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**126<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**



**Bill Requests Received before Cloture  
on September 27, 2013 and Submitted for  
Consideration by the Legislative Council  
on October 30, 2013**

Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0007

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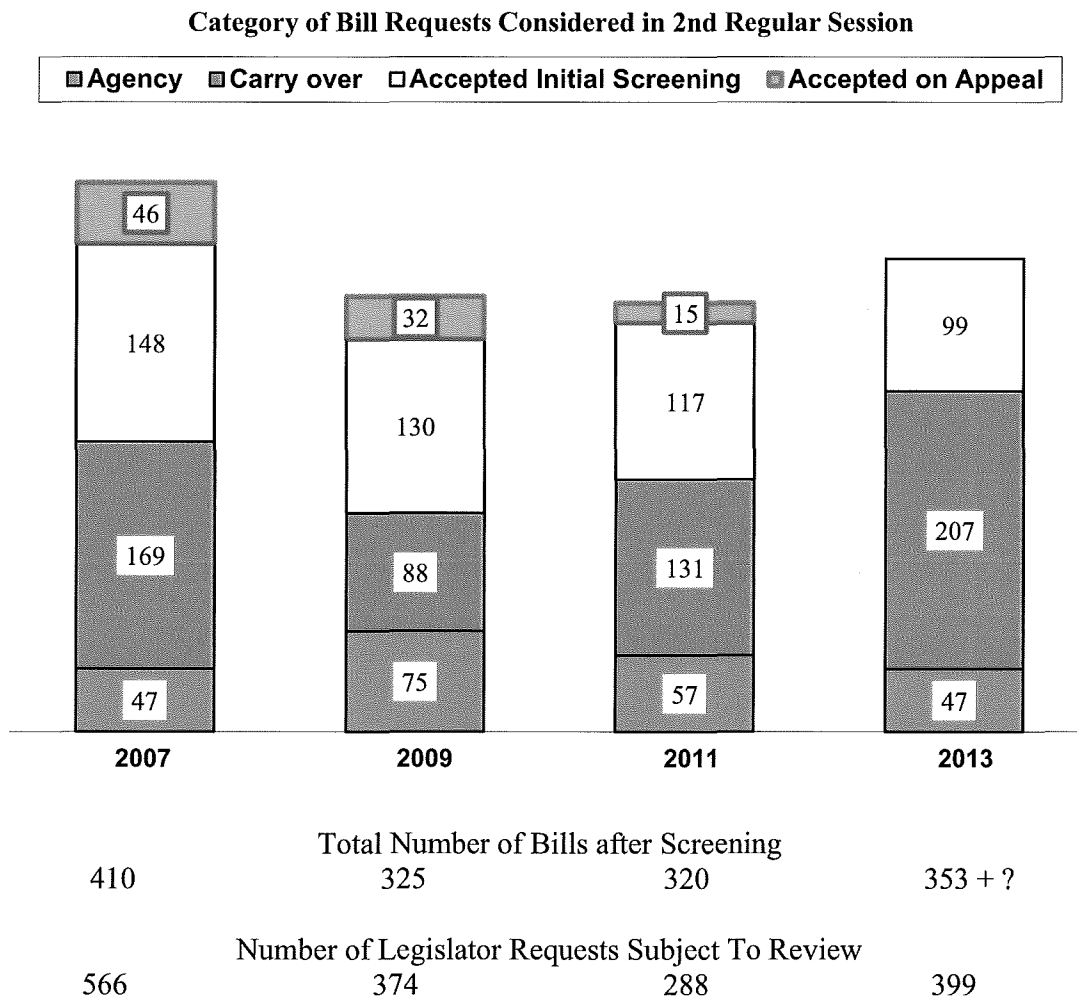
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## INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 101 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 30th meeting and appealed by the appeal deadline on November 6th. The council accepted 99 of 399 requests at its October 30th meeting. Part 7 contains a record of the vote for the requests and is sorted by sponsors' names in alphabetical order. Each sponsor's appeal notice is reproduced as received followed immediately by the ballot for the appealed request. Part 8 contains a list of appealed bills by broad subject. Part 9 contains a list of bill requests accepted by broad subject. Part 10 contains a list of accepted bill requests in order alphabetically by sponsor.

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## **PART 7**

**126<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Appeal Letters and Voting Records of  
Legislative Council Meeting of  
October 30, 2013**

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2416

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS

Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn

An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would change the terms of office for the county commissioners for Androscoggin County.

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November 4, 2013

The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Room 108, State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Appeal of L.R. 2416

Dear Speaker Eves,

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill, L.R. 2416, "An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County."

I was asked to submit this bill by the Androscoggin County Commissioners. It is a technical change to the reapportionment law passed by the Legislature in the First Regular Session. As it was explained to me, the terms of the Androscoggin County Commissioners were listed incorrectly in the new law. Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 should be listed as 4 year terms and districts 2, 4 and 6 should be listed as 2 year terms in order to conform to the County's charter.

It is important that this change occur as soon as possible so as not to interfere with County elections occurring in June 2014. When interested individuals take out papers to run for a commissioner's seat, they are currently unsure of the term length, due to this discrepancy. The nonconformity has also caused initial confusion because two of the three current commissioners have terms expiring in 2016. The County is wondering if they will need to hold a special election, costing them thousands of dollars.

I would appreciate your support for this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Michael G. Beaulieu  
State Representative

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2485

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville

An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would direct the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to enable employers to provide employees with health care benefits covering workplace injuries and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects.

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Speaker Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Room 303, State House  
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November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves:

Please accept my appeal to the Legislative Council of its rejection of **LR 2485, An Act to Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects.**

Maine needs to rein in the exploding costs of health care.

The bill will provide employers with the potential to better serve the health care needs of their employees, create more seamless access to health care, deliver such care with immediacy and promote administrative efficiencies.

There is an opportunity now – but it could be gone tomorrow. The health care landscape is changing almost daily. We have already seen ACA based penalties deferred until 2015, exchanges bogged down and other changes being proposed. The notion of result based health care is gaining ground. Other changes are coming.

Maine should ride the crest of this wave of change, not get caught up in the undertow.

Sincerely,

Henry Beck  
State Representative

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2671

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford

An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.



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November 6, 2013

APPEAL OF LD 2671, An Act to Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electrical Power Transmission

Dear Senator Alfond:

LD 131 was enacted in June 2013 as Emergency Legislation to assure reliability of electric power to Maine residents and businesses. Legislative hearings established that an ongoing upgrade of the Maine Electric Reliability Program included ongoing build-out of parallel high voltage long distance transmission lines doubles the antennae-like introduction of Geomagnetically Induced Currents (GICs) into the Maine electric transmission system, thereby doubling the vulnerability of critical grid equipment that is not hardware-protected to withstand electromagnetic pulses, whether naturally occurring or man-made. Without prompt action, Maine's risks from solar geomagnetic storms (capable of taking down the grid for months or years) will nearly double over the next several years.

Early installation of GIC monitors at critical Maine transmission equipment sites could allow mapping of solar storm risks, pinpoint locational needs for hardware-protective equipment within the State of Maine, and estimate the allocation of both reliability improvements and financial benefits of installing hardware-protective equipment.

If installation of GIC monitoring equipment were accelerated, during the current period in which transmission build-out increases risks to grid-critical equipment, GIC "hot spots" within Maine could be promptly identified, installation of protective equipment could be accelerated, and the financial beneficiaries of these reductions in grid congestion, and vulnerability of transmission systems could be estimated. This, in turn, could enable rebates to Maine electric ratepayer who are otherwise funding transmission reliability upgrades that benefit the wider New England electric grid. The Maine Public Utilities Commission investigation (Docket 2013-00415, October 2013) indicates that GIC Monitoring equipment has become commercially available at unit prices of \$10,000 per GIC monitoring set, one twentieth the price earlier estimated by a Maine transmission company.

These geomagnetic storm monitoring and reporting systems are needed to demonstrate which equipment upgrades are essential, which protective investments cause reliability enhancements, and which utilities and utility customers derive financial benefits from reliability improvements. The risks of electric blackouts are rising, and without risk monitoring and risk mitigation, the rising vulnerability of the Maine electric grid constitutes an emergency hazard to life and property in Maine.

LD 2671 should be heard as emergency legislation to support completion of the emergency PUC study, which includes examination of benefits and costs of various options.

Rep. Andrea Boland

District 142 Sanford (part)

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2434

FISH

PROTECTION

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.

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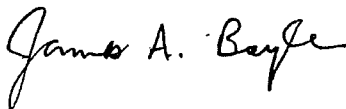
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- ✓ LR 2434     **An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting**
- LR 2439     **An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones**
- LR 2640     **An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act**
- LR 2617     **An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits**

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss the merits of these proposals and articulate their need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming legislation session.

Best regards,



Jim Boyle

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2439

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Absent	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	5	0	1	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

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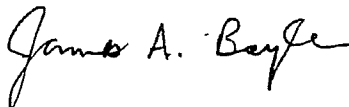
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TAXATION

LR 2617

INCOME TAX

DEDUCTIONS

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in determining the cap for itemized deductions.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

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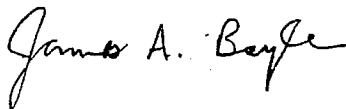
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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2640

BUSINESS PRACTICES

REGULATIONS

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

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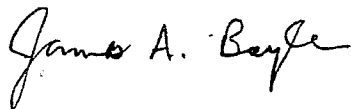
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Jim Boyle



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2569

HOMELESS PERSONS

ACCESS TO SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico

Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This resolve would require all relevant agencies of State Government to work with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless Council and regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to end and prevent homelessness.

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## Hudson, Elizabeth

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**From:** Sheryl Briggs <sheryljbriggs@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2013 6:45 AM  
**To:** Hudson, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Appeal letter LR 2569 from Rep. Sheryl Briggs

November 5, 2013

President Justin Alfond  
Legislative Council Chair  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Alfond,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding the denial of request for the second regular session. It is regarding the following LR number:

LR: 2569 Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness

The rationale for my appeal is that it is imperative to pass legislation as soon as possible to "save lives." There is so much homelessness in the state of Maine that people are dying on the streets of Maine. This legislation will save lives rather than continuing on the current path of our state in that we need to be much more aggressive and proactive in combating homelessness. By passing legislation now and not waiting another approximately 18 months will strongly help in that effort.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your previous decision of denial on LR 2569 and allow this into the legislative process.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Briggs

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2440

LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would authorize a pilot project designed to ensure the preservation and accessibility of oral testimony presented at legislative public hearings. Under this resolve, the public testimony before one joint standing committee would be recorded and made accessible to the public.

Potential JR 217: LD 339

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Subject: Appeal to Legislative Council  
Importance: High

November 1, 2013

Rep. Mark W. Eves, Chairman;  
cc: Members of Maine Legislative Council:

Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as my request for an appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection on Oct. 30 by a 5-to-5 vote, my resolve - LR 2440 - that will authorize a pilot project on preservation and accessibility of oral testimony in Legislative Committee public hearings.

It has come to my attention that at least one of the Council members was not aware of the purpose of the Resolve. Had he been aware, he said he would have voted in favor. Given the closeness of the vote, one more Council member in favor would have allowed the bill in the Second Session of the 126th Legislature.

As youi know, the proposal is to creat a link between the Legislature's IT Department and the Maine State Library, providing the storage capacity needed to capture and preserve oral testimony from Legislative Committee public hearings. Currently, printed testimony can be scanned into the system and made accessible. But comments made and testimony given without written copies is lost.

The Maine State Library recently received a sizable federal grant to archive state documents. Under this grant, the funds are available to pursue this endeavor with the Legislative IT Department, which falls under Executive Director David Bolter. The Library contract is under the leadership of Linda Lord, Maine State Librarian.

I worked with Director Bolter and Librarian Lord to draft this resolve. To my knowledge, the project will not have a fiscal note and can be completed by the end of the Second Session of the 126th.

I am circulating this request to all members of the Council and others who worked with me on the informal study committee to brief each of the intent of the Resolve and its current status.

I will not be able to attend the Appeals meeting of the Legislative Council on Nov. 18. By that time in the Holiday Season, I will be under contract to provide Santa Claus at the Bangor Mall daily until Dec. 24. Please allow this note to speak for me at the meeting!

Thank you (and all members of the Legislative Council) for this opportunity for you to take another look at the Resolve.

Sincerely:

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2578

FISH

PROTECTION

Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington

An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 29*

*Senator David C. Burns*  
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November 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2578, "An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake."

This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to reverse a recent "rule" to discontinue the long standing stocking program in Millimagassett Lake. This change is in direct conflict with recommendations of the professional fisheries biologists and most of the sports fishermen that frequent that lake. The program has been very successful and stopping the "stocking" will decrease the opportunities for those that open water and ice fish on the lake. It may also cause harm to the brook trout population.

This long-standing program has brought essential economic resources to that area. Ice fishing, especially, draws many anglers and their families to this lake during the winter months when the area economy most needs it. Some fishermen have fished there for more than 60 years and testify that the togue stocking is essential for the balance of this lake. I believe this bill is necessary in a "second session" as the termination of the stocking program will interrupt a needed fisheries program for that region.


A local fisherman, Roddie McLellan, provided to me the following information:

*In the 80's the brook trout were plentiful, but in poor condition. A 19" trout weighed about 2 pounds. You couldn't fish several locations on the lake because the yellow perch (tiger trout) would take your bait within minutes. When I found the togue areas, I had great action, averaging 7.5 togue per day.*

*Over time, the perch and smelt numbers were reduced due to the togue. Thanks to the togue, the trout slowly started to increase in size. For the past five years, the trout have been in excellent condition with a huge number of 16" fish and a good number of 3-6 pounders. I believe that if you eliminate the togue stocking program, the perch and smelt numbers will explode which will obviously impact the trout in a negative way.*

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
David C. Burns  
State Senator

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2660

CRIMES

STALKING

Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington

An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

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*126th Legislature*

*Senate of  
Maine*

*Senate District 29*

*Senator David C. Burns*

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November 5, 2013

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

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2660, "An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization."


This bill would make it illegal for a person to "stalk" a group of people or members of an organization, such as cheerleaders, other athletic teams, or extracurricular groups. This bill is of an emergency nature as there is no statute to prevent this presently. Currently, "stalking" only pertains to one person stalking another single person. In contrast, when a potentially dangerous individual harasses or "stalks" a group of people such as cheerleaders or children of someone they have threatened or assaulted, there is no statute to hold that individual accountable for that act. Students, especially, can be put in harm's way without any means for law enforcement to intervene.

This exact scenario took place in my district last winter. After an individual sent many "threatening" letters to a school superintendent in which were mention of his family's activities, he began frequenting the child's school and following sports teams and cheerleaders to and from distant athletic events. Eventually, he was charged and incarcerated but only for other crimes he had committed. I would be happy to relate further circumstances about this case at your request.

In the days we are living with random acts of violence toward our citizens and especially our children, in my opinion, this addition to our statutes qualifies as an emergency.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David C. Burns  
State Senator



**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2493

LICENSING

NURSES

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would describe the requirements for licensure for advanced practice registered nurses.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 30*

*Senator Emily Ann Cain*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
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November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves:

Please consider this correspondence as my formal request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision to not allow LR 2493, "**An Act to Amend the Licensure Requirements of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**" to be considered in the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

This legislation would assist Maine in meeting the new national standards for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) outlined in the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation ([www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm](http://www.ncsbn.org/aprn.htm)). The national target date to complete this important work is 2015. These standards will protect the public by ensuring uniformity of APRN regulation across all jurisdictions, and will increase the mobility of APRNs to provide increased access to health care, especially in rural and underserved areas.

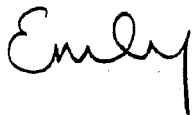
Maine has over 1500 APRNs who work in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, and private offices. APRNs include certified nurse practitioners (CNPs), certified nurse midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) and clinical nurse specialists (CNSs). APRNs are a highly valued and integral part of Maine's health care system. They have the necessary training, knowledge and skills to care for patients, and they greatly improve access to health care in Maine's rural areas.

There are over 260 CRNAs in Maine, who administer about a quarter of a million anesthetics per year in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered. In fact, Maine CRNAs are the only anesthesia providers in 80% of the state's rural hospitals. Granting CRNAs independent practice and prescriptive authority will allow nurse anesthetists to practice to the full extent of their education and training. Without prescriptive authority, CRNAs are often limited in their ability order medication that could improve the safety and comfort of patients during their anesthesia care. Lack of prescriptive authority can limit CRNAs from ordering tests (EKG, labs, X-rays, echo cardiograms) that may be necessary to ensure patients' safety during and after their anesthetic experience.

