number To Be Included on Vehicle Registrations	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2462	<b>Representative McClellan of Raymond</b> An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2476	<b>Representative Chenette of Saco</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2525	<b>Representative Peoples of Westbrook</b> An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2526	<b>Representative Werts of Auburn</b> An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2591	<b>Senator Dutremble of York</b> An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2622	<b>Senator Sherman of Arundel</b> An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2645	<b>Representative Beaulieu of Auburn</b> An Act To Establish a Gold Star Mother License Plate	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2652	<b>Representative Wallace of Dexter</b> An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road	<b>FAILED</b>

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		Action
<b>VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2384	<b>Senator Saviello of Franklin</b> An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2411	<b>Senator Tuttle of York</b> Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2414	<b>Representative Luchini of Ellsworth</b> An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2415	<b>Representative Luchini of Ellsworth</b> An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2460	<b>Senator Tuttle of York</b> An Act To Ensure the Preservation of Commercial Tracks That Do Not Have Gaming Licensure	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2477	<b>Representative Saucier of Presque Isle</b> An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2483	<b>President Alfond of Cumberland</b> An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2521	<b>Representative McCabe of Skowhegan</b> An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2575	<b>Representative Carey of Lewiston</b> An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2576	<b>Senator Gratwick of Penobscot</b> An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2635	<b>Senator Patrick of Oxford</b> Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund	<b>PASSED</b>

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LR 2656	<b>Representative Cray of Palmyra</b> An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Use of Flotation Tires by Farmers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2685	<b>Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin</b> Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2226	<b>Representative Peterson of Rumford</b> Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2243	<b>Representative Marks of Pittston</b> An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2254	<b>Representative McCabe of Skowhegan</b> An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency Relationships	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2256	<b>Representative Willeffe of Mapleton</b> An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2270	<b>Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec</b> Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2300	<b>Senator Tuttle of York</b> An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2308	<b>Representative Poullot of Augusta</b> An Act To Change the Amount of Time a Landlord Has To Address Issues Causing Uninhabitability	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2368	<b>Senator Thomas of Somerset</b> An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2642	<b>Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth</b> An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2669	<b>President Alfond of Cumberland</b> An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue	<b>PASSED</b>
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Total number of bills screened: 399		

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1. YMCA Youth in Government Program

The YMCA of Maine's Youth in Government program was held in the State House on November 15-17, 2013. About 150 high school students from across the state attended this annual civic education program to learn about the legislative process.

2. Maine Development Foundation

The Maine Development Foundation is continuing its preparation for the Legislator Policy Forums on the topics identified in its letter to the Legislative Council last month (health insurance marketplace, ways to care for Maine's aging population and opportunities, and entrepreneurs and innovation in Maine) and on the days in January established by the council. A schedule will be developed and distributed when one is finalized. The first policy forum is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

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# Fiscal Briefing

## Legislative Council Meeting

November 21, 2013

*Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

### 1. General Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

**Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$253.8	\$258.4	\$4.6	1.8%	\$245.0	5.5%
FYTD	\$862.5	\$880.5	\$17.9	2.1%	\$830.0	6.1%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$4.6 million (1.8%) in October and \$17.9 million (2.1%) for the first four months of FY 2014. The 6.1% growth rate for the first four months remains significantly higher than the decline budgeted for FY 2014.

Sales and Use Tax revenue was \$5.0 million over budget in October and \$12.6 million for the fiscal year-to-date (FYTD). Taxable sales growth for the first quarter of FY 2014 grew 6.9% led by the Building Supply and Automobile/Transportation sectors. This growth rate is significantly above the budgeted rate.

Individual Income Tax was under budget in October by \$8.0 million, but remained \$5.3 million over budget for the FYTD. October's variance may be largely related to timing issues in withholding and refunds. Refunds were under budget for the month by \$9.4 million with roughly \$7 million paid out on the last day of the month.

Corporate Income Tax was slightly under budget in October and remained \$2.9 million (6.5%) below budget for the FYTD.

The Cigarette and Tobacco Tax and Insurance Companies Tax categories both had sizeable positive variances for October creating solid FYTD positive variances for both categories.

### 2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

**Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2014 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$27.0	\$27.9	\$0.9	3.4%	\$32.1	-13.1%
FYTD	\$88.4	\$90.7	\$2.3	2.6%	\$95.7	-5.2%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.9 million in October and \$2.3 for the first four months of FY 2014. Stronger Gasoline Tax collections, potentially spurred by lower gasoline prices, have built up a positive variance of \$1.3 million for the fiscal year. Bureau of Motor Vehicle revenue has also been performing well, aided by strong automobile sales grow in the early part of this fiscal year.

### 3. Fall Revenue Forecast Update

The Revenue Forecasting Committee is meeting on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, to finalize the fall revenue forecast in time for its statutory reporting date of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**General Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)**  
**October 2013 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	October '13 Budget	October '13 Actual	October '13 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax	94,112,090	99,147,206	5,035,116	297,322,985	309,942,778	12,619,793	4.2%	9.0%	1,098,475,270
Service Provider Tax	4,565,729	4,515,824	(49,905)	13,165,333	11,890,941	(1,274,392)	-9.7%	-5.9%	50,591,819
Individual Income Tax	118,863,379	110,881,170	(7,982,209)	411,295,770	416,553,441	5,257,671	1.3%	-3.0%	1,369,627,772
Corporate Income Tax	4,611,344	4,469,660	(141,684)	47,810,849	44,722,334	(3,088,515)	-6.5%	8.5%	180,143,079
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	11,715,501	13,723,137	2,007,636	48,282,297	50,353,076	2,070,779	4.3%	0.2%	135,900,000
Insurance Companies Tax	6,554,656	9,199,984	2,645,328	7,854,990	10,135,694	2,280,704	29.0%	7.8%	80,715,000
Estate Tax	2,109,365	2,429,863	320,498	6,460,335	3,691,195	(2,769,140)	-42.9%	-60.3%	27,553,982
Other Taxes and Fees *	18,259,929	18,672,319	412,390	42,236,650	44,461,572	2,224,922	5.3%	-9.7%	127,316,248
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	2,136,641	2,117,114	(19,527)	8,549,175	8,062,236	(486,939)	-5.7%	-5.3%	24,402,335
Income from Investments	14,372	58,401	44,029	66,201	108,731	42,530	64.2%	85.7%	77,710
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,288,457	3,864,138	(424,319)	18,225,957	17,475,426	(750,531)	-4.1%	3.1%	55,750,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(4,742,596)	(1,756,379)	2,986,217	(15,469,693)	(14,681,821)	787,872	5.1%	67.5%	(60,780,498)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(6,232,349)	(7,276,673)	(1,044,324)	(20,633,669)	(22,126,692)	(1,493,023)	-7.2%	30.4%	(64,893,005)
Other Revenue *	(2,463,419)	(1,605,481)	857,938	(2,619,504)	(133,163)	2,486,341	94.9%	96.9%	36,809,186
<b>Totals</b>	<b>253,793,099</b>	<b>258,440,284</b>	<b>4,647,185</b>	<b>862,547,676</b>	<b>880,455,748</b>	<b>17,908,072</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>3,061,688,898</b>

\* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.



**General Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)**  
**October 2013 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	October '13 Budget	October '13 Actual	October '13 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	11,970,000	11,999,965	29,965	11,970,000	11,999,965	29,965	0.3%	24.3%	13,584,806
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	200,000	132,500	(67,500)	2,606,223	2,072,593	(533,630)	-20.5%	-23.3%	9,176,840
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,695,952	1,706,726	10,774	6,758,870	8,228,528	1,469,658	21.7%	2.5%	20,453,164
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	138,950	187,740	48,790	888,175	1,062,955	174,780	19.7%	-1.1%	7,847,099
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	(1,169,972)	(1,169,972)	N/A	-137.1%	10,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	1,945,992	2,296,650	350,658	7,783,968	8,821,150	1,037,182	13.3%	12.3%	23,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	92,164	40,642	(51,522)	368,656	328,644	(40,012)	-10.9%	-78.6%	1,105,967
- Racino Revenue	687,622	836,676	149,054	3,306,748	3,285,914	(20,834)	-0.6%	-6.4%	8,807,718
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	224,618	189,218	(35,400)	1,381,096	1,358,846	(22,250)	-1.6%	-4.4%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	841,310	687,493	(153,817)	5,320,134	6,021,223	701,089	13.2%	3.4%	16,101,822
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	463,321	594,710	131,389	1,852,780	2,451,726	598,946	32.3%	-69.8%	11,863,281
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>18,259,929</b>	<b>18,672,319</b>	<b>412,390</b>	<b>42,236,650</b>	<b>44,461,572</b>	<b>2,224,922</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>127,316,248</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	639	1,940	1,301	7,413	17,090	9,677	130.5%	96.4%	8,408,196
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	176,028	206,743	30,715	704,111	688,359	(15,752)	-2.2%	16.8%	2,112,332
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,277,194	1,853,561	576,367	4,938,779	6,450,063	1,511,284	30.6%	19.4%	15,000,000
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,015,000
- Tourism Transfer	(3,812,889)	(3,911,023)	(98,134)	(10,283,750)	(10,381,884)	(98,134)	-1.0%	-4.5%	(10,283,750)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	0	0	(87,250)	0	87,250	100.0%	100.0%	(87,250)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	(2,108,642)	(2,056,285)	52,357	(6,122,258)	(6,069,901)	52,357	0.9%	1.1%	(6,122,258)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,004,251	2,299,583	295,332	8,223,451	9,163,110	939,659	11.4%	26.8%	21,766,916
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>(2,463,419)</b>	<b>(1,605,481)</b>	<b>857,938</b>	<b>(2,619,504)</b>	<b>(133,163)</b>	<b>2,486,341</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>36,809,186</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	(10,059)	(10,059)	0	(761,929)	(761,929)	N/A	97.1%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(4,742,596)	(1,746,319)	2,996,277	(15,469,693)	(13,889,592)	1,580,101	10.2%	25.6%	(38,205,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	0	(30,300)	(30,300)	N/A	N/A	(22,575,498)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(4,742,596)</b>	<b>(1,756,379)</b>	<b>2,986,217</b>	<b>(15,469,693)</b>	<b>(14,681,821)</b>	<b>787,872</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>(60,780,498)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>1,141,429</b>	<b>953,834</b>	<b>(187,595)</b>	<b>7,016,281</b>	<b>7,692,877</b>	<b>676,596</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>21,532,511</b>

