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126TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**126th Legislature
Legislative Council**

**May 19, 2014
3:30 PM**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
April 15, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the April 15, 2014 Legislative Council meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Alfond, Senator Jackson, Senator Haskell and Senator Katz

Absent: Senator Thibodeau

Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative Berry, Representative McCabe, Representative Fredette and Representative Willette

Legislative Officers: David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Millicent MacFarland, Clerk of the House
Robert Hunt, Assistant Clerk of the House
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Grant Pennoyer, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Scott Clark, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

Legislative Council Chair Eves asked if there was any objection to taking several items out of order. Hearing no objection, the Chair then moved to **New Business, Item #3**.

NEW BUSINESS**Item #3: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests**

Mr. Boulter reminded the Legislative Council of the suggested protocol for considering proposed legislative studies, similar to the protocol that has been used in past years.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the suggested protocol for considering and deciding proposed legislative studies. Motion by Senator Jackson. Second by President Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0-0-1, with Senator Thibodeau absent).**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and decide the requests for legislative studies. Twenty (20) legislative study requests were reviewed and decided by the Legislative Council. The decisions of the Legislative Council are attached.

New Item #5: Request to Authorize Use of Unspent Balances in OPEGA Account for Review of Tax Expenditures

If enacted, LD 1463: Resolve To Develop a Process for Tax Expenditure Review would direct the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to develop a proposal for implementation of a process for ongoing review of tax expenditures by the Legislature. The office would be required to submit the proposal by March 1, 2015 to the Government Oversight Committee and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. Use of these funds would allow the office to carry out its responsibilities, and requires the approval of the Legislative Council. The funds would come from unspent balances in the Personnel Services and All Other line categories of the OPEGA account.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize use of up to \$109,254 in unspent balances in the OPEGA account for the purposes of carrying out the responsibilities of the office as directed by LD 1463, as amended. Motion by Senator Haskell. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed (7-1-0-2, with Representative Fredette opposed, and Senator Thibodeau and Representative Willette absent).**

Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the bill requests in accordance with the established protocol. Of the 3 bill requests, all failed to be authorized by the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council's actions on the requests are included on the attached list.

Item #2: Suggested Purchase of Photograph of former Supreme Court Justice Glassman (Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Branch)

Mr. Boulter drew Legislative Council members' attention to a letter by the State Court Administrator offering to arrange for the purchase of a portrait-like photograph of former Supreme Court Associate Justice Caroline Glassman to be hung in the State House. Justice Glassman was the first woman to serve on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. The costs for the photograph and framing would be borne by the Legislature. Mr. Boulter explained that the work would be similar to one that is hung in the court, and the Judicial Branch would arrange for the

photographer to make a copy for the Legislature. Mr. Boulter explained that all other portraits that are in the State House Portrait Collection and hung in the State House are oil portraits, not photographs. Use of a photograph for Justice Glassman raises issues of suitability relative to the other portraits and durability for the long term. State Historian Earle Shettleworth was present at the meeting and spoke to those issues as did Rep. Charles Priest, Co-chair of the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Shettleworth suggested that an oil portrait would be more suitable for exhibit in the State House and although commissioning a portrait would be more costly than a replicating a photograph, he expressed confidence that sufficient private donations could be raised to cover the costs, if necessary. The Maine State Museum is the custodian of the State House Portrait Collection. Several members of the council also expressed concern about use of a photograph, rather than an oil portrait, being the medium for exhibit in the State House.

Motion: That the Legislative Council table the request to purchase a photograph of former Supreme Court Justice Glassman for further consideration at a future meeting of the Legislative Council. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Representative Berry. **Motion passed unanimous (7-0-0-3,** with Senator Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Willette absent).

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on its agenda.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 27, 2014 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for March 27, 2014 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (7-0-0-3,** with Senator Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Willette absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

No report

Fiscal Report

No report

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

No report

2. State House Facilities Committee

No report

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN
ON REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 126th LEGISLATURE
April 15, 2014**