Findings from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) assert that expanding the role of nurses in the U.S. healthcare system will help meet the growing demand for medical services. The IOM report urges policymakers to remove policy barriers that hinder nurses—particularly advanced practice registered nurses such as CRNAs—from practicing to the full extent of their education and training. LR 2493 legislation will fulfill the recommendations of the IOM and allow Maine to meet 100% of the standards proposed in the APRN Consensus Model. Some 32 other states have passed or have current proposed legislation that complies with 80% or more of the standards recommended in the APRN Consensus Model.

I hope the above information will help you reconsider allowing LR 2493 to move forward for the 2014 session. I look forward to addressing the Council to further discuss this proposal.

Sincerely



State Senator Emily Cain

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2575

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR

Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

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Speaker Mark Eves  
Chair, Legislative Council

November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision not to advance my proposed bill, **LR 2575, An Act to Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol to Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization**, to the Second Regular Session.

I respectfully suggest this makes this matter an emergency, particularly as the annual charity event session begins next summer and fall.

The current law as interpreted is cumbersome and does not incentivize donations for charity purposes, which is exactly what the original law intended to do.

The law has not worked entirely as intended however.

Breweries that want to support a nonprofit event must arrange for delivery of their product through their distributor and then make a cash donation to the nonprofit. The nonprofit must pay the distributor full price for the product (or the distributor must also agree to donate their profit in cash).

Our local breweries particularly are frequently asked to donate their product to charity dinners and events; many of our breweries are community oriented and would like to donate more. This bill would clarify the intent of the existing law by streamlining the donation process and would benefit Maine nonprofits, breweries, wineries, distilleries, and distributors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael E. Carey".

Michael E. Carey  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2629

INSURANCE

MOTOR VEHICLE

Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells

An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

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November 6, 2013

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

RE: L.R. 2629, "*An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses*"

Dear Speaker Eves:

In light of my request, L.R. 2629, failing to receive the Legislative Council's approval for acceptance during the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Second Regular Session, I am writing to appeal the said outcome in hopes that members will reconsider their initial action.

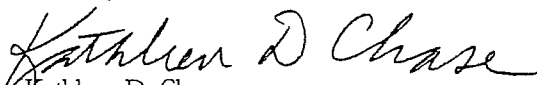
There has been an increasing push by insurance carriers to influence the decision of the party seeking repairs. L.R. 2629 is presented to review and restrict the current practice of "direct repair programs," meaning agreements between auto insurance companies and some auto body shops for benefits of doing business. These practices, directly or indirectly, imply a preference by certain auto insurance companies for specified auto body shops by association; thereby, establishing designated bays in particular body shops for the use of "estimating" costs for repairs by insurance customers, as well as "meeting space" for insurance customers to meet with insurance appraisers within the auto repair shop.

Current law discourages this practice, but not specifically enough to avoid larger entities from benefiting over smaller ones. Some have directly offered a cash benefit to clients for going to an auto body shop of the insurance company's choosing.

As this described situation appears to be growing rapidly and is adversely affecting many small auto body shops, especially in the continued tough economic climate, I believe L.R. 2629 is worthy of immediate and thorough consideration. With that said, I ask that the initiative be allowed to move forward, since protecting small businesses in Maine from unfair practices is everyone's concern.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss the legislative request with me personally, I can be reached at home, 646-2118, or on my mobile phone at 468-9747.

Sincerely,

  
Kathleen D. Chase  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2343

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

ADJUSTMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton

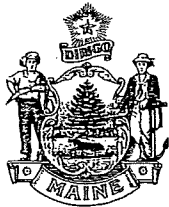
An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.



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The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: L.R. 2343, "An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding Formula"**

Dear Speaker Eves:

I would like to officially appeal the Legislative Council's decision not to allow my emergency bill, LR 2343, to go forward. This request was filed due to a critical flaw in the education funding formula that took dollars away from one school district as a direct result of adding millions to the overall applicable budget.

Being a supporter of increased dollars flowing to our schools, I am sure you will agree that legislators should not have to see their individual school districts lose money by reason of increasing local aid.

This proposal is emergency legislation, as it will return \$36,000 in withheld subsidy to the Easton School System this year. Local officials were told that they were going to get a certain amount, and consequently, the associated budget was based on that figure. As such, the administration should not have to resolve a decrease in monies attributed to adding money to the funding formula.

Thank you for your time and consideration. It is my desire to see this bill have a proper vetting and, at least, allow the public disclosure of reasons why one school district lost money while all other districts either gained appropriations or remained flat.

Respectfully,

Tyler Clark  
State Representative



**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2685

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin

Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 15*

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November 5, 2013

Mark Eves, Speaker of the House  
Chair, Legislative Council  
Revisor of Statutes  
7 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves;

It is my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR: 2685 Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63

LR 2685 would remove confusion for travelers on the Maine Turnpike as to which exit is the best for reaching Poland. This would benefit not only the people using the Turnpike, but the businesses in Poland as well.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this bill. I look forward to seeing you on Appeal Day.

Very truly yours,



Senator John Cleveland  
Senate District 15

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2237

PUBLIC HEALTH

RESTAURANTS

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments

Alfond	Yes	Eves	Yes
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

Potential JR 217:

LR 846



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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

**I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of LR 2237, An Act to Allow Local Health Inspectors to Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments.**

Recent changes in law require local health inspectors to be authorized by the state to enter and inspect restaurants and other local establishments. In addition, new regulations have made it difficult for local inspectors to receive state licensing.

These new certification requirements are driving experienced local inspectors out of business. State health inspectors must fill the gap left by the loss of these local inspectors and there are serious concerns that the state does not have the capacity to do so.

The state has set a goal of inspecting each eating establishment at least once every two years. Local health inspectors have years of experience and are well suited to fill the gap created by the limited number of state inspectors.

The new regulations are intended to align state policies with federal Food and Drug Administration standards. The state should work with local inspectors to make these changes incrementally rather than through immediate updates that force them out of business.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice E. Cooper".

Janice Cooper

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TAXATION

LR 2668

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin

An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 16*

*Senator Margaret M. Craven*  
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November 5, 2013

Mark Eves, Speaker of the House  
Chair, Legislative Council  
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7 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves;

It is my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2668 - An Act to Clarify the Limits of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit

LR 2668 would clarify the definition of a project in the statute governing the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. The lack of clarity is jeopardizing funding for larger projects throughout the state, including, but not limited to, the renovation of Bates Mill Number 5 in my district.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this bill. I look forward to seeing you on Appeal Day.

Very truly yours,



Senator Margaret Craven  
Senate District 16

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2464

LICENSING

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

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*126th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
Senate District 33*

*Senator Andre E. Cushing III  
Labor, Commerce, Research, and  
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November 5, 2013

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

Dear Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2464, "An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law."

It was brought to my attention this fall by the Maine Association of Realtors that new federal regulations impacting real estate appraisers will require changes in Maine statute in order to bring Maine into compliance. If we do not address this issue in the coming session there is the real possibility that Mainers seeking to purchase a new home or refinancing of their existing loans will be severely impacted by a shortage of certified appraisers to handle the load of requests. While components of the proposed legislation have raised some concerns this does not negate the very real dangers of not giving the bill consideration in the coming session. I have heard from members of the banking community as well as the real estate community who stand ready to work with the Legislature on this issue so that we can continue to support those seeking to realize their goal of home ownership.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Andre E. Cushing III  
State Senator



**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2511

MARINE POLLUTION

ACIDIFICATION

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would establish a study commission to ensure effective coordination of the programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification and to provide policies and response tools to respond to the adverse impacts on commercially important shellfish fisheries and Maine's shellfish aquaculture industry. The study commission would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.



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November 6, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2511, 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.**

This bill was not submitted in the first session because the knowledge to create it did not occur until a conference on ocean acidification was held in Portland on July 31<sup>st</sup>/August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

It is of an emergency nature because ocean acidification has the potential to destroy many of our commercial shellfish fisheries, which are valued at over a billion dollar annually and provide over 10,000 jobs. The detrimental effects of ocean acidification are already being seen today.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Devin".

Michael Devin

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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TAXATION

LR 2593

PROPERTY TAX

RELIEF

Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York

An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 4*

*Senator David E. Dutremble*  
*Chair, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*  
*Criminal Justice and Public Safety*  
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November 4, 2013

Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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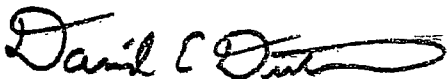
Dear Speaker Eves,

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's decision to reject **LR 2593, An Act to Create a Fixed Property Tax for Seniors on a Fixed Income.**

This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine's senior citizens who are struggling to remain in their homes.

I look forward to discussing this proposal with you and the Legislative Council and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

Respectfully,



Senator David Dutremble  
Senate District 4

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
PLANNING

LR 2512

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.



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Speaker Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Room 303, State House  
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November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves:

Please accept my appeal to the Legislative Council of its rejection of **LR 2512, An Act to Improve Hospital-Based Acute Behavior Health Treatment**.

This bill must be taken up in the second session because it is an urgently-needed technical clarification to a law that was never intended to apply to acute inpatient settings.

Because acute hospital units address dangerous, rapidly evolving behaviors needing immediate response, patient safety and best practice requires that they cannot wait for an administrative review of a response plan before acting.

In addition, hospitals are already highly regulated, including treatment modes such as seclusion and restraint, and must adhere to extremely high standards that are not in accordance with the current statute if applied to acute inpatient setting.

Finally, the law sets up a review committee of three people, none of whom are required to have training in the behavioral management of individuals with autism or intellectual disabilities. This bill would add one such expert to those committees.

Sincerely,

Richard Farnsworth  
State Representative

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2531

SPENDING

JUDICIARY

Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro

An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2531, An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts.**

By all accounts, the Veterans Treatment Courts have been a resounding success. Recent graduates of the program have said that they were able to turn their lives around with the help of the judges, attorneys and support staff.

Currently, there is only one court that offers this program to our veterans. My bill would expand this to other areas of the state, allowing more veterans to get the help that they need.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Fowle".

Lori Fowle



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TAXATION

LR 2262

SALES AND USE TAX

RATE

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 6, 2012

**Re: LR 2262 - An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015**

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed legislation is LR2262, An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015.

This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015, the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

I would like the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of this appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity of reconsideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Fredette".

Kenneth W. Fredette  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2325

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job applications.

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Potential JR 217:

LD 256



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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 6, 2012

Re: LR 2325 - An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from  
Welfare to Work

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the  
Legislative Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed legislation is LR2325, An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer  
from Welfare to Work.

This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion  
program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job  
applications.

This bill, like the problem of welfare dependency that it seeks to cure, is absolutely an  
emergency. Each day that goes by without this reform is a day that hardworking taxpayers see  
their tax dollars misused, a day that another Maine family will slip into welfare dependency, and  
a day that our state budget does not realize the savings that it could.

I would like the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of this appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity of reconsideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Fredette  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2406

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would create a task force on independence from welfare dependency.

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Potential JR 217: LDs 1064 & 1538



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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 6, 2012

**Re: LR2406 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare  
Dependency**

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the  
Legislative Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed legislation is LR2406, Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from  
Welfare Dependency

This resolve would create a task force on independence from welfare dependency.

This bill is an emergency because the underlying problem it seeks to cure is an emergency:  
welfare dependency. There are thousands of Mainers on welfare today and many of them are  
forced to turn down promotions or better jobs because they would lose all of their benefits if  
they did so. We cannot allow these disincentives to personal economic growth continue and  
must act now to improve Maine's economy and give people the opportunity to obtain the  
dignity of professional fulfillment.

I would like the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of this appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity of reconsideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Fredette  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2497

TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES

PENALTIES

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would eliminate one of the exceptions in the law of the ASPIRE-TANF program that prohibits sanctioning in the program.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 6, 2012

**Re: LR2497 An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program**

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed legislation is LR2497, An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program.

This bill would eliminate two exceptions to the ASPIRE participation requirement and amend another. It was developed with the advice and support of DHHS.

This bill is most decidedly an emergency because the people on the front lines of our welfare system tell us it is. Every day, taxpayers and our safety net have to sustain another situation like that described above, where consequences are nowhere to be found and those who would abuse the welfare system are emboldened. This cannot continue if Maine is to achieve a healthy budget and a self-sufficient workforce.

I would like the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of this appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity of reconsideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Fredette  
State Representative



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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2509

FINANCE AUTHORITY

PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Absent	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	5	0	1	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 6, 2012

Re: LR2509 An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The proposed legislation is LR2509, An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

This bill is an emergency because there are companies that are ready to invest in our state as soon as the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program becomes available to them. Putting off a decision on this important economic development measure would put off countless jobs for at least another year.

I would like the opportunity to speak briefly on behalf of this appeal.

Thank you for the opportunity of reconsideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Fredette  
State Representative

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2582

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.



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November 6, 2013

Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR: 2582, 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.**

This bill is designed to save MaineCare significant dollars by preventing unnecessary and costly emergency room services. The MaineCare Redesign Task Force estimated that MaineCare was providing over \$6 million in dental services annually in hospital emergency rooms. MaineCare currently does not provide an adult dental benefit and only pays for dental services when they have reached the point of an emergency. As a result, people on MaineCare do not seek dental care until they are in crisis and present themselves in a hospital emergency room. This is a very inefficient, costly and inhumane way to provide these important services.

This bill would create a limited dental benefit that would allow members to receive dental services in an outpatient, clinical setting if the member's existing care manager determines that the clinical services would prevent the utilization of more costly care.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Drew Gattine

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2506

PRISONERS

MEDICAL CARE

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the inmate.

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*126th Legislature  
Senate of  
Maine  
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*Senator Stan Gerzofsky  
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November 1, 2013

Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR 2506 An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility**

In addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, this bill would require, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse, and the family of the inmate.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,



State Senator Stan Gerzofsky

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2626

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

SYSTEM

Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport

An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

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Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

Please accept this letter to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2626, An Act to Address Preventable Deaths from a Drug Overdose.

Since 2010, the use of heroin has been on the rise in Maine and is now the drug of choice on the street, according to Commissioner Morris, police chiefs from around the state and Governor LePage. It is both cheap and readily available. As such, any user is at risk from a potential overdose and fatality.

LR 2626 gives health care providers, pharmacists and public safety officials/first responders the means to address a person's overdose by administering a life-saving drug in a timely and responsible manner.

I look forward to discussing this with you on Nov. 21 and I thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Gideon".

Sara Gideon



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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2380

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport

An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves

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November 5, 2013

RE: LR 2380 An Act to Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Dear Speaker Eves;

I was approached to submit this piece of legislation by the leadership of RSU 20. The Superintendent and his staff explained to me the need for the school and the emergency nature of the bill. Here in Searsport we have a rich heritage relating to the marine related industries. For the better part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, we had thirteen different ship building yards that built over 200 sailing vessels and we continue to be one of three ports in Maine's three port development strategy.

The MTTE Academy will strive to develop literate, ethical and productive members of society empowered to meet the challenges of a global community by providing a rigorous focused academic environment with a core specialization in marine science and technology. Searsport's Academy of MTTE is a specialized high school developed around the marine and environmental science theme. MTTE is geared toward students who wish to concentrate their studies in the areas of math and science.

Students enrolled in MTTE engage in a rigorous academic course of study that thoroughly prepares for post-secondary higher education and satisfies all of the state requirements for high school graduation. Students will take college level courses for dual credit. The opportunity for participation in internships/ externships in laboratories, field work, and industry will be made available to students during their junior and senior years. Our superintendent reports that while preparing the curriculum for the MTTE he has been in contact with several post-secondary school including University of Maine Machias, University of Maine at Orono, and Maine Maritime Academy. The post-secondary institutions support the concept of this school. Students will be better prepared to enter these institutions. The nearest school of this type is located in Connecticut. On top of preparing students for higher education in the related field they will offer three certificate programs for emerging industries in Maine.

The MTTE Academy is obviously a school that will concentrate on STEM related courses. This school will operate within the existing Searsport High School building for classroom space. We are not looking for additional money for any construction. The legislation is necessary in order to accept students from out of the district and potentially from out of Maine and possibly international students. The emergency need for this legislation is the result of school year timing. In order to get the Board of Trustees selected and the curriculum finalized for the next school year we will need to have this bill before the legislature this session. The administration of RSU 20, the marine related industries, institutions of higher learning, and the residents of the Town of Searsport are all interested in seeing this school exist and succeed.