# Highway Fund Revenue

## Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)

### October 2013 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '13 Budget	October '13 Actual	October '13 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	15,956,272	16,333,637	377,365	53,423,932	54,749,157	1,325,225	2.5%	0.9%	188,780,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,633,313	4,323,751	(309,562)	11,397,335	11,633,604	236,269	2.1%	-1.9%	42,980,000
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,514,145)	(1,531,494)	(17,349)	(6,322,468)	(6,465,668)	(143,200)	-2.3%	-0.7%	(17,027,938)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(399,020)	(411,009)	(11,989)	(1,757,342)	(1,798,052)	(40,710)	-2.3%	-1.1%	(4,720,822)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	18,676,420	18,714,884	38,464	56,741,457	58,119,041	1,377,584	2.4%	0.3%	210,011,240
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,040,077	5,397,806	357,729	21,753,133	22,710,142	957,009	4.4%	3.3%	64,805,936
- License Plate Fees	158,976	141,689	(17,287)	1,214,239	1,292,849	78,610	6.5%	5.1%	3,351,681
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	408,767	700,715	291,948	1,572,606	1,604,233	31,627	2.0%	-2.3%	9,384,523
- Title Fees	1,032,469	1,197,329	164,860	4,084,828	4,776,455	691,627	16.9%	-52.7%	12,417,140
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	751,923	754,024	2,101	2,896,265	2,981,580	85,315	2.9%	-1.4%	8,522,204
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(4,051,340)	(4,305,270)	(253,930)	-6.3%	0.5%	(15,118,567)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,392,212	8,191,563	799,351	27,469,731	29,059,989	1,590,258	5.8%	-13.7%	83,362,917
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	185,500	252,764	67,264	1,175,850	840,878	(334,972)	-28.5%	-27.1%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	110,012	102,848	(7,164)	473,999	419,017	(54,982)	-11.6%	-8.6%	1,313,165
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	80,684	93,584	12,900	372,566	360,002	(12,564)	-3.4%	-5.3%	1,039,868
Interest Earnings	10,204	5,888	(4,316)	40,816	22,379	(18,437)	-45.2%	2.4%	122,453
Other Highway Fund Revenue	521,496	545,127	23,631	2,159,363	1,925,064	(234,299)	-10.9%	-8.4%	9,025,866
Totals	26,976,528	27,906,659	930,131	88,433,782	90,746,370	2,312,588	2.6%	-5.2%	307,858,009

# 2013 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated November 20, 2013

Study/Committee	2013 Meetings Authorized	2013 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status Notes
<b>NEW STUDIES</b>						
Tax Expenditure Review Task Force (LD 1509 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. S)	6	9/16/13 9/30/13 10/21/13 11/4/13	11/25/13 12/2/13	12/4/2013	Sen. Haskell & Rep. Goode	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities (LD 986 - emergency; Resolve 2013, c. 78)	4	11/8/13 11/15/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Craven & Rep. Stuckey	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer (LD 1574 - emergency; Resolve 2013, c. 77)	4	10/25/13 11/8/13	12/6/13	12/4/2013	Sen. Lachowicz & Rep. McGowen	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee (Joint Order H.P. 1136, as amended by S-327)	4	9/23/13 10/21/13 11/18/13	12/2/13	12/4/2013 (preliminary) 11/5/2014 (final)	Sen. Craven & Rep. Treat	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Commission to Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing (Joint Order H.P. 1123)	4	9/23/13 10/16/13 10/30/13 11/20/13		12/4/2013	Sen. Gratwick & Rep. Gattine	Meetings concluded; draft report in process.
Criminal Code Revision Planning Committee (Joint Order S.P. 31 as amended by S-326)	4	11/6/13	12/4/13	3/1/2014	Sen. Gerzofsky	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force (LD 1509 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. AA)	4	10/30/13 11/15/13 11/20/13	11/25/13	12/1/2013	Commissioner of DAFS or designee	Appointments complete; conducting work; staffed by DAFS.
Forensic Mental Health Services Oversight Committee (LD 1515 - emergency; PL 2013, c. 434, Sec. 12)	4	11/12/13	12/3/13 12/17/13 1/7/14	1/15/2014	Sen. Gerzofsky & Rep. Gattine	Appointments complete; conducting work.
Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections and the Unified County Corrections System (Joint Order H.P. 1132 as amended by S-324)	6	9/20/13 10/4/13 10/25/13 11/1/13 11/15/13	11/22/13	12/4/2013	David Flanagan	Appointments complete; conducting work; staffed by non-legislative entity - ME County Commissioners Assoc. suggested.
<b>ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES</b>						
Legislative Youth Advisory Council (3 MRSA section 168-B)	may hold 2 per year			2nd Friday in February in even numbered years		Appointments not completed.
Right to Know Advisory Committee (1 MRSA section 411)	4	7/24/13 10/3/13 11/12/13	12/17/13	1/15 annually	Sen. Valentino	Appointments complete; conducting work, including subcommittee meetings.
Commission to Develop a Competitive Bidding Process for the Operation of Additional Casinos or Slot Machine Facilities (PL 2011, c. 699)	6	7/26/13 9/6/13 10/24/13		2/15/2014	Sen. Patrick & Rep. Luchini	Meetings concluded; draft report in progress; OPLA staffing with DAFS providing administrative support.
Citizen Trade Policy Commission (10 MRSA section 11)	at least 2 per year	7/1/13 9/19/13 11/15/13	12/12/13	annually	Sen. Jackson & Rep. Treat	Appointments complete; conducting work.

# 2013 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated November 20, 2013

Study/Committee	2013	2013 Meetings	Scheduled Next	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status Notes
	Meetings Authorized	Held	Meeting Date(s)			
AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS						
AFA (range of issues)	monthly or as necessary (3 MRSA section 522)	8/13/13 8/22/13 10/2/13 10/8/13 11/13/13	12/12/13	n/a	Sen. Hill & Rep. Rotundo	AFA has 90 CO bills.
ACF (update from DACF regarding merger; review Outcome-based Forestry report and annual report of Board of Agriculture)	1		11/22/13	n/a	Sen. Jackson & Rep. Dill	ACF has 6 CO bills. This meeting was authorized 9/25/13.
CJPS (discuss CO LDs 222, 297, 502, 662, 1513; monitor Gov. task force on rangers carrying firearms; monitor coordinated jail system changes)	3	9/25/13	12/11/13	n/a	Sen. Gerzofsky & Rep. Dion	CJPS has 7 CO bills; will be discussing 5.
EDU (EPS review; review college and career readiness of Maine students)	5	7/31/13 8/1/13 10/8/13 10/29/13	12/10/13	n/a	Sen. Millett & Rep. MacDonald	EDU has 7 CO bills.
ENR (solid waste management issues, LDs 694, 907, 1363, and CO LD 1483; and 9/20 GOC letter - Subcommittee of 5 ENR members)	5	10/2/13 10/16/13 11/12/13	12/16/13	n/a	Sen. Boyle & Rep. Welsh	ENR has 4 CO bills; will be discussing 1.
EUT (Renewable energy policy: CO LDs 795, 1085, 1146, 1252, 1403, 1456, 1507)	5	9/20/13 10/21/13 11/14/13	12/11/13 12/18/13	n/a	Sen. Cleveland & Rep. Hobbins	EUT has 21 CO bills; will be discussing 7.
HHS (range of issues, including budget and emerging and developing issues)	3	9/11/13 10/29/13	12/10/13	n/a	Sen. Craven & Rep. Farnsworth	HHS has 9 CO bills.
IFS (range of issues)	2			n/a	Sen. Gratwick & Rep. Treat	IFS has 9 CO bills. Will not be holding any interim meetings.
MAR (elver fishing issues, CO LD 1397)	2		12/5/13 12/13/13	n/a	Sen. Johnson & Rep. Kumiega	MAR has 3 CO bills; will be discussing 1.
MWEF (a number of issues related to workforce, downtown revitalization and small business development)	4	9/17/13 10/1/13 10/22/13 11/7/13		n/a	Sen. Valentino & Rep. Berry	MWEF has 1 CO bill. Interim meetings concluded.
SLG (discontinued and abandoned roads, LD 1273 and CO LD 1177 - Subcommittee of 4 SLG members)	3	9/27/13 10/18/13	12/13/13	n/a	Sen. Lachowicz & Rep. Graham	SLG has 6 CO bills; will be discussing 1.
VLA (wholesale spirits contract RFP; update on competitive bidding process for casinos; update on transfer of liquor and licensing from DPS to DAFS)	1	10/30/13		n/a	Sen. Tuttle & Rep. Luchini	VLA has 11 CO bills. Interim meeting concluded.