		Action:
HP 1136	Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	No Action Required
LD 1458	Commission to Study Business Format Franchising	FAILED
LD 1703	Task Force to Increase College Affordability and the Rate of Degree Completion	FAILED
LD 1754	Study Group to Evaluate the Payment of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax by Public Utilities	FAILED
LD 1757	Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability	PASSED
LD 1776	Commission to Continue the Study of Long-Term Care Facilities	PASSED
LD 1776	Blue Ribbon Commission on Long-Term Care	FAILED
LD 1833	Working Group on Improving Protections for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Insurance	PASSED
LD 1849	Commission to Study College Affordability and College Completion	PASSED
LD 1850	Commission to Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula	PASSED
LD 1856	VLA Committee Meetings Related to the Market Analysis Regarding the Potential for Expanded Gaming in the State	FAILED
LD 1578	OFPR to Contract with Nonpartisan Research Organization(s) for an Evaluation of the Impact of the MaineCare Expansion and a Health Insurance Marketplace Report	PASSED
LD 1640	OFPR to Contract with Nonpartisan Research Organization(s) for an Evaluation of the Impact of the MaineCare Expansion and a Health Insurance Marketplace Report	PASSED

LD 1746	State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	PASSED
LD 1765	Criminal Law Revision Commission	PASSED
LD 1856	Legislative Council Contract with a Consulting Firm for Market Analysis Regarding the Potential for Expanded Gaming in the State	PASSED
LD 1194	Judiciary Committee Study of Social Media Privacy in School and in the Workplace	PASSED
LD 1345	IFS Committee to Hire Consultant to Propose Design Options for Creating a Universal System of Health Care	PASSED
LD 1602	Commission to Study the Effects of Coastal and Ocean Acidification and its Existing and Potential Effects on Species that are Commercially Harvested and Grown Along the Maine Coast	PASSED
LD 1819	Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine	PASSED

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Action Taken on Requests to Introduce Legislation
Second Regular Session
April 15, 2014

SPONSOR: Rep. Wayne T. Mitchell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2903	An Act To Maintain the Fee for High-stakes Beano at \$25,000	FAILED

SPONSOR: Sen. John L. Tuttle, Jr

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2887	An Act To Allow a Second Liquor Store in Certain Municipalities	FAILED

SPONSOR: Rep. Alexander R. Willette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2898	An Act To Reconcile the Limitations on Contributions under Maine Elections Law with the United States Supreme Court Decision in McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission	FAILED

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Legislative Council

Executive Director's Report May 19, 2014

1. Copper Dome Replacement Project

Work on the State House dome is proceeding smoothly and on schedule. Currently, the Lady of Wisdom statue is being repaired and refurbished. Completion of the statue work is anticipated by the end of the first or second week in June. Removal of copper from the top third of the dome should begin during the week of June 23rd. Staging removal will be done in stages as sections of the dome are completed. Project completion is scheduled for the end of October.

2. State Parking Garage

The Bureau of General Services has undertaken a condition appraisal report of the State parking garage located on Sewall Street in Augusta. Although the structure had an estimated 35 year service life when it was constructed in 1971, the report indicates that with some additional work, the useful life of the parking garage could be extended another 5-10 years. The report estimates the costs for the engineering repairs to be \$400,000-\$450,000.

BGS has identified some funds for the repairs but is also looking for contributions from the entities that use the parking garage including potentially the Legislature at some point in the future. Until more assessments are made and detailed costs are developed, no action by the Legislative Council is needed at this time.

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting

May 19, 2014

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
April	\$382.1	\$392.7	\$10.6	2.8%	\$429.7	-8.6%
FYTD	\$2,338.7	\$2,371.5	\$32.9	1.4%	\$2,349.0	1.0%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$10.6 million (2.8%) in April and \$32.9 million (1.4%) for the fiscal year through April. Individual Income Tax refunds were lower than projected by \$14.7 million in April, which was partially offset by final payments falling short of projections by \$6.4 million. This revenue line was over budget by \$8.7 million in April and \$28.1 million for the fiscal year through April and was the primary generator of the General Fund revenue variances this fiscal year. Sales and Use Tax revenue fell short of budget by \$1.0 million in April (March taxable sales), but it remained over budget for the fiscal year. The Insurance Companies Tax category was over budget by \$4.7 million in April. However, this tax is due on the last day of April and it now appears that much of this variance was caused by receipts that were budgeted to be received in early May.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (also see attached)

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
April	\$25.9	\$25.4	(\$0.5)	-1.8%	\$27.0	-5.8%
FYTD	\$239.6	\$243.9	\$4.3	1.8%	\$246.4	-1.0%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.5 million (1.8%) in April, but remained over budget for the fiscal year through April by \$4.3 million (1.8%). The Fuel Taxes category was slightly under budget in April. A positive variance in the Gasoline Tax portion of this category was more than offset by a negative variance from Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes portion. Special fuel tax reporting is also due at the end of the month and as a result monthly volatility is common. Also of note in April was a \$0.5 million negative variance for the month from Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees, which had caught up to budgeted amounts in the previous couple of months after initially falling below budget this fiscal year. Establishing an accurate monthly distribution for this category has been difficult and it is still assumed that this is just a timing issue.