Respectfully submitted,

James Gillway

District 41

District 41 Frankfort, Orland, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs and Verona Island

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2277

STATE GOVERNMENT

AUDIT

Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth

An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require state agencies to report to appropriate committees of the Legislature regarding problems identified in the annual state audit.

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November 1, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves,

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2277: An Act to Improve Accountability of State Agencies.**

The Audit Accountability Bill should be passed without delay because it will lead to the correction of government processes that waste Maine financial resources and compromises future economic growth.

Millions of dollars are wasted every year because of inadequate systemic deficiencies that have been identified as audit findings year after year and still to this day remain uncorrected.

For example, the State is overpaying by about \$30,000,000 per year because it is not deducting the resident's share of costs when making a remittance to nursing homes or private non-medical institutions. Maine thus places an overreliance on State recovery efforts, hoping that the facility will pay it back.

This is an issue that has gone on far too long and causes unnecessary damage, especially during weak economic times. Citizens and businesses should be benefiting from reasonable taxes and medical care, a strong infrastructure, and, when needed, a reliable safety net. This cannot be done as effectively when the State wastes millions of dollars each year.

Sincerely,

Anne Graham  
State Representative

District 109 Gray (part), North Yarmouth (part) and Pownal (part)

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2413

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

BUDGETS

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the municipal legislative body.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 32*

*Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick*  
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November 5, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request: **LR: 2413 An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities**

The importance of LR 2413 to the Town of Heron is significant. The Town Charter for the Town of Hermon clearly requires that "the Town Council approve the complete Town Budget including the School Budget" prior to it going to Town Meeting. The current statute eliminates the Town Council from the process of approving the budget for a Department of the Town and is inconsistent with the Town Charter. This create serious financial consequences for the Town since the Council is the overseer of the Town's overall finances, the School Department's share of the overall budget is 80% of the total Town budget, and the Town Council has no say. This would not be true if the Hermon Schools were part of an RSU or SAD, but Hermon Schools are still a department of the Town. A comparison could be made to the Governor preparing the State budget, and completely by-passing the Legislature and going directly to the citizens of the state. The complexity of budgeting has to be understood by those who are responsible for the overall financing of the entity. It cannot be left solely to the citizens or the parties of interest since the majority of them do not have the time or knowledge to understand the complexity of municipal or state financing.

The citizens of Hermon and many other Charter communities require their Council to approve all budgets for all departments. The exception for Hermon and other communities that have a Town Council form of government is the Town Council's decisions have to be ratified at Town Meeting. For that reason, I believe when the current statute pertaining to the approval of the school budget was approved, it was not the intent of the Legislature to remove authority granted by any municipal charter but to give the citizens a final say which the Town Council and Charter endorses.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2452

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

FOSTER CARE

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.

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Potential JR 217: LD 487

*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 32*

*Senator Geoffrey M. Gratwick*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*(207) 287-1515*

November 6, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR 2452: An Act To Extend Health Care Benefits to Certain Persons Aging out of Foster Care**

Reasons for Appeal and why this is emergency legislation:

1. Title Incorrect: Should have been submitted as: "An Act To Extend *Educational Benefits* to Certain Persons Aging out of Foster Care."
2. Growing up in foster care is not easy. There are currently over seventy of these students in Maine's institutions of higher learning who have overcome major barriers to pursue their education. They are handicapped by lack of family support, lack of money, and lack of help as they plan for the future. The one thing they have in abundance is **determination**. One young woman now in her third year at UMaine works forty hours per week, holds down two jobs and still manages to have honor grades. Others are not so fortunate and are in danger of dropping out. At a small cost, we can insure that all these students who have started their lives with a major disadvantage can at the very least complete their education, benefiting both themselves as well as the rest of society.
3. The need of students aging out of Foster Care is urgent and ongoing. I have met with many of them and they are passionate, involved, articulate and concerned. We cannot afford to waste the talents of our determined young people.

I look forward to addressing the Council to further discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,



Senator Geoff Gratwick



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TAXATION

LR 2579

PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPT OWNERS

Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland

An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

## Hudson, Elizabeth

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**From:** denise harlow <deniseharlow@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:35 AM  
**To:** Hudson, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** Appeal of LR 2579

Dear President Alfond and Legislative Council Members,

I am appealing the failure of passage through legislative council of LR 2579: An Act to Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes By Providing a Property Tax Exemption.

This is an emergency as people throughout the state are struggling to remain in their homes. With various home owner programs being cut throughout the years and costs of everything skyrocketing, I think any assistance we give that allows people to remain in their homes is valuable.

Additionally, if someone receives in home care rather than being in a long term care institution, it saves the state a significant amount of money as the property tax exemption would be a mere fraction of the cost of ONE MONTH in a long term care facility. We need to start helping Mainers who are sick remain in their homes as much as we possibly can rather than waiting until tomorrow because, as we all know, tomorrow never arrives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Representative Harlow

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2478

ADMINISTRATORS

SUPERINTENDENTS

Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor

An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between  
School Administrative Units

Alfond	Yes		Eves	No	
Jackson	No		Berry	Yes	
Haskell	No		McCabe	No	
Thibodeau	No		Fredette	No	
Katz	No		Willette	No	
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would clarify that a superintendent is required to specify why the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another is not in the student's best interests only if that is the reason the transfer was denied.

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To: President Alfond, Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

From: Representative Brian Hubbell, Bar Harbor

Date: November 4, 2013

Re: Appeal of Legislative Council decision on LR 2478: *An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units*

### **Policy Background**

Last session, via LD 530, the Legislature amended the statute regarding school superintendents' transfers of non-resident students. This change -- which received a unanimous report from the Education Committee and was enacted under the hammer in the House and with unanimous roll call in the Senate -- simply intended that superintendents document the reasons for their decisions regarding transfer requests in order to inform any subsequent process of appeals.

In our committee's policy discussion, no one advocated altering the threshold for valid non-resident student transfers. Therefore the amended statute deliberately retains this permissive language: *Two superintendents may approve the transfer of a student if the transfer is in the student's best interest.*

### **Inconsistent interpretation**

However, following guidance from the Department of Education, apparently some are now reading the amended statute to require the approval of all transfer requests unless superintendents can explicitly prove that such a transfer is specifically not in the student's best interest

This interpretation represents an inconsistency between the long-established permissive language in the statute which allows certain flexibility in non-resident transfers based on specific circumstance and this new, much more stringent interpretation -- which essentially requires a non-resident transfer or else a problematic proof of a negative.

### **Consequence to taxpayers and community schools**

Should this newer, inconsistent interpretation prevail, the result seems likely to weaken local support for community schools as resourceful parents increasingly request to transfer their students to schools funded by adjoining towns while tolerating inadequate local funding within their own tax jurisdictions. At the same time, receiving schools will face increasing burdens for the wholesale education of non-resident students at their own expense.

The longer term consequence is likely to be increased inequality of educational opportunity for Maine students rather than overall improvement. This issue is an immediate concern to most local school boards and their taxpayers.

### **Emergency request**

So, in order for our policy committee properly to review and rectify this issue, I ask that the Council allow this bill request for the upcoming session.

Representative Brian Hubbell, House District 35:  
Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Mount Desert

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2580

SPENDING

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln

An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

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*Senate District 20*

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November 5, 2013

Mark Eves, Speaker of the House  
Chair, Legislative Council  
Revisor of Statutes  
7 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves;

It is my intent to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill request:

LR 2580, An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites

The unintended magnitude of the impact of LD 274, "An Act To Preserve and Protect Ancient Burial Grounds and Burial Grounds in Which Veterans Are Buried," recently came to my attention, and prompted me to submit this bill request. For example, the town of Waldoboro alone has 68 private ancient burial grounds comprising 36 acres that they may have to maintain to a strict standard as a result of this law. The title is perhaps unfortunate, because there are other ways of mitigating the impact of LD 274 on municipalities without directly funding the maintenance. I would see my proposed bill as a way of determining options that would clarify reasonable limits on the standards, and therefore the costs incurred by municipalities, at little or no cost to the state. The bill is an emergency because municipalities are facing potentially serious cemetery maintenance costs as a result of LD 274 this year.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this bill. I look forward to seeing you on Appeal Day.

Very truly yours,



Senator Chris Johnson  
Senate District 20

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2446

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.

It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

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To: Speaker Eves, Chair Legislative Council

From: Representative Peter B. Johnson

Date: November 3, 2013

LR 2446 An Act to Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Problem: Illegal drug sales are expanding across the State of Maine. Some of the most serious and persistent activities are enabled by criminals from out of state who are encouraged to move their illegal activities to Maine by the lax penalties and benign enforcement environment in our state. The impact on our society and the safety of our citizens make this an urgent issue.

Solution: The proposed legislation is based on coordination with local law enforcement agencies that have field experience trying to combat these activities.

- Harboring Criminal Activity: This legislation would make the act of knowingly allowing criminal drug activity in houses or on property owned by an individual, a group of individuals or organizations subject to forfeiture.
- The provision of state aid: This legislation would prohibit the receipt of Maine benefits to include food stamps, housing aid and Maine Care for persons engaging in illegal drug activity including selling, using or harboring those who do. In order to eliminate the problem of drug users paying for their drug habit with food stamps all state provided benefit cards will carry the picture of the person the card is issued to. In the case of minor dependent children, benefit cards may not be issued to a parent or guardian found guilty of illegal drug activity.
- Penalties for the sale of drugs: This legislation will increase the jail penalties for the sale of illegal drugs to act as a serious deterrent for local and out-of-state criminals selling illegal drugs in Maine. Mandatory minimum sentences for the sale of selected drugs will be raised to deter the problem of out-of-state criminals moving to Maine to conduct illegal drug activity because of our benign enforcement environment.
- Long Term Response to Illegal Drug Activity: This legislation would require a study to assess the current system and propose a long term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and to respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in Maine. This study should include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide for the capability of the Criminal Justice Committee to submit additional legislation in the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature.



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2447

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would reduce nuisance medical marijuana growing by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for medical marijuana cultivation and processing for registered caregivers and dispensaries that set standards for air filtration, ventilation, noise, odor, disposal of water, plant cultivation and processing waste. The bill would propose that the rules, which would be major substantive rules, would apply in municipalities and in the unorganized territories and that a violation of the rules would be a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$1,000 could be imposed.

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To: Speaker Eves, Chair Legislative Council

From: Representative Peter B. Johnson

Date: November 3, 2013

Re: LR 2447 An Act to Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing

**Problem:** The legal production of marijuana in residential areas is causing problems for neighbors and abutting landowners. The problems include: the noxious exhaust odors and the noise of vent fans. Additionally, neighbors expect that these businesses may lead to other illegal activities thus constituting an emergency requirement for the health and wellbeing for the citizens affected.

**Solution:** This legislation would require that the qualifications for the approval a license to produce medical marijuana and the procedures employed by a licensed producer include:

- The licensed producer of medical marijuana must comply with the following criteria in addition to those already reflected in statute:
  - May not have a felony conviction.
  - The owner/operator must undergo strict background checks on individuals applying for any license to grow or receive marijuana. Past violations of the law should be weighed heavily by the agent before approval.
    - The place where marijuana is grown must be noted on application
    - Commercial growers may not grow marijuana in a residentially zoned area.
  - Owner/operator must submit all employees for a police background investigation.
  - Owner/operator must report all income IAW Maine law.
  - Owner/operator must maintain a list of all sales available for inspection.
  - Owner/operator must maintain the business and records available for no notice inspection by state and local law enforcement agencies to insure conformance with Maine Law. Violations will result in loss of license.
  - Unauthorized sale of marijuana to persons or organizations will result in the revocation of the license.
- If the production facility is located in a commercially zoned area the following criteria must be met:
  - All growing operations must have filtration systems that effectively eliminate noxious odors (e.g. carbon filtration system) and the filtration system must be maintained to insure reliable operation.
  - All growing operations must employ noise abatement procedures that eliminate substantial interference of personal inconvenience, discomfort, or annoyance
  - If the property is zoned for residential use that zoning prohibits the production of legal marijuana at that location.
- Applicants to receive a card for personal use must comply with all noise and odor restrictions above.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2448

STATE GOVERNMENT

LAND CONVEYANCES

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This resolve would authorize 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.

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**To: Speaker Eves, Chair of the Legislative Council**

**From: Representative Peter B. Johnson**

**Date: November, 3, 2013**

**LR 2448** 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

This legislation would correct the apparent lack of proper, documented conveyance of ownership of the Chesuncook Village Church building by Great Northern Paper Company.

**Background:**

According to historical records, the current Chesuncook Community Church building was the result of Great Northern Paper Company giving the town of Chesuncook a couple of its boom houses which were then disassembled, moved, and reassembled into the current church building. This was done in 1922-1923. At that time, the Town of Chesuncook did not have a preacher for the new church building. Reverend Vrooman of the Union Church in Greenville got the Congregationalist Society of Portland to provide oversight of the new church, organized the Christian Brotherhood Society and appointed one of the Chesuncook residents as leader and president. This collaboration continued until 1943 when the war interrupted many routines. The church then became deserted and sat unused for years.

In 1975, under the leadership of Robert Mayhew, the Greenville Union Church entered back into a collaboration and worked alongside the Village residents to restore the Chesuncook Community Church. At that time, the Greenville Union Church entered into a lease agreement with the Great Northern Paper Company for the Chesuncook Community Church. In 1975-76, the Greenville Union Church received 3 boom-houses from GNP Co. which they then put together to make a parsonage next to the Chesuncook Community Church. In 1975, GNP released some of its landing holdings in the Chesuncook Village area to the State of Maine. The land under both the Chesuncook Community Church and the parsonage was part of that deal. In 1982, a deed for the Chesuncook parsonage was drawn up for the Greenville Union Church but no deed for the Chesuncook Community Church seems to be in existence. The Bureau of Parks and Lands has searched its holdings and the Greenville Union Church has searched its files, but no formal deed has ever been located. Various other documents and exchanges seem to imply ownership of the Chesuncook Community Church by the Greenville Union Church but nothing can be proven. However, since 1975, the Greenville Union Church has held a lease with either GNP or the State of Maine for the operation of the Chesuncook Community Church. Also since that time, the Greenville Union Church has supplied guest ministers to the pulpit every summer and has provided them with a place to stay in the Chesuncook parsonage. Because of this long-standing history, the Greenville Union Church would like to finally become the documented owners of the Chesuncook Community Church. Documented ownership is needed because significant repair work is imminent and without ownership, responsibility for those repairs sits in limbo.

The Greenville Union Church has provided for and served the Chesuncook Community Church since 1975 and has every desire to continue its ecumenical summer ministry in the Chesuncook region. This emergency legislation is being brought forth because the Chesuncook church is historically significant and the foundation, which is lacking structural integrity, requires significant repair. This clarification of the Chesuncook church status will allow the Greenville church to raise funds to secure imminent repairs and provide funding for the future.

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2354

STATE FINANCES

BUDGET PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom

An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.

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November 5, 2013

Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2354, An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review**.

This legislation creates the Tax Expenditure Sunset Review Committee to appraise tax expenditures and to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding their renewal or expiration. It is crucial to pass legislation this year so that by the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature we can begin the appraisal of tax expenditures. If not we will have to wait two years in order to begin the process of reviewing the tax expenditures.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B. Jones'.

Brian Jones

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2667

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland

An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide for a 10% increase in home-based health care rates paid under MaineCare.

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November 6, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2667, An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care**.

MaineCare rates for home health care services have not been increased since 1998 and Medicaid rates now cover less than half of the cost of providing services for MaineCare beneficiaries. This has created a crisis in which new health care delivery models need to rely more heavily on comprehensive home health care, but home health agencies have no capacity to invest in their services for MaineCare members.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Jorgensen".

Erik Jorgensen



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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2663

ANIMAL WELFARE

CRUELTY

Sponsor: Representative Kaenrath of South Portland

An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit the use or distribution of live animals as prizes.

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November 6, 2013

Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2663, An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes.**

Each summer and fall in Maine hundreds, if not thousands, of live animal prizes are awarded at fairs and festivals throughout the state. This legislation is necessary now to prevent this practice from happening next season. This is an issue that violates the humane treatment of animals and does not have a place in Maine. To be specific, the target is largely the widespread use of fish as prizes at fair booths.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan T. Kaenrath".