**RENEWED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND  
LIMITED LICENSE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING NETWORK  
AND  
MAINE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Whereas, the Maine Legislative Council ("Legislative Council") and Maine Public Broadcasting Network ("MPBN") have discussed the public benefits of televising legislative proceedings on a free over-the-air channel devoted to covering the proceedings of the Maine Legislature during a 6-month pilot program;

Whereas, the Maine Legislature currently broadcasts the legislative sessions of the Maine Senate and the House of Representatives by video and audio streaming them over the Internet using legislative facilities, equipment and networks;

Whereas, the Maine Legislative Council desires that certain legislative proceedings be televised so they may be viewed by as wide an audience as possible for the benefit of the residents of Maine;

Whereas, Maine Public Broadcasting Network and the Maine Legislative Council first entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in January 2013 that resulted in Maine Public Broadcasting Network broadcasting legislative proceedings on a pilot basis during the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature at no cost to the Maine Legislature or to television viewers;

Whereas, the parties now desire to enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding that will result in MPBN continuing to televise legislative proceedings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature; and

Whereas, the Maine Legislative Council and Maine Public Broadcasting Network agree to collaborate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement and agree that the intent of this Agreement is to ensure that MPBN programming gives television viewers an accurate, impartial and unedited view of the flow, content and conduct of legislative proceedings;

Now, therefore, the Maine Legislative Council grants permission to MPBN to install certain broadcasting equipment in legislative areas and to televise the proceedings of the Maine Legislature on an over-the-air television channel subject to the following conditions:

1. Quality of the Legislative Broadcasts. MPBN has assessed the quality of video broadcasts of the House and Senate proceedings and has determined that they are suitable for its over the air use. The cameras in the Senate Chamber support high definition resolution video although downstream broadcast equipment would need to be upgraded or replaced to support high definition resolution broadcasting. The cameras in the House Chamber do not support high definition resolution video. The Legislative Council will use its best efforts to upgrade, within existing resources and using existing video equipment, the broadcast quality of the video feeds from cameras in the Senate from standard to high

definition resolution. The Legislative Council will provide those video transmissions of the Senate and the House to MPBN. The Legislative Council will take reasonable measures to provide broadcast quality transmissions of the legislative proceedings from its equipment and feeds to MPBN but is not obligated to purchase equipment or make any improvements or operational modifications if MPBN later determines that the transmission quality becomes undesirable. The Legislative Council will provide MPBN access to the Senate and House video feeds from the point of the media closet located in the Welcome Center to offices MPBN currently leases in the Cross Building.

2. Televising Legislative Proceedings. MPBN will provide an over-the-air digital channel devoted to televising proceedings of the Maine Legislature and such channel shall be referred to as the "Maine Capitol Connection Channel." Each broadcast must state prominently that the Maine Capitol Connection Channel is a collaborative project of the Maine Legislature and MPBN. Furthermore, the parties have determined that agreement on operating protocols and procedures is essential to the success of this pilot program and MPBN agrees to comply with the provisions contained in Attachment A, which is attached and made a part of this Agreement.
3. Timing of the Legislative Broadcasts. Maine Public Broadcasting Network will strive to televise the legislative proceedings as they occur but may delay or rebroadcast them at other times as MPBN deems appropriate for the convenience of television viewers.
4. Content and Format of the Legislative Broadcasts. The Legislature shall retain complete control over the content of the House and Senate video feeds and audio feeds; however, MPBN will exercise appropriate editorial control over the Maine Capitol Connection Channel broadcasts consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including Attachment A.
5. Recording, Preserving and Archiving. MPBN will maintain the recorded coverage on a daily basis for a 24 hour period, but will not maintain a permanent archival record of the broadcasts made during the period of this Agreement without the express written consent of the Legislative Council. MPBN may record legislative proceedings for the purpose of rebroadcasts of such content by MPBN.
6. Equipment Maintenance and Insurances. With the exception of legislative cameras that are installed in the House and Senate chambers and legislative sound equipment, MPBN will provide all equipment, including without limitation cameras and studio equipment, necessary for Maine Capitol Connection Channel broadcasts and agrees to maintain them in good working order. MPBN will maintain in force adequate general liability insurance for activities relating to Maine Capitol Connection at all times during the period of this Agreement. Access to maintain, service or repair such equipment is authorized subject to approval by the Director of Legislative Information Technology and is limited to MPBN employees authorized by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in accordance with established building security protocols. When access to the State House or the Cross Building is necessary outside of regular business hours for equipment repairs, it must be arranged through the State's Building Control Center, upon the express approval of the Director of Legislative Information Technology.

7. Termination of License. This Agreement becomes effective upon approval of the Legislative Council and execution of this Agreement by both parties and remains in effect through the second regular session unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the parties on January 29, 2013.

If at any time, the Legislative Council or the presiding officer of the House or the Senate chooses to interrupt a legislative broadcast, the council or the presiding officer may do so without prior notice and for whatever reason deemed appropriate. However, if the Legislative Council decides to cease televising the legislative broadcasts altogether, it agrees to do so only after forty-five (45) days written notice to MPBN.

If at any time MPBN chooses not to transmit the legislative broadcasts in accordance with this license, it may cease transmissions and disconnect and remove its equipment only after providing forty-five (45) days written notice to the Legislative Council. Removal of its equipment will be at MPBN's expense.

8. Limitations to Scope of License. This Agreement authorizes the installation of certain equipment on legislative property and the transmission of the legislative proceedings in accordance with the terms herein and does not and may not be interpreted to grant by implication any further rights or privileges, including, but not limited to, any intellectual property rights in legislative broadcasts.

MPBN may not transfer this Agreement and limited license to any other person or entity without written approval of the Legislative Council. This limited license is nonexclusive and the Legislative Council and the Legislature retain the right at all times to grant any other entity the same or similar license or any other licenses or authorizations without limitation.

9. Installation of Equipment. MPBN may install and operate broadcasting and directly-related equipment in specified areas in the State House and Cross Building for the period of this Agreement only. All such equipment, except for equipment installed in MPBN-leased offices in the State House Press Corps suite, must be identified in Attachment B-1 of this Agreement. Installation and maintenance of cameras and other equipment, other than those housed inside Rooms 168 and 176 in the State House Press Corps suite and inside Room 104 of the Cross Building, must be accomplished under the supervision of the Director of Legislative Information Technology and must be in a manner that is compatible with and does not: disrupt or damage legislative equipment, transmissions or areas; disrupt the historic or architectural integrity of any such room or area; or disrupt the proceedings or functions of the legislature. Further, such installation must allow for installation of legislatively-controlled video kill switches, so-called, in legislatively-controlled areas of the Cross Building and the State House.

MPBN is responsible for all costs of its equipment, including its installation, maintenance, repair, replacement and use. MPBN may not access, connect to, move, disconnect, disrupt, alter, tamper with or use legislative wiring, equipment, software or facilities except with the express approval of the Director or the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. Furthermore, MPBN may not arrange for or allow access by any person not an employee of

MPBN, including contractors, to any legislative facility, equipment, software or wiring without such express approval of the Director or the Executive Director. Installation of wiring and equipment in Room 104 and in the corridor leading to Room 104 must in compliance with all applicable building and electrical codes and be accomplished under the supervision of the Director of Property Management, DAFS. MPBN may not access, connect to, move, disconnect, disrupt, alter, tamper with or use State wiring, equipment, software or facilities in the Cross Building not under the control of the Legislative Council except with the express approval of the Director of Property Management.

Any such violation of these provisions is grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

10. Cooperation with Others. MPBN agrees to work with cable television providers in the state for the purposes of broadcasting legislative proceedings over cable television networks in addition to the over-the-air broadcasts by MPBN. MPBN agrees to offer access to the video and audio feeds to cable television providers and local access television channels. MPBN agrees not to charge local access television, cable providers or cable television viewers for such access, use or viewing during the term of this Agreement. MPBN agrees to make available a portion of Room 104, Cross Building, a state-owned facility, to other news organizations and Legislators at reasonable times and for reasonable duration for the purpose of holding and reporting on news conferences related to legislative and other governmental activities. Such availability must be identified on a schedule developed and posted by MPBN and must be on a first-come, first served basis, and MPBN may not charge for such use.
11. MPBN Rights to Capitol Connection Designations. MPBN owns, solely and exclusively, all right, title and interest in and to the designations "Maine Capitol Connection" and "Maine Capitol Connection Channel" (the "MCC Marks"), including without limitation: all trademark rights, trade name rights, service mark rights and any other intellectual property rights embodied therein, and all good will associated with the MCC Marks.
12. Parties. The parties to this Agreement and the parties' contact information are as follows.

Maine Public Broadcasting Network maintains its headquarters in Lewiston, Maine with a mailing address of:

Maine Public Broadcasting Network  
C/o Mark Vogelzang, President & CEO  
1450 Lisbon Street  
Lewiston, ME 04340  
Tel: (207) 783-9101  
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The Legislative Council is a branch of Maine State Government in Augusta, Maine with a mailing address of:

Maine Legislative Council  
c/o Office of the Executive Director



115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115  
Tel: (207) 287-1615

The authorized representative of the Legislative Council for the purposes of administering the Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions herein is:

David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Tel: (207) 287-1615, Fax: (207) 287-1621  
E-Mail: [david.boulter@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:david.boulter@legislature.maine.gov)

13. Points of Contact in the Chambers. The House of Representatives contacts are: Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House (primary); and Robert Hunt, Ass't. Clerk of the House (secondary), telephone (207) 287-1400, and the Senate contacts are: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate (primary); and Joy O'Brien, Ass't. Secretary of the Senate (secondary), telephone (207) 287-1540.
14. Conflicts with law or rule. Nothing in this Agreement shall supersede any federal or state law or legislative rule.

This Agreement consisting of thirteen (13) pages including attachments is entered into by Maine Public Broadcasting Network and the Legislative Council on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Vogelzang, President & CEO  
Maine Public Broadcasting Network

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David E. Boulter, Executive Director  
Maine Legislative Council

Attachments (A, B & C)

## Attachment A

### Operating Protocols and Procedures

#### Guiding Principle and Agreement:

MPBN will strive to present “gavel-to-gavel” coverage of legislative proceedings without editorial content so as to accurately present what is seen and heard by a visitor to the Senate or House chamber gallery during a legislative session or a legislative committee room during a legislative hearing or work session. MPBN agrees to abide by the following protocols and procedures when broadcasting or recording the proceedings of the Maine Legislature.

#### A. Programming Parameters

1. MPBN will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Legislative Council its technical capacity to produce high quality video coverage of the Maine Legislature before transmitting such coverage for the first time during the 2<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.
2. The Managing Editor is MPBN’s onsite Supervisor. The Managing Editor will make the day-to-day decisions about what events to broadcast and the extent of those broadcasts.
3. The board of directors and officers of MPBN will not make day-to-day decisions about what events to broadcast or the extent of those broadcasts as provided in MPBN’s Board of Trustees’ policy on editorial integrity adopted in 1998 that protects journalistic integrity of individual programs and series from inappropriate influences.
4. When the Senate and the House of Representatives are in session at the same time, the Managing Editor will decide which will be broadcast live and which will be recorded for later broadcast.
5. MPBN will abide by its “Guiding Principles of MMC,” as described in Attachment C, attached, to the extent it is not inconsistent with and does not conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

#### B. Recording Notification and Parameters

1. The Managing Editor will provide to each member of the Legislative Council, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate, a tentative weekly schedule of the legislative sessions, public hearings and work sessions and any other legislative proceedings it intends to cover during the following week. Should the legislative schedule change or the Managing Editor make a change to the broadcasting schedule, MPBN will provide a revised notice if MPBN’s programming is to be changed no later than the evening before the session or meeting or as soon as practical after the change is published.
2. If MPBN wants to broadcast a chamber session, public hearing or work session that it had not previously scheduled, it may do so upon notification to the presiding officers or committee chairs, as applicable, and reasonable notice to the Executive Director of the

Legislative Council, Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

For each committee proceeding to be covered by MPBN except public proceedings of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in whose room cameras will remain for the session, the Managing Editor will notify the clerk of the committee and upon such notification the committee clerk will be responsible for arranging for a notice to be posted at the door to the committee stating that the proceeding is being covered by MPBN for television broadcast. The notice must be posted well before the start of the proceeding but in any event no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.

3. Prior to the start of a committee hearing or work session, the Managing Editor will notify the committee chairs and staff if a hearing will be broadcasted or recorded.
4. MPBN will broadcast or record proceedings only after the presiding officer or presiding committee chair gavels the session, hearing or work session to order and only until the presiding officer or presiding committee chair adjourns or recesses the chamber session, hearing or work session. Low-level "background" audio may not be broadcast or recorded. Signal transmission must terminate immediately after the proceedings are adjourned or recessed; only background audio may be covered and video coverage must be limited to a general view of the room without close-up shots until such termination is completed.
5. The presiding officer or presiding committee chair may direct the immediate termination of a broadcast without prior notice in the event of an emergency or if a person in attendance poses a risk of harm to those present.

C. Broadcast Content

1. During the term of this Agreement, MPBN anticipates that it will provide coverage of the proceedings of many or all of the joint standing and joint select committees of the Legislature, upon prior notice as provided under paragraphs B (1) and (2) above, using temporary cameras that will be removed following coverage of each proceeding.
2. The Managing Editor will attempt to provide equal coverage of Senate and House sessions and, to the greatest extent possible, committee action.
3. If a chamber or committee recesses or adjourns, MPBN will attempt to identify the procedural status of the chamber or committee (e.g., "The committee is at ease in order to caucus"). During these times of recess, MPBN's broadcast, to the greatest extent possible, will default to a wide angle camera shot of the chamber or the angle used by the Legislature's cameras.
4. The Managing Editor will not broadcast any activities not produced or authorized by MPBN.
5. Broadcasts are expected to show proceedings "gavel to gavel." Should on-air time not allow for complete coverage of a proceeding, to the greatest extent possible, the entire proceeding must be available for later broadcast. If the Managing Editor decides to break

away from an on-going proceeding, MPBN will inform television viewers, either through a voice over or through on-air graphics, that the remainder of proceeding may be seen at another time specified. If broadcast of the full proceeding is not possible, MPBN, at its discretion, may broadcast a portion of the public hearing or work session provided any legislative measure that is the subject of the hearing or work session is broadcast in its entirety.

6. Recordings or broadcasts are limited to proceedings of the full committee or the Senate or the House while they are in session. MPBN will not interview or record or broadcast remarks or statements from any person in the chambers or any committee room at any time except those remarks or statements made as part of the formal legislative proceeding or the formal Caucus "response" to a State of the State address.
7. To the extent feasible, the Clerk of the House or the Clerk's designee will arrange for the microphone at the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber to remain on during the singing of the National Anthem and delivery of the prayer at the start of each House session and a microphone in the House Gallery to be placed and remain on during any musical performance held during a House session.

D. Cameras & Sound Equipment

1. During the term of this Agreement, cameras and related equipment may not be permanently installed except that MPBN may place and maintain up to three standard or "robotic" cameras in Room 228 and up to two co-located cameras in the State House Welcome Center for the period 45 calendar days prior to the convening of the Second Regular Session to three days following adjournment sine die of that session. MPBN intends to use the video feeds from the House and Senate; it does not intend to place additional cameras in the chambers. If it does seek to place cameras in a chamber, it must notify the Senate President and the Senate Secretary or the House Speaker and the House Clerk, as applicable. Cameras must be placed in a location and manner that is unobtrusive, will not be disruptive of the proceeding, and will not create a safety hazard or interfere with seating or ingress or egress. Placement of cameras is subject to approval by the Senate Secretary for the Senate chamber, Clerk of the House for the House chamber, Executive Director of the Legislative Council and presiding committee chair for committee rooms and the Executive Director for all other rooms. MPBN and the Executive Director will discuss and agree upon, in advance of any broadcasts, suitable locations for placement of cameras in committee rooms.
2. The focal-length range of the cameras lens used in the committee room must be sufficient to provide for proper framing of each member or other person speaking. Cameras must be silent in motion and not require lighting that interferes with the proceedings in any way or noticeably increases the room temperature.
3. MPBN will use the legislature's sound system to record or broadcast audio of the legislative proceedings in the chambers and committee rooms. If an additional microphone is needed to amplify audience comments during a news conference in the Welcome Center, MPBN may place a single microphone on a floor stand for the duration of the news conference, after which it must be removed.

E. Camera Shot & Audio Selection

1. Cameras must focus only on speakers recognized by the presiding officer or presiding committee chair. Camera shot selection must accurately convey the proceeding as it transpires. Close-ups shots will be limited to speakers recognized by the presiding officer or committee chair.
2. To the greatest extent possible, MPBN will avoid sensational or dramatic camera shots and extreme close-up shots. MPBN will not make any editorial attempt to explain, interpret or in any way add context to legislative proceedings by showing reactions of legislators, staff or other persons to legislation or statements made during such proceedings.
3. To the greatest extent possible, MPBN will avoid camera shots in which materials on legislators' or legislative staff's desks or electronic devices are discernible.
4. MPBN will avoid any audio or video broadcast or recording that MPBN considers, using its best judgment, to be sensational, inflammatory, inappropriate or invasive to personal or private materials or communications.
5. To the greatest extent possible, MPBN will not focus audio or video coverage on a person who has not been recognized at that time by the presiding officer or committee chair.
6. The video must default to a display of a wide angle view whenever the chamber or a committee is in recess. When the cameras are not broadcasting or recording in the committee room, they must be angled toward the floor or a wall.