Bryan Kaenrath

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2694

SCHOOL POLICIES

COMPUTERS

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

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**From:** Roger Katz

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2013 11:10 AM

**To:** Eves, RepMark

**Cc:** 'Senate President Justin Alford'; Homstead, Marcia ([Marcia.Homstead@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Marcia.Homstead@legislature.maine.gov)); Roger Katz

**Subject:** Appeal

**APPEAL NOTICE**

**TO:** Speaker Mark Eves  
Chair, Legislative Council

**FROM:** Senator Roger Katz

**DATE:** November 5, 2013

**RE:** Appeal on Bill Request for LR 2694: An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Services to Primary and Secondary Institutions From Processing Student Data for Commercial Purposes

I respectfully request reconsideration by the Legislative Council of its decision to exclude this bill from the special session.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this proposed bill is to ensure that when a primary or secondary school uses cloud computing services, the school's cloud computing service provider does not use student data for commercial purposes, such as targeted advertising to students.

**Background:**

Cloud computing can mean a number of things, including remote storage and management of data, rather than local storage and management of data. Cloud computing is becoming one way to save money on data storage and management and businesses, individuals and schools are turning to cloud computing more and more as a cost saving measure.

Various providers of cloud computing services treat the data that they are storing and managing differently. While some cloud computing service providers strictly guard the privacy of this data, other cloud computing service providers mine this data and sell mined information to advertisers, who use this information to target advertisements to individuals.

This bill would prohibit cloud computing service providers from processing student data for commercial, for-profit activities.

**Emergency Nature:**

The use of cloud computing services expands everyday and this legislation is needed sooner rather than later to provide guidance those providing cloud computing services to Maine schools and to safeguard student data from commercial exploitation. This bill request should be approved by the Legislative Council so that this bill can be introduced during the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for consideration of this.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Katz  
State Senator

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2269

INSURANCE

HEALTH

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied disorders.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
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*Senate District 25*

*Senator Colleen M. Lachowicz*  
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November 5, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR: 2269 An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders**

PKU is a rare genetic metabolic disorder characterized by the inability to metabolize the amino acid phenylalanine (Phe). Treatment involves a strict Phe-restricted diet supplemented by a medical formula containing amino acids and other nutrients. Untreated PKU can lead to intellectual disability and a range of serious medical problems.

This spring, a constituent brought this issue to my attention. A mother of two children with PKU, her insurance policy had always covered the expensive formula that her children need, and will need for the rest of their lives. She was shocked when the insurance company notified her that they would now start requiring yearly reauthorization in order to continue covering the special formula. I put this bill forward to end this practice, and stop insurance companies from creating unnecessary barriers standing in the way of PKU patients receiving the formula they need to live.

I look forward to speaking with you in person to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,



Colleen Lachowicz

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2491

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to allow nursing home and hospice patients with a prescription for medical marijuana to use their prescriptions in a facility. This bill would allow them to use nonsmoked forms of medical marijuana such as vaporized, edibles, tinctures and salves without restrictions put in place by Department of Health and Human Services rules.

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Speaker Mark Eves  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of the following bill request:

**LR: 2491 An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use**

The act would reverse the Maine Department of Health and Human Services recent change in rules regarding medical marijuana use that went into effect in December of 2012. The act strictly refers to non-smoked forms of medical marijuana, and it would allow patients in hospice care and nursing homes who are authorized to use medical marijuana for treatment to do so. When patients with cancer and other life-threatening and debilitating medical conditions are placed in hospice or nursing homes, they are there because they are in poor health, and are likely in pain. They should not be denied access to their medicine in times when they need it most.

I look forward to speaking with you in person to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,



Colleen Lachowicz



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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2320

TEACHERS

RETIREMENT

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.

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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2320, "An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies."

As you know, a new mandate was included at the last minute in the two-year budget that requires public schools to pick up the teacher retirement costs for the so-called 60 percent private academies. My proposal would make it a shared cost between private academies and public schools.

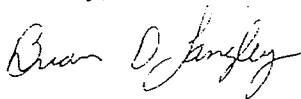
Without this bill, an ongoing cost-shift of more than \$737,000 in retirement costs will continue to fall on the shoulders of public schools that tuition their students to private academies. Since this cost-shift was inserted in the budget with no discussion, public schools did not budget the cost.

The reason behind private schools picking up some of the costs is based on the fact that private schools not only take public school students, but they also accept private tuition students. Additionally, public schools do not negotiate private academy teacher salaries, which drive retirement costs.

The payment of that \$737,000 is a direct assessment on sending schools this year since it is not yet reflected in the average tuition rates. Moving forward, it will be in the rate, but it is my belief it should be reduced by having private academies pay a portion.

It is essential that the Legislative Council allow this bill to move forward so the Education Committee has the opportunity to debate this issue. It is only fair that a mandate of this significance have a public hearing, a hearing that was not afforded to those most affected earlier in the year.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Langley  
State Senator

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2436

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would provide up to \$1,000,000 for funding comprehensive early college programs for fiscal year 2014-15.

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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2436, "An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs." This bill would provide up to \$1,000,000 for funding comprehensive early college programs for fiscal year 2014-15.

Last year, the original proposed amount in the biennial budget for the Bridge Year program was \$2 million. Through the appropriations process, that amount was decreased to \$1 million for the biennium - \$500,000 for each year. Much to my surprise as well as to the surprise of our caucus, the final enacted budget ended up appropriating \$500,000 total for one year only.

It was my understanding as well as the understanding of Senator Pat Flood that the Bridge Year program was to be funded for each year of the biennium and that \$1 million was to be appropriated. If a change was made to this agreement late at night without the full knowledge of the members of Education and Appropriations Committees, I believe that we should have a vehicle before us during the upcoming session to reconsider funding for the second year.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Langley  
State Senator

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2449

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Absent	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	5	0	1	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

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The Honorable Mark Eves  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

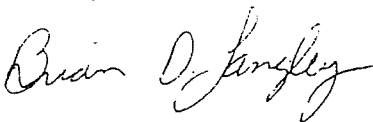
Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2449, "An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity."

As you are aware, I have been a small business owner in Maine for more than 20 years. In my role of running a restaurant, I regularly deal with unemployment claims and employer reports. The current system does not have the capability for an employer to reconcile inputs and outputs or to produce this report. As a result, employer unemployment insurance rates may be negatively affected by mistakes included on the report. It is my belief as well as the belief of numerous other small business owners that employers are entitled to this information.

This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year. Since I recognize it will take time to reconfigure computers within the Department of Labor to be able to provide this information, I think the timing of debating the bill during the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is appropriate.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brian D. Langley  
State Senator

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2466

TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS

INTERVENTION

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools

Alfond	Yes	Eves	Yes
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school diploma.

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The Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2466, An Act to Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools.**

Current state laws are insufficient to address the problem of student truancy in our schools. The Maine School Management Association (MSMA) is partnering with me to ensure both that this bill provides school administrators with the tools necessary to address this problem and that work on the bill can be completed within the time constraints of the short session.

In Lewiston, where my district is located, The Superintendent informs me that approximately 5 percent of its student population is truant. Many of these students are in elementary school. The Department of Education has warned of the snowball effect that takes place when young students have a high rate of school absences. Students with a high rate of truancy early in their education are at risk of failing to master important skills such as reading, which in turn hurts their chances of high school graduation.

Our future workforce relies on the success of our students. It is important that the Legislature consider this bill now so that schools can help get students who are currently at risk of truancy back on the path to success.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Libby".

Nate Libby



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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY  
PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU  
POWERS

LR 2268

Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst

An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require signs and lighting on public boat ramps and private boat ramps with public access.

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President Justin L. Alfond  
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Re: Appeal of L.R. 2268

President Alfond:

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill, L.R. 2268, "An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps," for admission into the Second Regular Session.

This bill would require that boat ramps on public property be equipped with signs and adequate lighting nearby so that drivers can easily see a potential hazard. I was prompted to submit this bill following a tragedy that occurred at the Rogue Bluffs boat ramp this past summer. In July, two women, one of them pregnant, accidentally drove their minivan down a boat ramp and into the ocean on a foggy night. The road abruptly ended at the ramp and lacked adequate signage or lighting. Sadly, both women drowned.

This bill cannot wait until the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature for consideration. Two lives have already been lost this year due to inadequate signage and lighting and I believe we must act to prevent such a tragedy from reoccurring. Once again, this bill deals only with boat ramps on public property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Lockman  
State Representative

District 30 Alexander, Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Cooper, Crawford, Deblois, Dennysville, East Machias, Eastbrook, Franklin, Great Pond, Jonesboro, Mariaville, Marshfield, Meddybemps, Northfield, Osborn, Pembroke, Wesley and Whitneyville, plus the unorganized territories of Centerville Township, East Central Washington (part, including Cathance, Edmunds and Marion Townships), East Hancock (part), North Washington (part) and Northwest Hancock

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2489

LABOR RELATIONS

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst

An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would repeal the law that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent without authorization from the employee.

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Potential JR 217: LD 786



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Re: Appeal of L.R. 2489

President Alfond:

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill, L.R. 2489, "An Act To Protect 'Fair Share' Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees."

This bill would prevent the forced withholding of union dues from state employees who are not members of the union. This bill was not considered in the First Regular Session. I had offered it as an amendment to a bill I sponsored, "An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Membership in a Union or Payment of Agency Fees as a Condition of Employment," but the amendment was never considered, nor was it afforded a vote in committee or on the floor of the House or Senate. This is a much narrower version of last session's bill.

This bill is an emergency because the state is currently withholding dues from non-members of the union and this practice should be ended now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Lockman  
State Representative

District 30 Alexander, Amherst, Aurora, Beddington, Cooper, Crawford, Deblois, Dennysville, East Machias, Eastbrook, Franklin, Great Pond, Jonesboro, Mariaville, Marshfield, Meddybemps, Northfield, Osborn, Pembroke, Wesley and Whitneyville, plus the unorganized territories of Centerville Township, East Central Washington (part, including Cathance, Edmunds and Marion Townships), East Hancock (part), North Washington (part) and Northwest Hancock

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2604

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay

An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would improve the process for grading public schools and public charter schools in the State.

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Potential JR 217: LD 1540

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2603 Representative MacDonald, W



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Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2604 An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State.**

Based on slim statutory justification, the current administration will continue an annual exercise in issuing a single letter grade for K-12 public schools in Maine, on an A through F scale. The primary stated purpose of this exercise is to stimulate public debate on the quality of our public schools. Less prominently stated goals are to institute sanctions on lower performing schools, and in the extreme, to institute a system of State takeover of failing schools. The grading system relies predominantly on student scores on standardized tests, though other areas such as graduation rates are factored in.

The result has been not to foster public debate, but rather to decrease morale in schools that received low grades, bemused self-congratulation in school systems that receive higher grades, and a general show of indifference in the middle. Meanwhile, no meaningful help has been offered schools that received low grades, and no sanctions on lower performing schools under this system have been instituted. The result has been that the effort has seemed meaningless. At the same time it has damaged morale in many schools.

The situation constitutes an emergency since the administration will continue to issue A through F grades based on the flawed measures of student results on standardized tests, continuing to demoralize lower performing schools, deterring real progress in many schools, and fostering widespread cynicism based on the general public view that this is a meaningless and flawed exercise. We cannot afford to continue to mistreat our public schools this way.

LR 2604 would at a minimum propose:

- A complete change in the State A through F system to a more fine-tuned 100 point grading system.
- A review of available student achievement indicators
- The addition of results of a voluntary community-wide school satisfaction survey
- The addition of results of a voluntary student satisfaction survey
- The adoption of a school "Report Card" that reflects the distinct results of each of these initiatives

State Department rule-making would be required for some aspects. The legislation would put a moratorium on the school grading system until the new system is adopted.

I respectfully request that this legislation be allowed so that the Legislature can consider a new system of school grading that will not only prevent further damage done by the present system, but will also propose an alternative that could be beneficial to the schools, and to the public, in understanding how well we are doing in educating our students.

Sincerely,

Bruce MacDonald

District 61 Arrowsic, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Georgetown, Southport and Westport Island

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2263

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais

An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

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President Justin L. Alfond

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Re: Appeal of L.R. 2263

President Alfond:

I am appealing the decision of the Legislative Council on their decision of October 30 and ask for your support of L.R. 2263, "An Act to Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry."

This bill would allow Maine to place United States citizens who were convicted of a sexual offense in another country and who are living in Maine on Maine's sex offender registry. I introduced this proposal after being contacted by a Department of Homeland Security Assistant Area Port Director stationed at the U.S.-Canada border crossing in Calais. He informed me that a United States citizen convicted in Canada of the sexual assault of a child under 16 was being deported back to the United States, but that state law enforcement agencies were not authorized to place him on the sex offender registry because his conviction occurred outside the country. The Director also stated that he had serious concerns about this, both as a member of Law Enforcement and as a parent of small children.

According to Maine Coalition Against Sexual Abuse, "In 2011, 49.5% of assaults reported to Maine's sexual violence service providers related to child sexual abuse." Those numbers most certainly constitute an emergency! It cannot be denied that in a day and age where new, high profile stories of abuse are coming to light almost daily, this is a serious problem facing Maine and America. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbet stated during the Penn State scandal, "We must keep in mind when it comes to the safety of children, there can be no margin of error, no hesitation to act."

If I can provide any additional information for you, please let me know. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce A. Maker  
State Representative

District 31 Baileyville, Baring, Calais, Charlotte, Passamaquoddy Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point, Perry and Robbinston, plus part of the unorganized territory of North Washington

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2335

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill is a concept draft that would permit medical professionals to discuss with a close relative or next friend the treatment of a person who suffers from mental illness.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 4, 2012

**Re: LR 2335 Appeal to Legislative Council**

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 30.

The proposed legislation is **LR 2335, *An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness.***

The bill seeks allow the inclusion of family members in the treatment plans for patients suffering mental illness.

The issue of confidentiality for patient medical records is very important. The doctor will remain the gatekeeper of these patient's records. This bill asks that policymakers balance confidentiality with the very important issue safety and well-being for patients and communities.

**Why an emergency?**

The issues associated with Riverview contribute to a concern that individuals in need of inpatient services will not receive them. We must consider all of the possible tools at our disposal, including enhanced participation of family members, to help manage the needs of these patients.

Please allow LR 2335 be presented for consideration in the second session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard Malaby  
State Representative

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2336

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

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Speaker of the House Mark Eves  
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November 4, 2012

**Re: LR 2336 An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the  
School Lunch Program**

Dear Speaker Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission that was rejected at the  
Legislative Council meeting on October 30.

The proposed legislation is LR 2336, An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship  
for the School Lunch Program

This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian (similar to children and youth in  
foster care) not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

Please allow LR 2336 be presented for consideration in the second session of the 126<sup>th</sup>  
Legislature. I hope to be able to speak briefly to my appeal, if I am able.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard S. Malaby".

Richard Malaby  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2581

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

CIVIL COMMITMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would amend the laws regarding involuntary commitment when an inpatient psychiatric bed is medically necessary but unavailable.

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**Re: LR 2581 Appeal to the Legislative Council**

Dear Speaker of the House Eves;

I respectfully submit this appeal for a second session submission of proposed legislation that was rejected at the Legislative Council meeting on October 30.

The proposed legislation is **LR 2581, *An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment.***

The bill seeks to address some of the legal challenges hospitals face when the state can not provide an inpatient psychiatric bed to a patient who needs such a bed. When the state can't meet its obligations the patient is often stuck in a hospital. Oftentimes in these circumstances, the hospitals must continue to hold these patients at the hospital because they are a threat to themselves or others. Amending the "holding" process is the primary goal of my bill. The Maine Hospital Association has retained the law firm of Kozak & Gayer to research this issue and craft the legislation. The issue was researched during this past year and the actual legislative language should be available prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Why an emergency?**

When Riverview has to "take beds offline" or has other challenges in providing inpatient psychiatric services there is an immediate and negative impact on our hospitals. Hospitals can't discharge a psychiatric patient located in its ED to Riverview if Riverview can't take the patient. The precarious situation at Riverview is the emergency that creates the urgency to make changes this session. Obviously, whether the solutions crafted by the hospitals are appropriate will be for the legislature to decide. The Legislature met in a special, emergency session this past August to help address the issues DHHS' encountered due to the situation at Riverview. There are other private organizations that face challenges due to the issues at Riverview. I believe we should give those organizations consideration similar to that we gave the state.

Please allow LR 2581 be presented for consideration in the second session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Respectfully,

Richard S. Malaby  
State Representative

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY  
HARNESS RACING  
COMMISSION

LR 2568

Sponsor: Representative Marean of Hollis

An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.