F. Keyed Information and Graphics

1. At the beginning of the session or committee hearing or work session, the full name of the legislative body or committee will be displayed onscreen so it may be easily read by viewers. To the greatest extent possible, MPBN will inform viewers periodically during a broadcast that Legislators may be absent from the chamber or committee room due to their other legislative responsibilities and committee assignments.
2. During committee hearings or work sessions, the committee name and date of the hearing or work session will be identified through the use of a lower-third key, crawl or full-screen graphic. This information must appear on screen periodically, if not continually.
3. Legislators will be identified by name, party affiliation, town of residence (for State Representatives) and county of residence (for State Senators) when they speak. When speaking, the House Speaker, Senate President and majority and minority leaders will also be identified by their Legislative Leadership title. In committee proceedings, committee members will be identified in the same manner.
4. Legislative staff who participate in the proceeding will be identified by their position title.
5. The name and affiliation, if any, of those persons who testify at committee proceedings will be identified onscreen whenever possible. The Managing Editor and the Legislative Council

will collaborate to identify the best way to collect and relay this information.

6. When legislation is being heard in committee, the bill number and short title will be identified and displayed onscreen periodically, if not continually, to remind viewers of the issue under consideration. When practicable, the prime sponsor of such legislation will be identified when the bill is presented.
  7. During voting, the bill number and short title will be displayed to the maximum extent possible. If the short title does not adequately describe the measure under consideration, MPBN will display additional information onscreen or through a voice over to explain the vote being taken. In order to facilitate the identification of the measure, the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate will use their best efforts, within existing resources, to provide MPBN with a digital feed of the information displayed on the voting board during legislative consideration of a measure.
  8. To the maximum extent possible, MPBN will display committee votes on legislation and votes in the chamber, and may display a clearly-readable camera shot of the chamber voting boards when a vote is taken.
  9. Pre-produced crawls or full-screen graphics will be prepared to explain how viewers may obtain more information (including the Legislature's website address), and explain frequently used terms, e.g., caucus, divided report, indefinitely postponed, recede and concur and point of order. The crawls or graphics will be introduced at appropriate times during broadcast or recording of the proceeding and will be also shown during breaks in floor action.
  10. At the conclusion of each committee proceeding that has been recorded or broadcast, the full name of the committee and date of the hearing will be identified. To the greatest extent possible, a summary of the bills considered and legislative action taken by the committee will also be displayed.
  11. MPBN will identify to viewers whether an event is being broadcast live or recorded.
  12. Correct identification of speakers and issues is crucial to increasing public understanding of the legislative process. Identifying speakers, including legislators and persons testifying, and keeping track of bills will require diligence by MPBN, and MPBN is responsible for ensuring sufficient quality control measures to accomplish such timely identification.
- G. Program Editing
1. Once MPBN begins coverage of one chamber, it will continue the recording or broadcasting, to the greatest extent possible, until that body adjourns or recesses.
  2. If the chamber is at ease, MPBN will remain with that chamber, to the greatest extent possible, until it adjourns or recesses.
  3. Original recorded or live floor action or legislative hearings or work sessions may not be edited except to the extent they are required by law to be edited (e.g., emergencies or use

of profane language).

4. Rebroadcast floor action or legislative hearings or work sessions may be edited as long as the consideration of a legislative measure is presented in its entirety and notice of such editing is given to viewers.
5. Rebroadcast material will be aired, to the greatest extent possible, with current bill status and the actual date on which the floor action or legislative hearing or work session occurred being displayed on screen.
6. To ensure viewers receive an accurate view of the flow, content and conduct of floor action or legislative hearings or work sessions, MPBN shall exercise its best judgment in determining the period during which that material will be rebroadcast.

H. Voice Over

MPBN may provide a "live" voice over operator to explain terms and other general information during proceedings, such as procedural motions. MPBN will not make editorial comments about the proceeding or the matters that are subject to the proceedings but provide a voice over solely to educate the public about the legislative process and the role of the participants.

I. Non-Partisan Nature

Programming will be complete, balanced, and fair without regard to political parties, partisanship or ideology. MPBN coverage of legislative proceedings and deliberations will be unedited except as specified in this Agreement. MPBN will accurately broadcast the proceedings and deliberations to the viewers, and MPBN will not editorialize on such deliberations or proceedings.

J. Use of MPBN Material

MPBN broadcasts of legislative proceedings under this Agreement and any reuse of such broadcasts may not be used for commercial, political, political campaigns, lobbying or partisan purposes, and MPBN agrees to so note in its broadcasts or other dissemination of the proceedings. However, MPBN may allow rebroadcasts of excerpts of its broadcasts by bona fide news organizations provided MPBN is credited as the source of the content.

K. Modifications

During the term of this Agreement, the Legislative Council reserves its rights to supplement or modify the provisions contained in this Attachment after prior consultation with MPBN. Any such supplement or modification must be in writing and approved by the Legislative Council.

**Attachment B-1 (NOTE: NEED UPDATED LIST)**

**Listing of Equipment, Function, Location and Date of Installation**

**A. Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs, Room 228, State House**

2 – Sony Camcorders Handycam located rear of room mounted on wall using woodworking clamps with power supplies.

1 – LDK700 Phillips Camera, Vinten 8 head on a Miller support (high-hat), and Sony AC adapter power supply. Located on top of bookcase positioned south of Committee Chairs.

~~To be installed (future, subject to approval) – Video Kill Switch with indicator~~

**B. Media Closet in State House Welcome Center**

Nvision equipment rack located top of video patch rack with dual power supplies

Internal SDN/R09 dual SDI distribution amplifiers for ability to feed Senate and House Video to Welcome Center TV if desired by Legislative Counsel.

Attached to NVision Rack

1 – Analog to SDI video and audio embedder from Black Magic Design with power supply to prepare Senate House feed.

1 – SDI audio embedder to prepare House video feed. Black Magic Design

1 – SDI to HDMI converter located left of door way to feed MCC channel to Welcome Center TV. Black Magic Design

**C. Future equipment (subject to approval)**

~~1 – Video kill switch chassis (homemade) for Appropriations committee room cameras~~

2 – SDI to HDMI converters Black Magic Design for converting House and Senate feeds for Legislature's television in Welcome Center

**Installation Date:** week of January 28, 2013



## Attachment C

### MPBN's Guiding Principles for Maine Capitol Connection Channel

The Maine Capitol Connection Channel ("MCC") will use its best efforts to:

provide programming that is fair, accurate, balanced and without regard to partisanship or ideology and advances the knowledge Maine citizens have of their government. MCC coverage is intended to offer viewers access to the deliberations of their government;

provide programming which will be scheduled by the Managing Editor in a manner that recognizes the role of timeliness in the value of information. Programming with content which does not lose value through immediacy may be delayed and replayed;

provide programming and scheduling of telecasts which will reflect a variety of possible subject matter and deliberating bodies. Balance shall also reflect the importance of covering issues of interest to particular geographic areas; and

provide programming and scheduling consistent with MCC's mission with the understanding that MCC's resources are limited. Programming will be consistent with the standards of MPBN, with its Managing Editor making day-to-day programming decisions.

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**Legislative Council Meeting**  
**November 21, 2013**

**Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council**

**Requirements relevant to bills in the Second Regular Session**

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

**Suggested Protocol for deciding appeals**

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.
- D. Legislators who have appealed a decision of the Legislative Council will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not a Legislator Sponsor address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish his or her bill request from the closely related one.

DAVID E. BOULTER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### MEMO

To: Legislative Council Members  
126<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
D.B.  
From: David E. Boulter, Executive Director  
Date: November 14, 2013  
Re: Request for authority to convene Task Force on Adult Learners

Part GGGGG-1 of PL 2013, c.368, *An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015*, established the Task Force on Adult Learners to study issues related to the more than 200,000 adults in the State who have obtained some postsecondary education but who have not earned an associate or baccalaureate degree or obtained a professional certificate. The legislation specifies in detail the charge of the task force. The task force is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future no later than February 1, 2014.

The legislation required all appointments to be made by July 26, 2013, that date being 30 days after the effective date of Chapter 368. Of the 13 members of the task force, 10, comprising a majority, have been appointed as of November 12, 2013. The three members who have not yet been appointed are:

- One representative of a statewide membership organization advocating for business, appointed by the Governor
- One representative from a statewide organization representing small business owners, appointed by the Governor
- The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee

Pursuant to Section GGGGG-1, if 30 days or more after the effective date of the legislation have passed and a majority but not all appointments have been made, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council is directed to call and convene the first meeting of the task force.

Because the membership of the task force remains incomplete nearly 5 months after the effective date of the legislation establishing the task force and because the task force needs a minimum of several months to properly meet its charge to study the issues delineated in the legislation and make its recommendations, I am requesting authorization from the Legislative Council for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

If the Legislative Council grants authority, I will plan to provide proper paper notice and call and convene the task force by early December.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2013, June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015

Eff. Date: June 26, 2013

## **PART GGGGG**

**Sec. GGGGG-1. Task Force on Adult Learners.** The Task Force on Adult Learners, referred to in this Part as "the task force," is established.

**1. Membership.** The task force consists of 13 members as follows:

- A. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;
- B. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;
- C. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;
- D. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
- E. The director of the office within the Department of Education concerned with adult education and family literacy or the director's designee;
- F. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
- G. The Chair of the State Workforce Investment Board or the chair's designee;
- H. One representative of a statewide membership organization advocating for business, appointed by the Governor;
- I. One representative from a statewide organization representing small business owners, appointed by the Governor;
- J. One representative of a nonprofit organization dedicated to postsecondary degree attainment by nontraditional students, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- K. One representative of a statewide foundation dedicated to promoting sustainable economic growth for this State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- L. One representative of the board of a local workforce investment area designated pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- M. One representative from a labor union in this State, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

**2. Appointments; convening of task force; chair.** All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Part. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have

been completed. After appointment of all members, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force at which the chair of the task force must be elected from among its members. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this Part a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the executive director may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.

**3. Duties.** The task force shall study issues related to the more than 200,000 adults in the State who have obtained some postsecondary education but who have not earned an associate or baccalaureate degree or obtained a professional certificate. The task force shall develop a multisector statewide strategic plan to increase postsecondary degree completion rates among the adult population that includes both short-term and long-term strategies to increase degree completion rates by nontraditional students in the State and shall develop proposed legislation related to these strategies.

A. In conducting its study and formulating recommendations, the task force shall:

- (1) Review available literature and best practices related to degree completion by nontraditional students, including any other task force reports related to degree attainment;
- (2) Convene appropriate subcommittees to gather additional information and recommendations to ensure a broad-based view of degree attainment by nontraditional students in this State. These groups must include, but are not limited to, adult students currently enrolled in a college transitions program, the State Workforce Investment Board, the boards of the local workforce investment areas designated pursuant to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Public Law 105-220, career and technical education centers and the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community within the University of Maine System;
- (3) Review available data and research on degree completion by nontraditional students in Maine and New England and nationally;
- (4) Assess the current status of degree completion by nontraditional students in Maine, including available support services, academic programs, student funding options and adult learner initiatives in progress; and
- (5) Identify barriers to degree completion by nontraditional students.

B. The task force shall make recommendations to:

- (1) Develop a multisector statewide strategic plan to increase postsecondary degree completion rates among the adult population;
- (2) Make the most effective use of local, state and federal resources, including leveraging private foundation investment;
- (3) Align high school graduation, workforce training and adult education expectations to public postsecondary institution admission and placement requirements;
- (4) Promote seamless transfer and expansion of credits granted through prior learning assessment, including credits for employer-based training programs;

- (5) Develop a statewide outreach and support campaign to reach the target population of adults with some postsecondary education but no degree or professional certification;
- (6) Create programs that accelerate certificate and associate and bachelor's degree attainment;
- (7) Identify financial resources that support degree completion by nontraditional students through grants or scholarships; and
- (8) Identify redundancies in programs and initiatives that serve adult learners and recommend program elimination or, when appropriate, consolidation and collaboration.

**4. Staff assistance.** The University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System jointly shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force.

**5. Report.** The task force shall submit its report, including the recommendations required by subsection 3, together with any necessary implementing legislation no later than February 1, 2014 to the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future, which may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.



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**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE**  
Augusta, Maine 04333

To: Legislative Council Members  
126<sup>th</sup> Legislature

From: Sen. Margaret M. Craven, <sup>mc</sup>Senate Chair Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities  
Rep. Peter C. Stuckey, <sup>ps</sup>House Chair Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities

Date: November 18, 2013

Re: Request for Extension of Reporting Date and Permission to Meet on December 4

As chairs of the Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities we write to request, pursuant to Joint Rule 353, section 7 an extension of the reporting date of the commission to December 12 and permission to hold a fifth meeting of the commission on December 4.

The Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities has worked diligently, has held 4 day long meetings, has performed their duties well and needs one more meeting to complete its recommendations. Unfortunately the members' schedules for work and the Thanksgiving holiday make it impossible for the commission to complete its work by the deadline specified in the resolve, December 4.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: David Boulter  
Marion Hylan Barr

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

MAINE HEALTH EXCHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
The Honorable Justin L. Alfond, Vice-Chair  
Members, Legislative Council, 126th Legislature

FROM: Senator Margaret M. Craven, Senate Chair *(Signature)*  
Representative Sharon Anglin Treat, House Chair  
Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee *(Signature)*

DATE: November 20, 2013

RE: Request for Additional Meeting

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Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, section 7, we write to request an extension of the Advisory Committee's reporting deadline to December 15, 2013 and to hold a fifth meeting on December 9, 2013.

As you know, the Advisory Committee was established to advise the Legislature regarding the interests of individuals and employers with respect to Maine's health benefit exchange. Although the Advisory Committee has already had 3 day- long meetings and has scheduled a fourth meeting for December 2, we feel it is necessary to have an additional meeting to complete our work and make preliminary recommendations. We believe that additional time is necessary because federally-facilitated health benefit exchanges in Maine and other states continue to face ongoing technical and implementation issues. The Advisory Committee will be better equipped to develop our preliminary recommendations if we can determine whether or not these issues can be resolved in a timely manner.

We recognize that an additional meeting will add to the costs for the Advisory Committee and the Legislature as a whole. We hope that you will consider any budgeted, but not expended, costs for interim committee meetings in making your decision. For example, the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services has been authorized to hold 2 interim committee meetings, but has decided not to meet during the interim. Three legislative members of the Advisory Committee are members of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

Thank you for your consideration.



## **Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System**

To: Hon. Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Hon. Justin L. Alfond, Vice Chair &  
Members, Legislative Council, 126th Legislature

From: David T. Flanagan, Chair  
Commission to Study the Board of Corrections and the County Corrections System

Date: Nov. 20, 2013

Re: Request for an extension of reporting date

Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, Sec. 7, we write to request an extension of the Commission's reporting date from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 15, 2013. As you know, the Commission was established to advise the Legislature regarding the governance, financing and management of the county correctional system.

The Commission has already conducted 5 meetings, and plans to hold its authorized 6th meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. While we could deliver a conceptual draft of our recommendations now, we believe we should address certain capital planning and financial issues as well as part of a comprehensive reform package. The additional time would allow us to develop and deliberate on a position on capital-related issues, and if we can find a consensus in this area as well, it should facilitate the work of the Legislature in considering solutions for the intractable issues confronting county corrections.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: David E. Boulter, Executive Director



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**Millicent M. MacFarland**  
*Clerk of the House*

November 21, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Chairman Eves:

The enclosed proposal regarding the Clerk's Office Legislative Document Service is hereby submitted for consideration by the Legislative Council for the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

All items offered through this Service are available on the Legislature's website. We are encouraging clients to use the online service and as a result have had a steady decline in the demand for paper copies of several documents. We will continue to offer certain documents via e-mail at no cost. I have attached the order form for the upcoming session. Our prices remain the same as they were for the Second Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millicent M. MacFarland".

Millicent M. MacFarland  
Clerk of the House

CC: Members of the Legislative Council  
Enclosure

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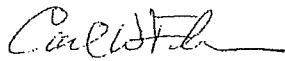
Mr. David E. Boulter  
Executive Director  
State of Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Boulter:

Pursuant to "Section 13080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, please find enclosed a complete report of the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The report includes a summary of the LDA's development activities and audited financial statements for FY13. Subsequent events through October 15, 2013 and proposed activities for FY14 are also reported.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Carl W. Flora  
President & CEO

Enclosure

cc: Senator John L. Patrick, Chair  
Representative Erin D. Herbig, Chair  
Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

## *LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE*



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Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report  
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

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**PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS  
AND STATUS REPORT**

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties formerly comprising the Loring Air Force Base in order to create jobs and new economic activity following the base's closure. Accomplishing that mission requires LDA to manage the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serve as landlord and supply municipal-type services to approximately 24 businesses, residents, and employers who collectively employ approximately 1,100 employees and occupy approximately 1.6 million square feet of space in nearly 80 major buildings; support Loring's businesses and employers as well as Loring's 395 residents by operating a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintaining and plowing 26 miles of roadways; performing grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and providing for fire and ambulance services, law enforcement services and wastewater treatment; and working with prospective new Loring businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Employers at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, health care, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included in Addendum-4 at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

**FISCAL YEAR 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The following summarizes the LDA's accomplishments for fiscal year 2013, which support its primary mission of job creation and facility absorption on Loring Commerce Centre.

**BANGOR GAS/PENOBSCOT NATURAL GAS.** Bangor Gas acquired the leasehold interest to the LDA's pipeline this year. LDA had previously leased rights to Loring BioEnergy, LLC and Bangor Gas acquired the former Loring BioEnergy rights and obligations. LDA and Bangor Gas worked out a formal Assumption Agreement effectively placing Bangor Gas in the position of Loring BioEnergy with respect to the rights to use the existing 6" pipe which will be converted to transmit natural gas. Bangor Gas also assumed Loring BioEnergy's payment and other obligations such as maintenance of the right of way and insurance. Bangor Gas is preparing to use the pipeline in multiple phases. In the first phase, 62 miles of the pipeline was activated, from Union Street in Bangor to Madawamkeag. Reactivation required the detailed inspection, conversions of the major facilities and replacing valves with natural gas valves, replacing damaged sections of pipe and clearing about 52 miles of the right-of way to a width of 25 feet. Bangor Gas plans to build a lateral to bring natural gas to Lincoln Paper and Tissue, and to the Lincoln community, by November 2014. Phase two includes reactivation from Bangor to



Searsport, with the rebuild of rectifier sites in Searsport, Hampden and Lincoln. Phase three would be to place the pipeline into service from Madawamkeag to Houlton in 2015.