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Speaker Mark W. Eves  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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November 5, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill L.R. 2568, "An Act to Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing."

This bill is a top priority for the 650 plus members of the Maine Harness Horsemen's Association to protect their funds in case of a track failure.

The bill is intended to protect the money that is statutorily put into harness racing purses from the racino and pari-mutuel wagering. Currently the funds are distributed to the two commercial tracks and the nine pari-mutuel fairs for use as purses paid to the horsemen that race at these venues. These funds at present are put into the tracks checking account along with their regular business deposits and distributed by them to the horsemen. The Maine Harness Horsemen's Association would like these funds deposited into a separate trust account to protect the money in the event a commercial track or fair goes out of business.

Scarborough Downs has seen a dramatic drop in revenue since the opening of Oxford Casino and there is concern they may not be able to continue to operate. In the event they close it's important to protect the purse account funds held by them so the industry can redistribute these funds to other racing venues and continue to race. At certain times of the year Scarborough could be holding \$1.5 million in purse money and these funds would be better protected in a trust account.

This bill would also allow for the redistribution of the funds as well as allowing a new track to open to replace Scarborough if they close. Currently a new track would have to wait two years to share in the commercial meet stipend fund and this bill removes that two year wait if a track closes. The industry is very concerned about the future of Scarborough Downs and they see this bill as a way to protect the purse money and the industry.

I would appreciate your support for this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Donald G. Marean  
State Representative



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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2243

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BEER

Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J



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November 6, 2013

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

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2243, An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals**.

This bill would eliminate unnecessary bureaucratic red-tape that currently hinders economic development events for an industry in Maine that is drawing state-wide attention and is rapidly growing.

Maine is currently considered a destination for craft beer but unclear and illogical regulations threaten Maine's reputation as a craft beer destination.

The current rules are discouraging brewfest organizers from coming to Maine and in turn hurting local businesses that benefit from venues to market their local brew.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tim Marks", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Marks

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2462

OPERATORS LICENSES

AUTOMOBILE

Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would allow a person with special needs to obtain a provisional driver's license from the local law enforcement agency.

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The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Room 108, State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Appeal of L.R. 2462

Dear Speaker Eves:

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill, L.R. 2462, "An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License."

I submitted this bill after hearing the concerns of a young adult with special needs. This individual depends on the use of a golf cart to stay involved on Frye Island each summer. The individual was told by police, however, that he needs a license to use the golf cart and his parents don't believe he would be successful in obtaining one.

This bill would create a special type of provisional license to address the needs of this individual and other Mainers like him. Power would be reserved to the police to revoke the license if misused.

I hope you will consider reversing your decision on this bill and support its acceptance into the Second Regular Session. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Michael D. McClellan  
State Representative

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2463

FIRE SAFETY

FIREWORKS

Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.

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Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T



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The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair

Legislative Council

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Room 108, State House

Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Appeal of L.R. 2463

Dear Speaker Eves:

I would like to appeal the decision of the Legislative Council that rejected my bill, L.R. 2463, "An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks."

I submitted this bill after concerns were expressed to me by constituents regarding the need for restrictions on the use of fireworks. This bill examines the need to ensure safety from the fire risk caused by fireworks. It also creates a buffer zone between farm animal areas and where fireworks may be used. In addition, it requires that farms be notified of any firework shows being held in nearby areas.

I hope you will consider reversing your decision on this bill and support its acceptance into the Second Regular Session. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. McClellan".

Michael D. McClellan  
State Representative

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TAXATION

LR 2533

INCOME TAX

DEDUCTIONS

Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth

An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow a person to carry over from one tax year to the next any excess charitable donations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J



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November 6, 2013

Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2533, An Act to Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations.**

This bill would incentivize charitable giving which is critically important to many non-profit organizations.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary P. Nelson" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Nelson



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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2295

LICENSING

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Sponsor: Representative Plante of Berwick

An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would license and regulate the practice of physical therapy for animals.

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Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2295, An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals.**

The bill came after a discussion I had with a constituent who was looking to get licensed in this field with the state but could not. I did not know this was the case until the first session had concluded.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Plante".

Joshua R. Plante

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2431

SCHOOL POLICIES

SECURITY

Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland

An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part-time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1429

*126th Legislature*  
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November 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

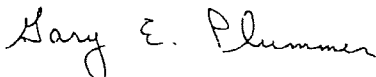
Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2431, "An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers."

I know that our schools are committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. I believe legislators are also committed to that same goal. Unfortunately, once again, our educational institutions have been in the national spotlight with the recent shooting last month in Nevada in which a teacher was killed and some students were seriously wounded.

All bills introduced for the Second Regular Session needing the approval of the Legislative Council must be of an emergency nature. Ensuring the public safety of our students and teachers within our school districts throughout Maine, in my opinion, should always be treated as such. The proposal before you, which allows a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer, should certainly have the opportunity to be vetted by the Legislature and the public during the public hearing process to see if this is a tool that should be afforded to our schools as a public safety option.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Gary E. Plummer  
State Senator

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2470

HOUSING

RENTAL

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Absent	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	5	0	1	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.

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Speaker Mark W. Eves  
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November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I am writing to request that the Legislative Council consider an appeal to LR 2470 "*An Act to Allow Tenants to Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable.*"

This legislation would give more time for people to move who live in a building that has been declared uninhabitable. In Augusta for example when a building is declared uninhabitable the tenants need to be out within 24 hours and oftentimes these people have no place to go or the place they end up going to is worse than where they were currently living. The housing situation in Augusta and other communities throughout Maine is getting worse not better and this legislation would help make sure that the tenants have a little more time to make the best decision on where to move and to actually find a place to live.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions on LR 2470.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew G. Pouliot'.

Matthew G. Pouliot  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2472

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require an applicant to an institution of higher education that receives state funding to take a high-validity interest test.

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November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I am writing to request that the Legislative Council consider an appeal to LR 2472 "*An Act to Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions.*"

This legislation would require that all students applying to a University of Maine System School or Maine Community College take a High-Validity Interest Test. In Maine there are an estimated 230,000 individuals who have started but not completed college. Having to take a test that shows what field they may be best suited for would improve this number. This bill deserves to be heard at this point because if we can help one more person start their college career off on the right path and graduate it is worth it.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions on LR 2472.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew G. Pouliot'.

Matthew G. Pouliot  
State Representative



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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2291

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

BENEFITS

Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.



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Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves,

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2291 An Act to Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement to Divorced Spouses.**

The bill is an emergency because many Mainers are experiencing financial hardship because of the rules of administration of the State Retirement Program

One Mainer in particular was awarded her half of her ex-spouse's retirement benefit (State Retirement System) as part of her divorce settlement. Because her ex-spouse is choosing not to retire yet she is not allowed to collect her share even though she has reached retirement age.

If her spouse had participated in the Social Security retirement program she would have been able to file when she reached retirement age without waiting for her ex-spouse to retire.

This must be considered as an emergency measure in the second session to provide Mainers with some financial relief during these hard economic times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane P. Pringle".

Jane Pringle  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LR 2495

SPENDING

EDUCATION

Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham

An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

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November 4, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves,

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2495: An Act to Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education.**

The reason this is an emergency is that this successful HIV prevention education program has just lost its funding this year. We only learned about it well after cloture for last session.

It has been operating since the 1990's and has been highly successful in preventing the incidence of new HIV infection in Maine teens. It also has had the secondary benefit of keeping the incidence of teen pregnancy and teen STD infection much lower than the national average.

If the program stops Maine can expect that its costs to Medicaid for treatment of new HIV infected persons will rise and the number of pregnant teens enrolling in Medicaid will increase.

The return on the small investment in this program each year saves 4-7 times the cost in other programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane P. Pringle".

Jane Pringle  
State Representative

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TAXATION

LR 2530

REVENUE SHARING

FUNDING

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

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Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2530, An Act to Restore Revenue Sharing Funds**.

Municipalities in our state are struggling to provide important community services that Mainer's rely upon. The burden of replacing lost revenue sharing funds all too often falls upon individuals and families who have already been negatively impacted by today's difficult fiscal times.

In many municipalities rising property taxes that are the result of these revenue sharing losses pose a real threat to many middle-class and working poor families that need every dollar to get by.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Rotundo".

Peggy Rotundo

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2572

ADULT EDUCATION

FUNDING

Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston

An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students

Alfond	Yes	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement for career advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education courses to the same rate of reimbursement for courses for traditional students.

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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2572, An Act to Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students.**

Maine needs an educated, skilled workforce. Unfortunately, Maine has the lowest education levels in New England and, nationally, we have the oldest workforce. Research shows that 90 percent of high-growth, high-wage jobs created over the next decade will require education beyond a high school diploma.

For Mainers looking to advance their careers through adult education, advising and counseling services are important first steps that help them to select training or education programs that will help them to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

Sincerely,

Peggy Rotundo



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2329

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland

An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation  
Issued by the Federal Government

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

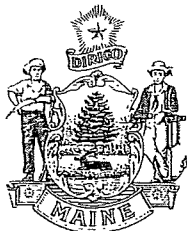
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.

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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2329, An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government.**

Since the introduction of LD 1229 last year, several important things have occurred that have led up to the election last night, and genuinely made this immediately an issue.

Last night, 67 percent of voters in Portland, in an unusually high turnout election, voted to legalize the possession of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana for adults over 21 within city limits.

In August, the US Department of Justice – the highest law enforcement agency in the country – released a set of eight guidelines under which states may move forward with regulating cannabis for responsible, adult consumption. Washington State and Colorado have been working through their implementation phase of setting up the proposed regulatory structure, providing us clear lessons on how to approach the policy.

Finally, Gallup released a poll just recently showing that 58 percent of Americans support replacing prohibition with regulation, including 62 percent of independents. In contrast, that's 2 percent shy of the percentage of Americans who want every member of Congress to be voted out at once.

The question of whether to legalize or not has largely been settled; the question now is how we do it. I am working to craft a bill to regulate marijuana responsibly, set up a youth prevention task force and tax it in a similar manner to what Colorado voters approved just last night. The issue is no longer coming; it's here and responsible lawmakers must address it once and for all.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Diane Russell

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2510

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.



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The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Room 108, State House  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0007

RE: Notice of Appeal of Council's rejection of L.R. 2510, "An Act to Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries to Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries"

Dear Speaker Eves,

Please consider this letter my appeal of the Council's rejection of L.R. 2510 on October 30<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 5 to 5. Whereas I understand and respect your commitment to accepting only a limited number of new pieces of legislation in order to complete the legislature's work in the shortest period of time, this bill is vital to the success of Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and ensuring safe access to medicine for the approximately 10,000 patients being served. At first glance L.R. 2510 may appear as a minor issue regarding the regulated access to excess medicine at the dispensary level. However, given Maine's unique program that only allows dispensaries to cultivate their own medicine (and not to purchase it from regulated growers as in other states), improving the law is a necessary step to immediately allow dispensaries to develop options in the case of crop failure, damage to supply, or some other catastrophic event that causes an extended inventory supply interruption.

Thousands of Maine people now have relief from a host of debilitating medical conditions thanks to Maine's 8 medical marijuana dispensaries. These dispensaries are all small not-for-profit Maine businesses, run by professionals in patient-centered settings, and with missions dedicated to providing safe and clean medical cannabis to the patients they serve. One hundred percent of their product is Maine-grown, and their operations are strictly regulated by the State of Maine.

Should even one of these dispensaries experience an inventory supply interruption, caused by a crop failure or a roof cave-in or theft, thousands of patients would be without access to their medicine and forced to either go without or attempt to find a new provider quickly – a difficult task for many of the unique populations Maine's dispensaries serves such as older individuals or those with severe health problems.

Allowing dispensaries in Maine to purchase excess medicine from each other in the cases of extended inventory supply interruption would allow these small businesses to set-up contingency plans to perform purchases in a limited and regulated capacity with only other licensed, Maine dispensaries.

For the sake of the thousands of patients currently being served by Maine's medical marijuana program, I urge you and the Council to reconsider your rejection of L.R. 2510.

Thank you,

Deborah Sanderson  
State Representative

District 52 Chelsea, Jefferson (part), Somerville, Washington, Whitefield, plus the unorganized territory of  
Hibberts Gore

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2477

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle

An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws

Alfond	No	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.

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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2477, An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws**.

It is time to restore the confidence in the Maine Campaign Finance Laws by removing the Ethics Commission's authority to adjudicate campaign finance complaints. In doing so we would allow the courts to determine the penalties and administer the law as it was intended and not allow violators to get off by saying they didn't understand or didn't know.

This needs to become law now so that clean election candidates and their treasurers are held accountable and not wasting taxpayer dollars.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Saucier".

Robert Saucier

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2480

TOXIC SUBSTANCES

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

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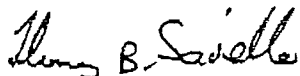
Dear Speaker Eves:

I am appealing the decision made by Legislative Council on the following bill request: LR 2480, *An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met*.

Last session we passed LD 1308, *An Act to Establish a Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint*. LR 2480 would allow this program to go into place earlier as long as everything was up and running properly. The earlier this program can begin operating, the easier it will be on constituents of yours and mine to properly dispose of their paint. By properly disposing of paint we are preventing these hazardous materials from entering Maine's landfills.

Thank you for considering this appeal. I plan to be at the Council Meeting when appeals will be discussed and can speak further to my request for allowing LR 2480 through.

Sincerely,



Tom Saviello  
State Senator



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TAXATION

LR 2516

PROPERTY TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

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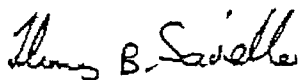
I am appealing the decision made by Legislative Council on the following bill request: LR 2516, *An Act to Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law*.

When the state budget was enacted in June, the Circuitbreaker program was terminated and the property tax fairness credit created in its place. Unfortunately, there were several areas in law where the Circuitbreaker program is referenced and was made an integral part of other important programs, but the budget bill did not address those cross references. One of those areas involved the local option authority to implement property tax relief programs, and Representative Carey's bill (LR 2249) has been admitted by the Council to address the issues created by the state budget in that area of law. Another area of law which was inadvertently disconnected when the state budget terminated the Circuitbreaker program is addressed in my bill, LR 2516, *An Act to Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law*.

State law governing the abatement of property taxes for reasons of hardship or poverty allowed the municipal officers to recognize an applicant's receipt of benefits under the Circuitbreaker program and potentially "set off" the poverty abatement by the value of the Circuitbreaker benefit. The Circuitbreaker program was terminated in 2013 and replaced with the Property Tax Fairness Credit, to become available on and after January 1, 2014 as part of the personal income tax code. Because the property tax fairness credit effectively replaced the Circuitbreaker benefit, this bill re-establishes the authority of the municipal officers to recognize the receipt of the refundable credit in their calculation of an applicant's eligibility for a poverty abatement, just as they could formerly recognize the Circuitbreaker benefit. This bill does nothing more than correct an inadvertent disconnection created by the state budget. It is not fair to the municipal community that the public policy supporting the pre-existing law gets repealed by legislative accident.

Thank you for considering this appeal. I plan to be at the Council Meeting when appeals will be discussed and can speak further to my request for allowing LR 2516 through.

Sincerely,



Tom Saviello  
State Senator

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2474

HUNTING

SAFETY

Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook

An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that color.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T

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November 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark W. Eves  
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Dear Speaker Eves:


Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2474, "An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing."

I was recently in contact with members of the Amish community from Aroostook County. I learned from meeting with them that they would like to participate in Maine's hunting season. However, the Amish community is held back from participating because their religion will not allow them to wear hunter orange. Other states with significant Amish populations, have adopted legislation to allow hunters the option to wear red instead of the hunter orange.

It is my hope that this bill will be allowed to be vetted by this legislature. I have obtained copies of adopted legislation from other states and look forward to sharing this information with the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. If this legislation is approved, the Amish community could look forward to hunting like other Maine families in 2014.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Roger L. Sherman  
State Senator

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TAXATION

LR 2475

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU  
ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook

Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices

Alfond	Yes	Eves	Yes
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services.

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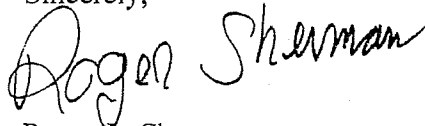
Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2475, "Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices."

Recently, the Houlton Regional Office for Maine Revenue Services was closed to consolidate and reduce state spending. This was not a new proposal; it has surfaced before and been rejected. Part of the reason the office remained opened was due to staff productivity and effectiveness of the Houlton office. While I strongly believe in reducing state spending, I am concerned that actions like closing regional offices can negatively impact the local community and the state as a whole. The Legislature should take a closer, in-depth look to find out if closing our regional offices outside of Augusta is a smart reduction in state spending.

It is my hope that this legislature will consider reviewing regional offices before more rural offices are closed. It is important that we fully understand the impact to the local communities and the state workforce when closures are ordered.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Roger L. Sherman  
State Senator

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2432

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield

An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids

Alfond	Yes	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would expand MaineCare coverage to require reimbursement for the purchase of hearing aids.



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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2432, An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids.**

The addition of hearing aids to the list of things that covered by MaineCare is an emergency.

Good hearing helps us to remain safe. It warns us of potential dangers and also alerts us to someone else's distress. The inability to hear also leads to medical issues, due to the feeling of isolation and depression.

Many people in Maine suffering from hearing loss simply can't afford the cost of hearing aids. A quality pair of hearing aids will run upwards of \$3,600. There are people currently on MaineCare who are either going without hearing aids or are using hearing aids of very low quality.

I believe that this bill meets the definition of an emergency due to the safety risk and the medical issues that may stem from the lack of a quality set of hearing aids.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stanley B. Short Jr.".

Stanley Short Jr.



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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2433

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield

An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies

Alfond	No	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require that teachers and school personnel receive training to recognize the symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the proper use epinephrine pens and asthma inhalers.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M



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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2433, An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies.**

This food allergy legislation meets the definition of an emergency bill because one out of thirteen children has some type of food allergy. The potential loss of life due to the exposure of these children to certain foods is very real. For this reason alone I believe that this matter requires immediate attention.

I submitted this legislation in an effort to protect our most valuable citizens, our children, from harm.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Stanley Short Jr.

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JUDICIARY

LR 2294

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Attorney General to reopen unsolved criminal cases after 5 years and allow other police agencies to review them, and give the family of a victim in such a case the right to ask an agency to take over the case.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2396 Representative Stanley, S



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November 6, 2013

Rep. Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR: 2294, An Act Relating To Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 years.**

I was motivated to put in this bill because of Joyce McLain who was murdered on Aug. 8, 1980. There are a lot of cases like Joyce's where victim's families have been waiting for years. It is time we take a good hard look at this and see what we can do. I think other states have been very successful at this and Maine can be too.

It has already been too long since we stopped looking into these cases. We need to make the move now or else these cases may never be solved.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Stephen S. Stanley

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2396

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a cold case homicide department in the Department of the Attorney General.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2294 Representative Stanley, S



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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2601

WATER QUALITY

CLASSIFICATIONS

Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland

An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B

Alfond	No	Eves	Yes
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

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5 November 2013

Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Maine Legislative Council  
c/o Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
State House Station #7  
Augusta, ME 04333-0007

Dear Mark,

I am requesting an appeal hearing for my proposed emergency legislation, LR 2601, An Act to Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B.

This is a stretch of river that runs through Downtown Westbrook to Casco Bay, going through Falmouth and Portland. Two years ago, this river was placed on the waiting list to be considered for re-classification. However, this past year that avenue to reclassification was eliminated and there is no longer any process within the DEP to review and upgrade rivers as there had been in the past. Legislative action now appears to be the best and most direct way the reclassification of the Presumpscot from C to B can be considered.

This is being submitted as an emergency bill because the stronger protections of the B classification are both critical and timely for a number of reasons:

- For the first time in over a hundred years fish are able to pass Cumberland Mills Dam with the new fish passage which opened there in May of this year. By May 2015, due to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order, fish passage must be effective one mile upstream at Saccarappa Falls. To secure the greatest migratory fish numbers (including the native fisheries of shad, alewife, striped bass, sturgeon and American eel) water quality is critical.
- Today, the Lower Presumpscot already meets Class B standards other than at times of high stress. A reclassification would assure a continued stabilization and future betterment of the Presumpscot's water quality.
- Upstream from Saccarappa, the Presumpscot River is a strong class B. In order for fish passage to be ordered on upstream dams, fish counts must be met. Water quality is a strong supporting factor in meeting those counts.
- At this critical time, re-classification to B will support initiatives to add recreational opportunities to the public through downtown Westbrook, and as the Presumpscot River flows around Portland and Falmouth into Casco Bay. These include fishing, swimming, hiking and paddle boating.
- This reclassification has long been sought and is highly desirable. While this is in no way directed toward any specific project, the potential for further downstream degradation must be averted in order to continue the rebounding of this river's once abundant fishery.

Thank you for your careful reconsideration of this modest proposal that will have an immediate and ongoing positive impact on economic development and the quality of community life up and down the Presumpscot River corridor. In a very real sense, it will declare that the Presumpscot is open for business. It will bring back the fish and bring out the people.

Rep. Peter Stuckey  
House District 114  
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TAXATION

LR 2301

REVENUE SHARING  
DISTRIBUTION

Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

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*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 27*

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November 5, 2013

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

Dear Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2301, "An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption."

During the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature, revenue sharing, homestead exemptions, and property taxes were regular topics. I believe the concerns surrounding these issues have not gone away simply because the Legislature passed a budget. These issues need additional review and conversations. The Homestead Exemption is a great program for Mainers who are trying to afford staying in their own home here in Maine. This program does not benefit non Maine residents.

This legislature still has an opportunity to work towards finding solutions. I would greatly appreciate a bill to fully fund the Homestead Exemption be considered and properly vetted by this legislature.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Doug Thomas  
State Senator

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2400

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

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November 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark W. Eves  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

Please let this letter serve as a request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2400, "An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care."

This summer I was contacted by constituents about experiences they had involving emergency transportation and care. Their family members were in need of transportation by ambulance to local hospitals for emergency care. When the ambulance arrived, the patients were loaded and headed to the hospital. Unfortunately due to their past experiences, they did not want emergency care from the particular hospital the ambulance was going to. They voiced their objection to the ambulance staff but they did not listen to their wishes. These families would have preferred to travel to another local hospital for care; in one instance, the hospital they preferred was actually miles closer than the one they were being brought to. I believe if a person has such strong feelings about where they want to have their medical treatments that they should have the right to choose where the ambulance drops them off.

Everyday citizens are in need of emergency transportation. If they hold such strong beliefs, as my constituents do, then I truly believe they should have the right to have their wishes respected. For this reason, I believe this bill should be considered by the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Doug Thomas  
State Senator

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2435

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Verow of Brewer

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to remove from consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 connector project in the Brewer, Holden and Eddington area the alternative designated 2B-2.

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Speaker Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2435, Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector.**

Maine DOT has identified Alternate 2B-2 as the "preferred alternative" route connector from Route 9 to I-395. Before DOT proceeds further with this 13-year-old study, residents, municipal officials and property owners would like an opportunity to be heard on the proposal. This request is urgent as property owners are concerned about the future of the project and its effect on their properties.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur Verow".

Arthur Verow

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2369

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

COMMISSIONERS

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify county commissioner district numbers in Sagadahoc County to avoid confusion.

*126th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 19*

*Senator Eloise Vitelli*  
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November 4, 2013

Speaker Mark Eves  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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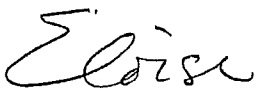
Dear Speaker Eves,

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill requests:

**LR 2369      An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner  
Districts in Sagadahoc County**

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 21 to discuss the merits of this proposal and articulate its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming legislation session.

Best regards,



Eloise Vitelli



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2514

CRIMINAL HISTORIES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough

An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

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Speaker Mark W. Eves  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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November 4, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I would like to request an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision to reject LR 2514, "An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking." The aim of this bill is to provide victims of human trafficking with the ability to vacate prostitution and/or drug convictions, thus allowing them to get their lives back on track. It is my belief that if there is even one person whose life could be changed for the better by this legislation, then it is an emergency.

The issue was brought to my attention through an article in the *Bangor Daily News* which cited a report by The Polaris Project, a national group that works to combat human trafficking. The Polaris Project, in studying human trafficking laws, cited Maine's lack of a law to vacate convictions for victims of human trafficking as an area of concern. As designated by the Polaris Project's annual report, Maine ranks as a state with weaker human trafficking laws. Though it may not be oft-discussed, and though we may not know the full breadth of the issue, one person falling victim to human trafficking is one person too many.

Thank you for considering my appeal of LR 2514. Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Amy F. Volk

State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2652

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter

An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road

Alfond	Yes	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

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Speaker Mark W. Eves  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04330

November 6, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I am writing to request that the Legislative Council consider an appeal to LR 2652 *"An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road."*

This legislation is important for the safety of our citizens, and as such is an emergency.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions on LR 2652.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond A. Wallace".

Raymond A. Wallace  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2242

INCOME TAX

PROVISIONS REVISED

Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York

An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would prevent double taxation by providing that retirement benefits of teachers earned in another state are not subject to income tax in Maine if taxes were paid on contributions to the retirement plan in the other state.



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

RE: L.R. 2242, "**An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States**"

Dear Speaker Eves:

In response to the Legislative Council's non-consent in allowing L.R. 2242 to be deliberated during the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature, I am appealing the final verdict on the basis that this matter is indeed an emergency. Affected parties being taxed twice on their retirement every month is unjustifiable. We need to pursue policies that will encourage in-migration and promote Maine as a place for retirees to permanently settle without undue taxation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss the legislative request with me personally, I can be reached at home, 363-4641, or on my mobile phone at 351-5782.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Windol C. Weaver".

Windol C. Weaver  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2526

TRANSPORTATION DEPT

PLANNING

Sponsor: Representative Werts of Auburn

An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses

Alfond	No	Eves	Yes
Jackson	Yes	Berry	Yes
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to modify and coordinate with a municipality and local businesses before starting a project.

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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

I respectfully appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2526, An Act to Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses.**

This bill is necessary to protect local businesses from the unintended consequences of state road repair projects. Recently, a small business in my district nearly closed its doors permanently due to significant revenue losses that resulted from road closures for a Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) road repair project.

My bill would direct MDOT to contact local businesses nearby a planned construction site during the planning phases of the project. My intent is to ensure that businesses are given sufficient lead time to take steps to mitigate any issues that may arise during the construction project.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 21 to discuss this proposal and its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Wayne Werts



**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2381

SALES AND USE TAX

EXEMPT PURCHASERS

Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton

An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	Yes
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.



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Speaker Mark W. Eves  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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November 5, 2013

Dear Speaker Eves,

I am writing to request that the Legislative Council consider an appeal to LR 2381 "*An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities.*"

This legislation would offer assistance to organizations that are important to Maine's environmental and wildlife heritage, and deserves to be considered at this point because every bit of money that an organization can save is helpful to its mission.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions on LR 2381.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex R. Willette", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alexander R. Willette  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2241

WEAPONS

SALES

Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.

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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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RE: L.R. 2241, "*An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms*"

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2241 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 469-5295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corey S. Wilson".

Corey S. Wilson  
State Representative

# 126th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2370

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CORRECTIONS BOARD

Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would authorize the State Board of Corrections to share federal boarder revenue with the counties, which would be required to use it for debt service or operational costs.

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November 6, 2013

The Honorable Mark W. Eves, Chair  
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RE: L.R. 2370, *"An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties"*

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2370 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 469-5295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corey S. Wilson".

Corey S. Wilson  
State Representative

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2374

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CORRECTIONS BOARD

Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide the State Board of Corrections the authority to approve the wages, benefits and budgets for correctional facilities.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2302 Senator Gerzofsky, S



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November 6, 2013

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

RE: L.R. 2374, "*An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities*"

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2374 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 469-5295.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2375

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	No
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

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115 State House Station  
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RE: L.R. 2375, "*An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws*"

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2375 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 469-5295.

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2377

STATE GOVERNMENT

LAND CONVEYANCES

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to sell specific property in Augusta in order for a homeless veterans shelter to be established.



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RE: L.R. 2377, "*Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter*"

Dear Speaker Eves:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2377 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Having toured State property at 6 and 10 Arsenault Street with Bread of Life Ministries Executive Direct Dean Lachance, I believe this facility is well-suited for providing former service men and women who are homeless with a comfortable place to lay their head at night. Furthermore, it is imperative that we, as State policymakers, offer our veterans every opportunity to excel and succeed after they have selflessly given of themselves to protect the freedoms we hold so dear.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' questions and/or concerns at its scheduled meeting on November 21. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss the legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 469-5295.

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Corey S. Wilson  
State Representative

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2390

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus

An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	Yes	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	Yes
Thibodeau	No	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M



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Dear Speaker Eves,

I respectfully request that you consider an appeal of the Legislative Council's decision to reject LR 2390, *"An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings."*

The need for this bill arose out of unforeseen circumstances that resulted from legislation passed during the first session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature. As a result, it is important that the Legislature have the opportunity to correct this for the people of Maine as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering this appeal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Wood  
State Representative

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2691

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Absent	Fredette	No
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	9	0	1	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would enact a comprehensive package of statutory changes designed to promote prosperity in the State, subject to approval by the citizens at referendum in November 2014. Some of the proposed changes would include expanding Medicaid coverage beginning January 1, 2015; enacting comprehensive tax reform effective January 1, 2016; incremental increases in the minimum wage; a prohibition on the collection of union dues from certain workers; reducing automobile excise tax rates; increasing the gasoline tax; adjusting the laws governing pensions for state retirees; requiring the inclusion of a "global education budget" in the Governor's budget proposal; providing a needs-based grant to students attending an institution of higher learning in the State; eliminating the higher cost of tuition paid by out-of-state students at public universities and colleges in the State; public funding of pre-kindergarten; increasing the funding to the Maine Technology Institute and the small business assistance programs within the Finance authority of Maine; and increasing the cap on seed capital investment incentives.

Potential JR 217: LDs 611, 831, 1066, 1275 &  
1496

To: President Justin Alford  
Chair, Legislative Council

From: Sen. Dick Woodbury

Date: November 6, 2013

Re: LR 2691 – An Act to Promote Maine Prosperity

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This is to appeal the decision of the legislative council to reject LR2691, An Act to Promote Maine Prosperity. As you know, LR2691 proposes a comprehensive redesign of many areas of public policy in the state, including health care, education, retirement, economic development, taxation and budgeting. At its core, LR2691 is about repairing the structural foundations of Maine's public policies, so that we can deliver on what we promise, while at the same time freeing resources for the most critical investments of a more prosperous future economy.

The need for LR2691 is urgent. Over the last decade, the structural imbalance in the state budget has perpetuated and grown to a degree that is no longer transitional or solvable without comprehensive policy reform. It is a destructive imbalance, particularly over the long-term, because it prevents productive investment in areas we need to spend more, like pre-K education and post-secondary workforce development, and because it erodes public confidence in government. Having watched five Appropriations Committees negotiate biennial budgets, I would characterize the process as one of prioritizing unmet intentions from the past, as opposed to investing in greatness for the future. For Maine to thrive economically in the years ahead, the 2015 legislature needs a better underlying policy framework from which to begin its work.

The policy areas covered by LR2691 would normally be considered in isolated bills. LR2691 integrates them into one package, because an integrated approach is our best chance to get past the perpetual over-promising that happens within silos, as well intentioned as it may be. The education reforms recast Maine's commitment to education across the full continuum of human development from birth to rewarding jobs. The pension reforms honor our commitments to employees for service already completed, while reducing new pension accruals to levels that better reflect current longevity and population demographics. The tax reforms are designed to promote economic growth, and to take account of Maine's unique population demographic, while providing net tax relief to residents. The health care reforms accept federal funding for Medicaid expansions, while avoiding long-term cost risks to the state. I'm not wedded to any of the specific components of LR2691; indeed, I look forward to the legislative process that will shape them and improve them.

Finally, LR2691 proposes to advance these policy reforms by public referendum, rather than by direct legislative enactment. This is important too, because it will jump-start a focused public discussion of Maine's most serious economic and policy challenges, as well as its over-commitments in current policy. Because the reforms are significant, the referendum process is also important in generating public legitimacy for any plan of this magnitude.

I believe this is the single most important bill that the legislature could take up in the 2014 session. Thank you for your consideration.



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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2397

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot

An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	Yes	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	No	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

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*126th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
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November 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark Eves  
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Dear Speaker Eves:

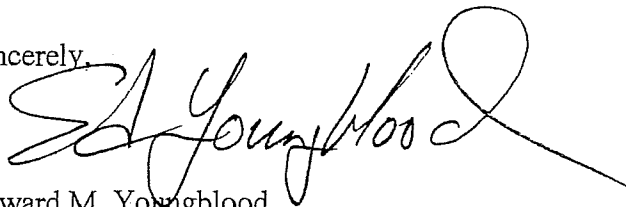
I respectfully request to appeal the Legislative Council's decision on the following bill: LR 2397, "An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants."