**LORING BIOENERGY, LLC.** On September 24, 2010 the LDA and Loring Bioenergy (LBE) executed closing documents on a real estate transaction that included the lease of the Searsport to Loring pipeline and the 50-foot pipeline right-of-way. Since the closing, the lease of the pipeline was foreclosed upon by LBE's lender and was sold to Penobscot Natural Gas Company (PNG), the parent of Bangor Gas (see previous paragraph). Loring Holdings (LH) continues to work towards development of remaining rights in the pipeline corridor which it had previously obtained through a sublease. LH is working on two separate projects that would utilize the corridor. One is a transmission project known as the Maine Power Express that would deliver power from Loring to southern New England to help address increased demand for renewables. The other project would require natural gas, possibly in a new line, to be delivered to a gas-fired generation plant, to be located at Loring because of its potential to serve a thermal host such as a manufacturer or processor.

**LORING SOLAR ONE.** LDA entered into a Solar Power Lease Agreement with Loring Solar One, LLC, from Washington, Maine. The company completed the installation of a solar panel array on the south side of the LDA's office building and began providing electricity to LDA in February 2013. The demonstration project provides no financial exposure for the LDA; the price that the LDA pays for the generated electricity is set at 95% of what would otherwise be paid on an annual basis. A net metering arrangement includes the LDA office building and maintenance shop. The pilot project, designed to generate approximately 60,000 KW per year, will provide opportunities to develop and evaluate emerging energy solutions. The term of the agreement is 20 years with an option to purchase the solar array after seven years.

**PELLETCo.** LDA entered into a Heat Purchase Agreement with PelletCo, LLC for the purchase of heat supplied by the company's biomass pellet fired boilers at two buildings at Loring. Installation, operation and maintenance of the boilers and purchasing and delivery of pellets is provided by the company. LDA's costs include the metered cost of heat at \$29.00 per MMBtu with a 3% annual increase. LDA is also responsible for ash removal and disposal. The agreement is for 4 years, renewed annually for an additional 4 years, (a 4 year rolling renewal term). The existing oil-fired heating systems in the 2 buildings will remain in place to serve as a back-up for the pellet systems. LDA pays only for heat delivered to the buildings.

**UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) INITIATIVE.** LDA worked with private and public local and state officials on a statewide initiative to secure one of six Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) UAV test site designations and establish a UAV test range in Maine. With the help of an industry consultant, the advantages and challenges of securing an FAA UAV designation in Maine were identified. Maine has strong advantages in its available infrastructure at Loring and Brunswick, uncluttered airspace, and access to northeastern and Canadian aviation technology companies and research facilities. Its main challenges, including its lack of experience in the UAV field and the brief amount of time available for developing the proposal, meant that approximately \$400,000 would be needed to secure the services of consultants to develop the extensive FAA proposal. A grant request from the Maine Technology Institute for the consultant fees was unsuccessful and the project did not move forward. There remains a possibility of teaming with another state for UAV testing in the future.

**AIRSPACE WORKING GROUP.** In October 2012, prior to any public knowledge of FAA's plans to designate six test ranges, as a development project encouraged by the "Mobilize Maine" initiative, a working group was formed to explore the potential for UAV testing at Loring. To be successful, the group felt that a test center must take advantage of the FAA's Certificate of Authorization (COA) process and enjoy access to some special use airspace.

**APPLIED THERMAL SCIENCES & UAV ACTIVITY.** Applied Thermal Sciences (ATS), a company that collaborated with the UAV test center initiative, presented its designs and plans for propulsion systems, rockets and ramjets to the LDA Trustees. ATS is looking for a launch and test set for newly designed devices which are to be used to propel smaller commercial payloads, such as "cube" satellites into orbit. Some of the systems have been successfully tested in Washington County but Loring's airfield would be an ideal location for developing and testing this type of UAV. ATS is interested in bringing some of its work to Loring.

**ALTAEROS ENERGIES.** Altaeros, a small development stage company with roots at MIT conducted tests of its airborne wind turbine using Loring's Arch Hangar and a portion of the airfield last year and the company returned again this year. Altaeros' innovation is a wind turbine in a helium-filled housing. The device can be deployed and retrieved quickly and moved from place to place making it ideal for military operations in forward areas or as a replacement for diesel generators in remote areas not served by transmission lines. Another important advantage is that there is no capital tied up in the construction of large towers as traditional turbines require. Altaeros was very pleased with the Loring Commerce Centre as a test site and indicated its interest in returning for future research and testing operations should the need arise.

**THREE RING BINDER PROJECT.** In July 2012, LDA hosted the Maine Fiber Company and Tilson Technologies ribbon cutting ceremony for the 3 Ring Binder (3RB) kick off in Aroostook County. Federal funding dedicated to upgrading the communication infrastructure in rural areas made the 3RB project a reality in Maine. Maine Fiber Co. installed dark fiber (144 and 288 strand fiber optic cable) in selected areas in the state including the Loring campus, making dark fiber available at competitive rates, which is good for businesses using high volumes of data. Most of Loring's business locations will be within a few hundred feet of this new resource. As a direct result of the 3RB announcement, the LDA has been in discussions with a cloud computing center to locate a facility at Loring. More information can be found at the Maine Fiber Company web site: [www.mainefiberco.com](http://www.mainefiberco.com)

**TIN CUP LAND COMPANY.** Tin Cup Land Company, owners of the residential units at Loring and the Limestone Country Club, decided last year to dissolve the company, divide its interests, and obligations and create two separate businesses. When the transaction is closed, Weatherhead Management will operate the residential units and Phairways Enterprises will operate the golf course and country club.

**FRONTIER TRANSPORT.** LDA Trustees approved the renewal of Frontier Transport's lease for nosedock #22. The new 5-year lease will allow the company to continue to use Dock-22 in support of its agricultural business operations.

**SITEL LEASE.** Sitel, a global leader in telephone-based customer service, expanded its call center operations to Loring in 1997 and continues to operate here. The company extended its lease for another five-year period beginning in May of 2013. Sitel officials have always indicated that the workforce they have at Loring performs very well and compares very favorably with their other locations.

**NORTHERN GIRL, LLC.** Northern Girl is a Van Buren company that had approached the LDA through the Northern Maine Development Commission looking for an interim solution for facility space that would accommodate organic vegetable processing. The company determined that the kitchen area of Loring's NCO Club would allow it to start operations until a facility is ready in Van Buren. Northern Girl proposed a scenario for the NCO kitchen, where it may be developed as an incubator-style shared kitchen for small food processors. Northern Girl also discussed developing a Regional Food Hub concept that involves small producers from throughout the broader region rebuilding the food system in Maine.

**ROOSTOOK CAR CLUB.** Roostook Car Club, a model car racing group, is leasing space in Building 8702 for their racing events. The dedicated group of volunteers and hobbyists hope to develop their hobby into a business as interest in model car racing grows.

**LORING TIMING ASSOCIATION.** Loring Timing Association has organized annual land speed racing events at Loring for the past few years and is very pleased with venue as well as with the turn out of the events. This event attracts participants from across the U.S.

**AUTOCROSS EVENT.** Cumberland Motor Club Inc. held another successful autocross precision driving event at Loring this year. The event consisted of automobiles, including high performance cars, being operated within a defined course. Although the race events do not attract huge crowds they do bring visitors to the area who provide increased traffic to restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

**PROSPECTS.** Active prospects include a wood products manufacturer, an agricultural product processor, a company seeking to do rocket launches, a recycler of wood waste, a device manufacturer, a data technology company that would use the dark fiber resource and a film studio in need of facilities for a new studio and for editing and post production activities.

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES RESTRUCTURED**

The Town of Limestone decided that it would not renew the three-way fire services agreement with the Town of Fort Fairfield and the LDA. The contract ended on June 30, 2013. After negotiations with Limestone to keep the three-way agreement in place failed, a new arrangement for fire services was developed. Limestone appointed a volunteer Chief to oversee its volunteer fire department and the LDA hired three full-time and one part-time EMT certified firefighters to staff the department at Loring. [In the three-way arrangement, the fire chief and the paid firefighters were employed by Fort Fairfield.] The Limestone and Loring firefighters support each other in the event of an emergency. This arrangement continues to provide coverage on a 24/7 basis for the frequent alarms at Loring Job Corps Center and for the entire community without overburdening volunteer firefighters.

The arrangement also facilitates a new arrangement for ambulance services in Limestone, Caswell and at Loring. Crown Ambulance employees team up with Loring firefighters to provide full-time ambulance coverage in Limestone. The new contract with Crown Ambulance replaces the agreement Loring had with the City of Caribou's Fire and Ambulance Department. Although LDA appreciates the many years of professional and reliable services provided by Caribou, Loring is within the boundaries of Limestone and it is important that Loring and Limestone be more in alignment regarding municipal services going forward.

**WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADES.** LDA and the Air Force entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, which included a payment to LDA of \$1.5 million for upgrades to the water treatment plant and distribution system. The MOA and payment addresses the Air Force's responsibility to provide potable water to Loring, where groundwater contamination prevents the use of wells. The funding matched a \$1,132,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration. The grant provides for 50% of the costs of a \$2,264,000 project to upgrade Loring's drinking water treatment infrastructure. Upgrades will allow the plant to perform at its rated capacity of 2.3 million gallons per day, making it possible to support large water users. The work is being completed in two phases. Phase one upgrades treatment systems and is intended to improve water quality. This phase along with the rebuilding of the fishway on the water impoundment dam is complete. Phase two, scheduled to be complete next summer, includes the repair the concrete weir and intake structure, rebuild one filter bed, place a portable emergency generator at the facility and complete building improvements.