If one were to ask if it is acceptable for a physician, therapist, or attorney to have a sexual relationship with a patient or client, the answer almost always would be no. Society's expectation of these caregivers is that they will attend to the needs of those in their care and that boundary should never be crossed. Many states have laws on the books prohibiting this type of relationship.

The relationship between a cleric and one of his or her parishioners should not be treated any differently. Clerics often times play the role of counselor and confidant to our most vulnerable populations. They are usually a first choice for those seeking emotional assistance because those looking for guidance feel it is a safe option for them. It is critical that a proposal be considered by the Legislature during the upcoming session that seeks to prohibit this type of inappropriate contact.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Youngblood  
State Senator

**126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2398

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

WIND ENERGY

Sponsor: 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

Alfond	No	Eves	No
Jackson	No	Berry	No
Haskell	No	McCabe	No
Thibodeau	Yes	Fredette	Yes
Katz	Yes	Willette	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy - and emissions-related benefits.

Total number of bills screened: 101

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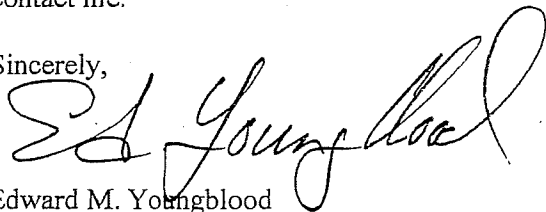
As the title states, this proposal would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy- and emissions-related benefits.

This proposal does nothing to change the permitting process of wind power, nor does it change the expedited process set in place. What it does is add back to Maine law a brief statement that was a part of the original wind power proposal established years ago, a condition that was supported during the public hearing process. It requires that there needs to be specific tangible benefits to the people of Maine, and not just to investors or companies, before a project may move forward. I have heard from constituents around my district and throughout the state who strongly agree with this stipulation.

With multiple permits waiting to be acted upon in the near future, time is of the essence. The Legislature should have the opportunity to address this issue during the Second Session before any more projects are approved that may have a negative impact on the community in which they are located, increased charges to ratepayers, and no tangible benefits to the people of Maine.

I appreciate the Council's consideration of this appeal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Youngblood  
State Senator

## **PART 8**

## **126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

### **Appealed Bill Requests By Subject**

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#### **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

##### **ANIMAL WELFARE**

##### **CRUELTY**

LR: 2663

Sponsor: Representative Kaenrath of South Portland

Title: An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes

Comment: This bill would prohibit the use or distribution of live animals as prizes.

##### **HARNESS RACING**

##### **COMMISSION**

LR: 2568

Sponsor: Representative Marean of Hollis

Title: An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses

Comment: This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.

##### **PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU**

##### **POWERS**

LR: 2268

Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst

Title: An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps

Comment: This bill would require signs and lighting on public boat ramps and private boat ramps with public access.

## **126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

### **Appealed Bill Requests By Subject**

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#### **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

##### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

###### **BENEFITS**

LR: 2291 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham  
Title: An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To Divorced Spouses  
Comment: This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.

##### **SPENDING**

###### **EDUCATION**

LR: 2495 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham  
Title: An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education  
Comment: This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

##### **SPENDING**

###### **JUDICIARY**

LR: 2531 Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro  
Title: An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts  
Comment: This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

##### **SPENDING**

###### **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

LR: 2580 Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln  
Title: An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites  
Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**STATE FINANCES**

**BUDGET PROCEDURES**

LR: 2354

Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom

Title: An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review

Comment: This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.



## 126th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Appealed Bill Requests By Subject

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

##### CORRECTIONS BOARD

LR: 2370 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties

Comment: This bill would authorize the State Board of Corrections to share federal boarder revenue with the counties, which would be required to use it for debt service or operational costs.

LR: 2374 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities

Comment: This bill would provide the State Board of Corrections the authority to approve the wages, benefits and budgets for correctional facilities.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2302 Senator Gerzofsky, S

##### CRIMES

##### DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2329 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland  
Title: An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government

Comment: This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.

LR: 2375 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws

Comment: This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

## 126th Legislature - Second Regular Session

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CRIMES

##### DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2446

Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

Title: An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods

Comment: This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.

It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

##### CRIMES

##### SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2263

Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais

Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry

Comment: This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.

LR: 2397

Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants

Comment: This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

## **126th Legislature - Second Regular Session**

### **Appealed Bill Requests By Subject**

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

##### **CRIMES**

###### **STALKING**

LR: 2660

Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington

Title: An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization

Comment: This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

##### **CRIMINAL HISTORIES**

###### **CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS**

LR: 2514

Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough

Title: An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Comment: This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

##### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

###### **AMBULANCE SERVICES**

LR: 2400

Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

Title: An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care

Comment: This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

##### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

###### **SYSTEM**

LR: 2626

Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport

Title: An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose

Comment: This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

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### Appealed Bill Requests By Subject

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### FIRE SAFETY

##### FIREWORKS

LR: 2463

Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

Title: An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks

Comment: This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.

Closely Related CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T

##### PRISONERS

##### MEDICAL CARE

LR: 2506

Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland

Title: An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility

Comment: This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the inmate.

##### WEAPONS

##### SALES

LR: 2241

Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

Title: An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms

Comment: This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.

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### **Appealed Bill Requests By Subject**

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#### **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

##### **ADMINISTRATORS**

##### **SUPERINTENDENTS**

LR: 2478 Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor  
Title: An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer of a Student between School Administrative Units  
Comment: This bill would clarify that a superintendent is required to specify why the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another is not in the student's best interests only if that is the reason the transfer was denied.

##### **ADULT EDUCATION**

##### **FUNDING**

LR: 2572 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston  
Title: An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students  
Comment: This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement for career advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education courses to the same rate of reimbursement for courses for traditional students.

##### **COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

##### **POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

LR: 2436 Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock  
Title: An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs  
Comment: This bill would provide up to \$1,000,000 for funding comprehensive early college programs for fiscal year 2014-15.

LR: 2472 Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta  
Title: An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions  
Comment: This bill would require an applicant to an institution of higher education that receives state funding to take a high-validity interest test.

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### Appealed Bill Requests By Subject

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

##### CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2380 Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport  
Title: An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering  
Comment: This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

##### ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2604 Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay  
Title: An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State  
Comment: This bill would improve the process for grading public schools and public charter schools in the State.

Potential JR 217: LD 1540

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2603 Representative MacDonald, W

##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

##### BUDGETS

LR: 2413 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities  
Comment: This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the municipal legislative body.

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Comment: This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M

Comment: This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### SCHOOL POLICIES

##### SECURITY

LR: 2431

Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers

Comment: This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part-time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.

Potential JR 217: LD 1429

##### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

##### NUTRITION PROGRAMS

LR: 2336

Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock

Title: An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program

Comment: This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.

##### TEACHERS

##### RETIREMENT

LR: 2320

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies

Comment: This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.



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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS**  
**INTERVENTION**

LR: 2466

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary Schools

Comment: This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school diploma.

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### TOXIC SUBSTANCES

##### EMERGENCY PLANNING

LR: 2480

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's  
Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met

Comment: This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's  
stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

##### WATER QUALITY

##### CLASSIFICATIONS

LR: 2601

Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland

Title: An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class  
B

Comment: This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot  
River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

**WIND ENERGY**

LR: 2398

Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot

Title: 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

Comment: This bill would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy- and emissions-related benefits.

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**TRANSMISSION LINES**

LR: 2671

Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford

Title: An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## FOSTER CARE

LR: 2452

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education

Comment: This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.

Potential JR 217: LD 487

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

## ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2325

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare to Work

Comment: This bill would require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion program using alternative aid must present documented proof of job applications.

Potential JR 217: LD 256

LR: 2406

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare Dependency

Comment: This resolve would create a task force on independence from welfare dependency.

Potential JR 217:            LDs 1064 & 1538

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

##### DELIVERY

LR: 2447 Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

Title: An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing

Comment: This bill would reduce nuisance medical marijuana growing by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for medical marijuana cultivation and processing for registered caregivers and dispensaries that set standards for air filtration, ventilation, noise, odor, disposal of water, plant cultivation and processing waste. The bill would propose that the rules, which would be major substantive rules, would apply in municipalities and in the unorganized territories and that a violation of the rules would be a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$1,000 could be imposed.

LR: 2491 Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to allow nursing home and hospice patients with a prescription for medical marijuana to use their prescriptions in a facility. This bill would allow them to use nonsmoked forms of medical marijuana such as vaporized, edibles, tinctures and salves without restrictions put in place by Department of Health and Human Services rules.

LR: 2510 Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea

Title: An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries

Comment: This bill would allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### HOMELESS PERSONS

##### ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 2569 Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico  
Title: Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further  
Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness  
Comment: This resolve would require all relevant agencies of State Government to  
work with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless  
Council and regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to  
end and prevent homelessness.

##### MEDICAID

##### MAINECARE

LR: 2432 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield  
Title: An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids  
Comment: This bill would expand MaineCare coverage to require reimbursement for  
the purchase of hearing aids.

LR: 2582 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook  
Title: 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  
Comment: This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare  
coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members  
who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care  
professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LR: 2667 Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland  
Title: An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care  
Comment: This bill would provide for a 10% increase in home-based health care rates  
paid under MaineCare.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2581	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws regarding involuntary commitment when an inpatient psychiatric bed is medically necessary but unavailable.

LR: 2335	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness
Comment:	This bill is a concept draft that would permit medical professionals to discuss with a close relative or next friend the treatment of a person who suffers from mental illness.

LR: 2512	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment
Comment:	This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.

LR: 2237	Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title:	An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments
Comment:	This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.

Potential JR 217:            LR 846

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES**

**PENALTIES**

LR: 2497

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program

Comment: This bill would eliminate one of the exceptions in the law of the ASPIRE-TANF program that prohibits sanctioning in the program.



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#### INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### INSURANCE

##### HEALTH

LR: 2269

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders

Comment: This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied disorders.

##### INSURANCE

##### MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2629

Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells

Title: An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses

Comment: This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

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#### INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

##### FISH

##### PROTECTION

LR: 2434 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting  
Comment: This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.

LR: 2578 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington  
Title: An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

##### HUNTING

##### BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2390 Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus  
Title: An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings  
Comment: This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M

##### HUNTING

##### SAFETY

LR: 2474 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing  
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that color.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T



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#### LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### BUSINESS PRACTICES REGULATIONS

LR: 2640

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act

Comment: This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2439

Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones

Comment: This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

LR: 2691

Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity

Comment: This bill would enact a comprehensive package of statutory changes designed to promote prosperity in the State, subject to approval by the citizens at referendum in November 2014. Some of the proposed changes would include expanding Medicaid coverage beginning January 1, 2015; enacting comprehensive tax reform effective January 1, 2016; incremental increases in the minimum wage; a prohibition on the collection of union dues from certain workers; reducing automobile excise tax rates; increasing the gasoline tax; adjusting the laws governing pensions for state retirees; requiring the inclusion of a "global education budget" in the Governor's budget proposal; providing a needs-based grant to students attending an institution of higher learning in the State; eliminating the higher cost of tuition paid by out-of-state students at public universities and colleges in the State; public funding of pre-kindergarten; increasing the funding to the Maine Technology Institute and the small business assistance programs within the Finance authority of Maine; and increasing the cap on seed capital investment incentives.

Potential JR 217: LDs 611, 831, 1066, 1275 & 1496

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#### LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

##### EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2449

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

Title: An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

##### FINANCE AUTHORITY

##### PROGRAMS

LR: 2509

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

Title: An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program

Comment: This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

##### HOUSING

##### RENTAL

LR: 2470

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

Title: An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable

Comment: This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.

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#### LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

##### LABOR RELATIONS

##### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2489 Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst  
Title: An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees  
Comment: This bill would repeal the law that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent without authorization from the employee.  
Potential JR 217: LD 786

##### LICENSING

##### NURSES

LR: 2493 Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses  
Comment: This bill would describe the requirements for licensure for advanced practice registered nurses.

##### LICENSING

##### PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

LR: 2295 Sponsor: Representative Plante of Berwick  
Title: An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for Animals  
Comment: This bill would license and regulate the practice of physical therapy for animals.

##### LICENSING

##### REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

LR: 2464 Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law  
Comment: This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WORKERS COMPENSATION**  
**BENEFITS**

LR: 2485

Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville

Title: An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects

Comment: This bill would direct the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to enable employers to provide employees with health care benefits covering workplace injuries and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects.

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#### MARINE RESOURCES

##### MARINE POLLUTION

##### ACIDIFICATION

LR: 2511

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: 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

Comment: This resolve would establish a study commission to ensure effective coordination of the programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification and to provide policies and response tools to respond to the adverse impacts on commercially important shellfish fisheries and Maine's shellfish aquaculture industry. The study commission would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.





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#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

##### STATE GOVERNMENT

##### LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2377 Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta

Title: Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to sell specific property in Augusta in order for a homeless veterans shelter to be established.

LR: 2448 Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville

Title: 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

Comment: This resolve would authorize 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.

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**TAXATION**

**INCOME TAX  
CREDITS**

LR: 2668 Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit  
Comment: This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

**INCOME TAX  
DEDUCTIONS**

LR: 2533 Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth  
Title: An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations  
Comment: This bill would allow a person to carry over from one tax year to the next any excess charitable donations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

LR: 2617 Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits  
Comment: This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in determining the cap for itemized deductions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J

**INCOME TAX  
PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2242 Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York  
Title: An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States  
Comment: This bill would prevent double taxation by providing that retirement benefits of teachers earned in another state are not subject to income tax in Maine if taxes were paid on contributions to the retirement plan in the other state.

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#### TAXATION

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### EXEMPT OWNERS

LR: 2579 Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland  
Title: An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by Providing a Property Tax Exemption  
Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2516 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin  
Title: An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law  
Comment: The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of August 1, 2013.

##### PROPERTY TAX

###### RELIEF

LR: 2593 Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York  
Title: An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine  
Comment: This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

##### REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2475 Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook  
Title: Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices  
Comment: This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services.

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**TAXATION**

**REVENUE SHARING  
DISTRIBUTION**

LR: 2301 Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset  
Title: An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption  
Comment: This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

**REVENUE SHARING  
FUNDING**

LR: 2530 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston  
Title: An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds  
Comment: This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

**SALES AND USE TAX  
EXEMPT PURCHASERS**

LR: 2381 Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton  
Title: An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities  
Comment: This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.

**SALES AND USE TAX  
RATE**

LR: 2262 Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport  
Title: An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015  
Comment: This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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#### TRANSPORTATION

##### OPERATORS LICENSES

###### AUTOMOBILE

LR: 2462 Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond  
Title: An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License  
Comment: This bill would allow a person with special needs to obtain a provisional driver's license from the local law enforcement agency.

##### ROADS

###### CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2435 Sponsor: Representative Verow of Brewer  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to remove from consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 connector project in the Brewer, Holden and Eddington area the alternative designated 2B-2.

LR: 2652 Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter  
Title: An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road  
Comment: This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

##### ROADS

###### DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

LR: 2685 Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**TRANSPORTATION DEPT  
PLANNING**

LR: 2526

Sponsor: Representative Werts of Auburn

Title: An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to modify and coordinate with a municipality and local businesses before starting a project.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### BEER

LR: 2243

Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals

Comment: This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### LIQUOR

LR: 2575

Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization

Comment: This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

#### ELECTIONS

##### CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2477

Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle

Title: An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws

Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.



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## **PART 9**

## AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

## APPLICATION PROCESS

LR: 2305	Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle
Title:	An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin, 2 chemicals used for mosquito control, if the chemical would enter the waters of the Gulf of Maine.

## PESTICIDES

## PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 2355 Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom  
Title: An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years  
Comment: This bill would place a 2-year moratorium on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.

LR: 2481	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients
Comment:	This bill would allow the use of certain materials or pesticides in the cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**BOND ISSUES**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

LR: 2564 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick  
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Infrastructure for the Marine and Biotechnology Sectors  
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to promote innovation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine economy and biotechnology sectors.  
Closely Related CO: LD 1223 Senator Cain, E  
Closely Related CO: LD 1492 Senator Katz, R

**BOND ISSUES**

**MARINE RESOURCES**

LR: 2347 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State  
Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2353 Representative Cassidy, K

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2596 Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System  
Comment: This bill would make changes to the process of applying for disability benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to improve the application process and enhance applicant rights.  
Closely Related CO: LD 186 Representative Beck, H

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**SPENDING**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

LR: 2257 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick  
Title: An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development  
Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the New England consortium for digital design innovation in order to create defense sector manufacturing jobs in Maine.

**SPENDING**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

LR: 2404 Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Support Homeless Shelters  
Comment: This bill would appropriate money for emergency shelters in the State to offset a reduction in federal funding.

LR: 2459 Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec  
Title: An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities  
Comment: This bill would give "Appendix C" private nonmedical institutions a 2% cost-of-living increase in funding.

LR: 2612 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor  
Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services  
Comment: This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.

Potential JR 217: LDs 517 and 1383  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2385 Representative Berry, S

LR: 2653 Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford  
Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources  
Comment: This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**SPENDING**

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

LR: 2638

Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade

Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters

Comment: This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE**

LR: 2494

Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence

Comment: This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**FEES AND SURCHARGES**

LR: 2322

Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton

Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs

Comment: Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

**FIRE SAFETY**

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

LR: 2345

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response

Comment: Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE  
PENALTIES**

LR: 2529 Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston  
Title: An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior  
Conviction for Operating under the Influence  
Comment: This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction  
for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

**PRISONERS  
MEDICAL CARE**

LR: 2562 Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located  
within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta  
Comment: This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located  
within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with  
mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of  
Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's  
mental health institutions.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2454 Senator Gerzofsky, S

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMUNICATIONS**

LR: 2484 Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec  
Title: Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to  
Emergency Responders in Another State  
Comment: This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1  
dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency dispatchers  
in another state.





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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**EDUCATION DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2555 Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco  
Title: Resolve, To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

**EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS  
CHARTER SCHOOLS**

LR: 2605 Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State  
Comment: This bill would revise the law governing the approval process for and the operation of virtual public charter schools in the State.  
Closely Related CO: LD 481 Representative MacDonald, W

**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA  
STATE/LOCAL SHARE**

LR: 2486 Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot  
Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools  
Comment: This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance with federal law.  
Closely Related CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2532 Representative Nelson, M

Comment: This bill would establish guidelines for the stocking and administration of epinephrine autoinjectors in schools.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2433 Representative Short, S

Comment: This bill would require schools to allow personnel such as firefighters, police officers, park rangers, game wardens and members of the military to wear their uniforms when visiting schools in their official capacity.

Potential JR 217: LD 1503

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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

LR: 2670

Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State

Comment: This bill would create a public-private partnership to implement in the State the country's best practices concerning food, to attain an increase in federal funds to feed eligible students and to create a partnership with food distributors and producers to provide more food to students.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2383

Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset

Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System

Comment: This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of administering the University of Maine System.

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**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**DAMS**

**LICENSING**

LR: 2410

Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

Title: An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to inform the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental protection matters of all federal relicensing deadlines for dams located in the State and to present the committee with the department's plan to address each such deadline.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD  
POWERS**

LR: 2487

Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner

Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection

Comment: This bill would restore to the Board of Environmental Protection the responsibility to review and approve routine technical rules and enforcement actions proposed by the Department of Environmental Protection.

**PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES  
SAND DUNES**

LR: 2686

Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York

Title: An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government

Comment: This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

**SURFACE WATER  
LAKES**

LR: 2438

Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

Comment: This bill would protect Maine lakes.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2468 Representative McClellan, M

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**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SURFACE WATER**

**LAKES**

LR: 2468

Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond

Title: An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent  
Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

Comment: This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation  
from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an  
increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2438 Representative McCabe, J

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

**SOLAR ENERGY**

LR: 2618

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator.

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY**

**WIND ENERGY**

LR: 2650

Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to clarify a definition, establish a decision-making basis, clarify energy- and emission-related benefits and confirm the Act's policy objectives.

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2348

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company

Comment: This bill would provide that any private and special rights previously granted to Maine Public Service Company or its predecessors are not lost as a result of the merger between the company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company if those rights were in existence at the time of the merger.

**GAS UTILITIES**

**PROCEDURES**

LR: 2334

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion

Comment: This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas company to a municipal request for service expansion.

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**UTILITY DISTRICTS  
REGULATION**

LR: 2444

Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco

Title: An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to approve a merger, consolidation, reorganization or sale involving a Maine public utility with revenues greater than \$50,000,000 only when it is satisfied that the proposal will advance the economic development and information access goals of the State, result in economic benefit to ratepayers and be consistent with the interests of investors. In the case of a utility with annual revenues totaling \$50,000,000 or less, the applicable standard would be the same standard as currently applies.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
**ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

LR: 2503 Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland  
Title: An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse  
Comment: This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
**FOSTER CARE**

LR: 2389 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham  
Title: An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.

Closely Related CO: LD 1047 Representative Berry, S

**DISABLED PERSONS**  
**FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

LR: 2220 Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford  
Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability  
Comment: This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**  
**COMMUNITY-BASED**

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham  
Title: An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**DELIVERY**

LR: 2330 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: 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

Comment: This bill would enact measures designed 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.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2357 Speaker Eves, M

LR: 2331 Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices

Comment: This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public disclosure of health care prices.

LR: 2357 Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick

Title: An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People

Comment: This bill would expand federally funded health care to low-income Maine people, effective the first day of the quarter in which the state plan amendment is approved.

Potential JR 217: LD 1066

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2330 Senator Jackson, T

LR: 2588 Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

Comment: This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is allowed.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PHARMACIES**

LR: 2366 Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville  
Title: An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers  
Comment: This bill would establish disclosure requirements on the use of a maximum allowable cost pricing index by pharmacy benefits managers and transfers oversight authority to the Maine Board of Pharmacy.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2554 Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham  
Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel  
Comment: This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

LR: 2338 Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham  
Title: An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care  
Comment: This bill would provide for reimbursement to quality child care providers at a rate 10% higher than the rate for other providers.

Potential JR 217: LD 1383

LR: 2342 Sponsor: Representative McElwee of Caribou  
Title: An Act To Enhance Insurance Coverage for Telemedicine Services  
Comment: This bill would allow registered nurses and behavioral health specialists to be reimbursed for provided telemedicine services via MaineCare similar to the way in which medical doctors, physician assistants and family medical practitioners are reimbursed.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

LR: 2453

Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec

Title: 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

Comment: This bill would replace current MaineCare-funded nonemergency transportation services with a more reliable and efficient system of transportation services. This bill would adopt the approach that is used in Vermont.

Potential JR 217:

LDs 650 & 710

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2359 Representative Farnsworth, R

LR: 2574

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children

Comment: This bill would increase case management services to MaineCare-eligible children in need of dental care to help them obtain appropriate and timely dental care.

LR: 2590

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act

Comment: This bill would increase the amount the State can recover for MaineCare fraudulent claims and amend state laws to better enforce the federal False Claims Act.

LR: 2607

Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland

Title: An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement

Comment: This bill would provide for an increase in MaineCare payments to nursing homes to address a chronic shortfall between audited MaineCare allowable costs and payments for those costs, while allowing the aggregate increase to include pay for performance and enhanced payments for facilities serving a high percentage of MaineCare-covered residents.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
**DELIVERY**

LR: 2534 Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock  
Title: Resolve, To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to combine all of its emergency crisis lines into one access number to be staffed by trained personnel around the clock.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
**MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS**

LR: 2614 Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor  
Title: An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization  
Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

## INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

## LOANS

Comment: This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

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## INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR: 2280	Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.



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**JUDICIARY**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**CHILD SUPPORT**

LR: 2608                                      Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation  
Title:            An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the  
                    Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child  
                    Support Enforcement  
Comment:      This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's  
                    license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions  
                    of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS**

**RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY**

LR: 2490                                      Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick  
Title:            An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and  
                    Seafood Processing  
Comment:      This bill would define as confidential information, not subject to the  
                    Freedom of Information Act, data submitted to the Department of Marine  
                    Resources that documents research and protocols used in aquaculture or  
                    seafood processing.

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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**BUSINESS PRACTICES**

**BILLING**

LR: 2610 Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox  
Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection  
Comment: This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and deceptive debt collection.

**BUSINESS PRACTICES**

**PATENTS**

LR: 2647 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement  
Comment: This bill would prohibit a person from making a bad faith assertion of patent infringement.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2273 Representative Daughtry, M

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

LR: 2499 Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook  
Title: An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine  
Comment: This bill would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a list of call centers in Maine that close. If any call center that received grant money from the United States closes and moves out of the country, the grant money the call center received will be called back.

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

**TERMINATION**

LR: 2409 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan  
Title: An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State  
Comment: This bill would protect the employment and reemployment of military service members returning to the civilian workforce in the State. In the event of a dispute, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management would conduct hearings and issue a decision.

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**LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**HOUSING**

**AFFORDABLE**

LR: 2234

Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison

Title: 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

Comment: This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

**JOB TRAINING  
PROGRAMS**

LR: 2403

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers

Comment: This bill would create a program that would provide new training for workers.

**LABOR DEPT  
POWERS**

LR: 2639

Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc

Title: An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State

Comment: This bill would expand and improve the Maine Apprenticeship Program, provide adequate staffing at the Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services and create a stakeholder group to research and propose a comprehensive layoff aversion strategy for the State.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION  
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2289

Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford

Title: An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation

Comment: This bill would allow an injured worker to have a union representative or a representative of the worker's choice attend a required examination by a company physician.

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

**AQUACULTURE  
LICENSING**

LR: 2587

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

Title: An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms

Comment: This bill would change existing guidelines for wet storage of marine organisms to improve the process for applicants for aquaculture leases and allow for public comment consistent with the impact on other stakeholders.

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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**MUNICIPALITIES**  
**BOUNDARIES**

LR: 2681

Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation

Comment: This bill amends the metes and bounds of the Village of Bayville.

**STATE GOVERNMENT**  
**STATE PERSONNEL**

LR: 2382

Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin

Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

Comment: This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.



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**TAXATION**

**PROPERTY TAX**

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

LR: 2504 Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel  
Title: 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  
Comment: This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

**PROPERTY TAX**

**RELIEF**

LR: 2405 Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption  
Comment: This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.

**PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES**

**COLLECTION**

LR: 2281 Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport  
Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes  
Comment: Under current law, a municipality may choose to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that it determines are too small or too burdensome to collect economically. This bill would expand application of this provision to unpaid real property taxes the municipality determines to be too small or burdensome to collect economically.





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**TRANSPORTATION**

**OPERATORS LICENSES**  
**DRIVER EDUCATION**

LR: 2525

Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook

Title: An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits

Comment: This bill would add a definition for the section of law on instruction permits for the purpose of that section.

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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

LR: 2415 Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws  
Comment: This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**LIQUOR REVENUES**

LR: 2669 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue  
Comment: This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**TASTINGS**

LR: 2483 Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland  
Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses  
Comment: This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

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**DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION**

LR: 2635 Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford  
Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services  
To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance  
Fund  
Comment: This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans'  
Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency  
Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and  
Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans  
Assistance Fund.

**ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

LR: 2384 Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin  
Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate  
Comment: This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf  
of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify  
that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a  
campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the  
person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or  
reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the  
candidate.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A

**GAMBLING  
GAMES OF CHANCE**

LR: 2521 Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan  
Title: An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide  
Comment: This bill would streamline gaming laws statewide and direct more of the  
State's revenue from gaming to property tax relief.  
Potential JR 217: LD 1558

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**NATIONAL GUARD  
DISABILITY**

LR: 2411

Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York

Title:       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

Comment:   This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

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**Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland**

LR: 2246

Title: An Act To Promote Higher Education

LR: 2483

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste-testing Event Licenses

LR: 2650

Title: An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act

LR: 2669

Title: An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue

LR: 2670

Title: An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in the State

**Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick**

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing

**Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville**

LR: 2366

Title: An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers

**Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham**

LR: 2238

Title: An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers

LR: 2338

Title: An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care

LR: 2346

Title: An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on Newspapers and Periodicals

LR: 2389

Title: An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18

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**Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot**

LR: 2494

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence

LR: 2596

Title: An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

**Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston**

LR: 2249

Title: An Act To Reinstate Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs

**Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec**

LR: 2459

Title: An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities

**Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth**

LR: 2299

Title: An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property

**Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin**

LR: 2404

Title: An Act To Support Homeless Shelters

**Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel**

LR: 2504

Title: 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

**Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle**

LR: 2253

Title: An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms

LR: 2587

Title: An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms



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**Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock**

LR: 2534

Title:       Resolve, To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety

**Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden**

LR: 2473

Title:       An Act To Amend the Anson and Madison Water District Charter

**Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick**

LR: 2257

Title:       An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development

LR: 2258

Title:       An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents

LR: 2357

Title:       An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People

LR: 2564

Title:       An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Build Infrastructure for the Marine and Biotechnology Sectors

**Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland**

LR: 2503

Title:       An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse

LR: 2607

Title:       An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement

**Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec**

LR: 2484

Title:       Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State

**Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro**

LR: 2321

Title:       An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fishway on Webber Pond in Vassalboro

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**Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro**

LR: 2407

Title: An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan

**Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport**

LR: 2319

Title: An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas District

LR: 2324

Title: An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District

**Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor**

LR: 2612

Title: An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services

LR: 2614

Title: An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need for Inpatient Hospitalization

**Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook**

LR: 2588

Title: An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act

LR: 2590

Title: An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act

**Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland**

LR: 2562

Title: An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta

**Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner**

LR: 2487

Title: An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection

**Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot**

LR: 2334

Title: An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion

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**Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot**

LR: 2486

Title: An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools

**Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland**

LR: 2405

Title: An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption

LR: 2647

Title: An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement

**Sponsor: Senator Hill of York**

LR: 2423

Title: An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law

**Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco**

LR: 2444

Title: An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

LR: 2555

Title: Resolve, To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools

**Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook**

LR: 2330

Title: 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

LR: 2347

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State

LR: 2348

Title: An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company

LR: 2403

Title: An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers

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**Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook**

LR: 2498

Title: An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive

LR: 2499

Title: An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine

**Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom**

LR: 2355

Title: An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years

**Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec**

LR: 2252

Title: 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

LR: 2681

Title: An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation

**Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade**

LR: 2638

Title: An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters

**Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle**

LR: 2305

Title: An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery

LR: 2378

Title: An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board

**Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec**

LR: 2453

Title: 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

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**Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth**

LR: 2415

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor Laws

**Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay**

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State

**Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston**

LR: 2529

Title: An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence

**Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox**

LR: 2610

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection

**Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan**

LR: 2408

Title: An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans

LR: 2409

Title: An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State

LR: 2410

Title: An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State

LR: 2438

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Lakes

LR: 2521

Title: An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide

**Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond**

LR: 2468

Title: An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes

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**Sponsor: Representative McElwee of Caribou**

LR: 2342

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend  
MaineCare Rules as They Pertain to Telehealth

**Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York**

LR: 2395

Title: An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health  
Insurance Plans

**Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation**

LR: 2608

Title: An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the  
Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child  
Support Enforcement

**Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel**

LR: 2345

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency  
Response

**Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford**

LR: 2289

Title: An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to  
Employee Representation

LR: 2635

Title: Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services  
To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund

**Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook**

LR: 2525

Title: An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits

**Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford**

LR: 2220

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living  
and Disability

LR: 2221

Title: An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of  
Epinephrine in Schools

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**Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford**

LR: 2227

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum

**Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples**

LR: 2628

Title: An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders

**Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham**

LR: 2554

Title: Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel

**Sponsor: Representative Rankin of Hiram**

LR: 2402

Title: An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability

**Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford**

LR: 2653

Title: An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources

**Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland**

LR: 2328

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission

**Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham**

LR: 2500

Title: An Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community-based Behavioral Health Services

**Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin**

LR: 2382

Title: An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement

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**Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin**

LR: 2384

Title: An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate

LR: 2481

Title: An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients

**Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish**

LR: 2280

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting

**Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset**

LR: 2383

Title: An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System

**Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York**

LR: 2411

Title: 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

**Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York**

LR: 2686

Title: An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government

**Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison**

LR: 2234

Title: 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

**Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc**

LR: 2574

Title: An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children

LR: 2618

Title: An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine



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**Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc**

LR: 2639

Title: An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State

**Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport**

LR: 2281

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes

**Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton**

LR: 2322

Title: An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs

**Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland**

LR: 2331

Title: An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices

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