**SMALL BUSINESS FACILITIES UPGRADES.** LDA's \$1 million Small Business Administration (SBA) earmark grant is funding improvements to facilities for small business uses. The former library was the first building improved with SBA funds, a new roofing system including insulation was installed, protecting the building from water damage and saving on heating costs. Other buildings improved to date include the LDA office building, the former NCO Club, three smaller (2,000 sq.ft.) buildings, Building 8410, a 22,000 square foot hangar, the Sitel building exterior and back suite, a small industrial building, and the former bowling center, which is now an open-space industrial facility. Additional work to be completed with SBA assistance is similar in design – facilities suitable for small business operations will be improved; energy efficiency is a priority.

**INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I&I) REDUCTION AT LORING COMMERCE CENTRE.** Reduction of the I&I of ground and surface water in Loring's wastewater collection systems is an ongoing project. The first three phases of the sewer line replacement project are complete. However, a large rain event maxed out the sewer line's capacity and clearly demonstrated that the LDA needs to continue to the next phase of I & I reduction work.

**JOB CORPS.** Due to a budget shortfall Job Corps suspended new student enrollments for part of the year. The student body at Loring Job Corps dropped to about 100 below its average number of students and some staff members were laid off. Job Corps student enrollment levels were curtailed nationally. The reduction in enrollments means that fewer students will benefit from the program and fewer people will be employed by Job Corps. The reduced employment level will negatively impact the funding LDA receives through the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund, which is based on the state income tax withholdings from employees at Loring.

**FEDERAL "SEQUESTER".** DFAS staff experienced furloughs due to the sequester. The federal furloughs will also reduce the funding LDA receives through the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund, which is based on the state income tax withholdings from employees at Loring.

**LD 260, AN ACT TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE LORING JOB INCREMENT FINANCING FUND.** LD 260 was passed, changing the termination date for the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund (the "Fund") to 2026. The fund provides a significant source of revenue to the LDA and was scheduled to be sunset in 2016. Senator Troy Jackson and Representative Bernard Ayotte proposed the legislation that extended the program.

**LD 1843: OVERSIGHT OF QUASI-INDEPENDENT STATE ENTITIES.** LDA Trustees adopted a policy for organizational oversight as required by the new legislation. The policy incorporates LDA's existing policy on purchasing and travel and adds new requirements for tracking and reporting contributions.

**LORING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING.** Two years ago LDA financed the paving of approximately 10% of Loring's roadways at a cost of \$350,000. LDA held discussions with state officials about the potential for the LDA to obtain funding from a future transportation bond issue for on-going roadway re-surfacing and maintenance. The transportation bond issue is the most likely vehicle to provide such funding as Loring's roads are considered "private" and therefore on the same legal footing as the street through a Maine University campus. This year legislation to authorize a \$50 million state bond for infrastructure and site improvements at two former military installations was discussed. The bond was developed but was not moved forward for the bond referendum this November.

**ENERGY COSTS REDUCTION OPTIONS.** An energy audit identified potential for energy savings for LDA buildings. A variety of energy alternatives were identified as potential means to reduce energy costs for the LDA. One option is Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), which costs about 70% of fuel oil, but requires the significant upfront cost of installing dual fuel burners, underground piping and a docking station. The pay back for the CNG conversion would be about four years. Propane was also considered, with lower installation costs than CNG, attractive current pricing for commercial customers and a very short payback period. Pellets offer a potential solution with a pay back of a few years and a cost of about 50% of fuel oil. Pellet burners have been installed at two LDA buildings and propane is being considered for others as funding allows for the conversions to be made.

### **MARKETING EFFORTS**

**ADVERTISING.** The LDA launched a new hard copy and digital campaign through the Maine Economic Development Guide, an official publication of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. The ad appears in the hard copy magazine and in the online guide at [businessclimate.com/maine](http://businessclimate.com/maine). Advertisements were created in-house and provided electronically to publishers.

An advertisement/sponsorship for radio coverage was purchased for the annual Limestone 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities.

**WEBSITE.** A new Loring.org website has been completed and seamlessly launched, with a simplified layout and quick access for browsers. The site was designed to provide downloadable data for available facilities, up-to-date information, ease in making in-house changes and an efficient delivery of board meeting documents.

### **PROMOTING LORING**

Loring's facilities, attributes and contact information are available on numerous business development websites such as The Maine Chamber, Maine Better Transportation Association, The Yellow Pages online, Hangars.com and other aviation interests.

Following a request for proposals to provide real estate services, the LDA signed an Exclusive Right to Sell Listing Agreement with Re/Max Central to provide Sales Agent services and

exposure on the Multiple Listing Service for designated Loring properties. The goal is to promote Loring properties, for sale or lease, to the widest possible audience. For properties not specifically listed, LDA maintains an "Open Listing" and encourages all real estate brokers to bring prospective purchasers or commercial lessees to Loring.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

**STAKEHOLDER & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS.** The LDA President & CEO regularly leads tours and presents Loring's buildings and assets to potential tenants and visitors. He also promotes Loring and northern Maine when participating in speaking engagements and meetings regionally and state-wide.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS.** The LDA President & CEO regularly meets with area business leaders in the region to discuss trends and opportunities for business development in Aroostook County and to coordinate regional marketing efforts

**PUBLIC BOARDS AND AFFILIATIONS.** The LDA President & CEO serves in a voluntary capacity on regional and state-wide Boards, networking within various communities and acquainting people with Loring Commerce Centre, the State of Maine's largest industrial, business and aviation complex.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES & EFFORTS**

**REAL ESTATE BROKERS.** LDA selected Re/Max to list some facilities in an Exclusive Listing contract for selected commercial properties. An exclusive listing opportunity provides an incentive for the selected broker to promote Loring properties, increasing potential sales. The exclusive listing contract is for specific properties. An Open Listing is maintained for properties not specifically listed.

**LIMESTONE REAL ESTATE TAXES.** The town of Limestone bore a large share of the impact of the closure of Loring Air Force Base and could not absorb the cost of providing municipal services at the 8,700 acre commerce center. LDA provides those services at Loring but does not have the ability to levy taxes. When a property at Loring is sold it becomes a part of the Limestone tax base. LDA Trustees and members of the Limestone Select Board began discussing a gain-sharing arrangement to assist with the costs of municipal services at Loring.

**MOBILIZE MAINE.** LDA continues to collaborate with DECD and the Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) on the Mobilize Maine effort – a proactive, assets based grassroots approach to economic development. The asset mapping component has been completed. DECD, Fairpoint Communications and the six economic development districts identified renewable energy and information technology as two areas of economic promise for Aroostook County. LDA's President & CEO is a member of the Mobilize Northern Maine group and serves on its committee for the Renewable Energy cluster. An information technology cluster is examining ways to utilize Aroostook's comparative advantage in the area of fiber optics for data farms and other IT related businesses.

**LEAD-LEADERS ENCOURAGING AROOSTOOK DEVELOPMENT.** LDA President Carl W. Flora serves on the Board of Directors of LEAD.

**KEEPING INFORMED.** When relevant to the LDA's activities, LDA staff members actively participate in community and state economic development efforts, serving on various boards, attending workshops, development forums and trainings, keeping abreast of programs and other opportunities available to businesses.

## **LDA FUNDING**

**STATE OF MAINE.** In October 2012, the LDA received an appropriation from the State of Maine for \$200,000. This funding continued to be used for match funding for grants and for marketing and operating expenses. It is important to note that funding for an appropriation for LDA was not included in the state's current budget; state appropriation funding for LDA has ceased. The State did not provide financial support for operating expenses at the Loring Applied Technology Center through fiscal year 2013.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND.** The Loring Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program allows the LDA to receive 50% of the Maine State Income Tax withheld from incremental jobs created at the Loring Commerce Centre to fund municipal type services provided at Loring. Contributions to this fund for fiscal year 2012 totaled \$838,882.50. These funds are used to fund municipal service costs and maintenance of public infrastructure.

**PROPERTY SALE, LEASE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES.** During fiscal year 2013, the LDA received revenues from its tenants, from the sale of land and personal property and from miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$3,089,688.

**KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY.** LDA has two lines of credit from Katahdin Trust Company to assist in the management of cash flow; one line for \$1,000,000 and the second for \$250,000. At the end of FY 2013, funds advanced under the line of credit totaled \$1,163,000. This debt was retired in August 2013.

**KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY.** The LDA secured a \$200,000 short-term loan from Katahdin Trust Company to supplement cash flows until grant reimbursement funds were received from the Economic Development Administration. The debt was retired in July 2013.

**SBA GRANT.** In FY11 LDA secured a \$1 million federal appropriation which is administered through a grant from the Small Business Administration. The funding is for the upgrading of facilities in support of small businesses; the project is close to completion.

**EDA GRANT.** In FY11 LDA was awarded \$1,132,000 from the Economic Development Administration for the upgrade of Loring's water supply infrastructure; about 75% complete.

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**PARAGRAPH 1B:      AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR  
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The attached Independent Auditor's Report was approved by the Loring Development Authority Board of Trustees on October 23, 2013.