3. Cash Update

Average cash balances in FY 2014 both for the total cash pool and the General Fund have been better than the previous 2 years from January on. The average balance in the total cash pool for April exceed the 10-year average for that month, which marks the first time this fiscal year that the total in a month has exceeded its 10-year average. We are still trying to analyze what has contributed to the improved cash balances despite the negative cash flow effects of the \$98.5 million one-day borrowing to balance the FY 2014 General Fund budget.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)

April 2014 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	April '14 Budget	April '14 Actual	April '14 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax	84,597,206	83,574,715	(1,022,491)	814,204,507	816,007,908	1,803,401	0.2%	11.7%	1,107,378,483
Service Provider Tax	4,293,672	4,053,290	(240,382)	36,651,034	36,320,125	(330,909)	-0.9%	-1.9%	49,317,427
Individual Income Tax	215,832,613	224,548,467	8,715,854	1,093,891,691	1,121,946,622	28,054,931	2.6%	-8.9%	1,380,685,000
Corporate Income Tax	24,500,000	24,799,701	299,701	134,206,958	137,658,221	3,451,263	2.6%	4.3%	169,706,958
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	10,769,410	10,744,765	(24,645)	111,896,481	112,133,476	236,995	0.2%	-0.9%	135,900,000
Insurance Companies Tax	12,065,444	16,784,729	4,719,285	41,150,676	46,097,166	4,946,490	12.0%	11.8%	80,715,000
Estate Tax	2,659,365	2,091,309	(568,056)	17,064,381	16,202,065	(862,316)	-5.1%	-60.0%	27,553,982
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,872,727	8,796,652	(76,075)	105,302,119	106,452,058	1,149,939	1.1%	-7.5%	128,659,912
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,907,358	1,778,106	(129,252)	19,505,572	19,266,463	(239,109)	-1.2%	-1.9%	23,468,666
Income from Investments	(31,664)	(11,177)	20,487	142,217	175,751	33,534	23.6%	137.1%	132,523
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,115,380	4,086,439	(28,941)	44,240,380	42,986,502	(1,253,878)	-2.8%	-1.2%	53,500,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(175,777)	(184,879)	(9,102)	(62,039,540)	(64,959,343)	(2,919,803)	-4.7%	40.5%	(62,258,370)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(1,750,350)	(3,266,537)	(1,516,187)	(48,369,012)	(50,050,213)	(1,681,201)	-3.5%	30.5%	(64,839,710)
Other Revenue *	14,412,168	14,916,713	504,545	30,813,218	31,303,799	490,581	1.6%	17.9%	44,447,248
Totals	382,067,552	392,712,293	10,644,741	2,338,660,682	2,371,540,601	32,879,919	1.4%	1.0%	3,074,367,119

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

General Fund Revenue
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April 2014 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	April '14 Budget	April '14 Actual	April '14 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	11,970,000	11,999,965	29,965	0.3%	24.3%	13,584,806
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	842,379	871,899	29,520	6,831,655	7,861,668	1,030,013	15.1%	-13.0%	9,376,840
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,747,949	1,953,710	205,761	17,280,699	17,822,137	541,438	3.1%	4.5%	20,818,837
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	1,485,400	1,504,983	19,583	4,810,529	5,043,297	232,768	4.8%	0.9%	8,313,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	(7,002)	(7,002)	8,000,000	6,842,823	(1,157,177)	-14.5%	1884.7%	8,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,028,653	2,071,600	42,947	21,294,595	22,731,480	1,436,885	6.7%	7.2%	25,351,990
- Milk Handling Fee	91,239	87,895	(3,344)	930,779	919,964	(10,815)	-1.2%	-56.4%	1,113,256
- Racino Revenue	732,706	675,971	(56,735)	7,492,458	7,158,920	(333,538)	-4.5%	-40.1%	8,957,869
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	362,116	273,510	(88,606)	2,949,525	2,756,961	(192,564)	-6.5%	-3.9%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	832,399	530,300	(302,099)	12,757,076	12,663,736	(93,340)	-0.7%	1.5%	16,101,822
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	749,886	833,786	83,900	10,984,803	10,651,108	(333,695)	-3.0%	-55.8%	12,517,282
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	8,872,727	8,796,652	(76,075)	105,302,119	106,452,058	1,149,939	1.1%	-7.5%	128,659,912
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	9,971,696	9,973,742	2,046	9,987,800	10,004,032	16,232	0.2%	14.8%	10,000,196
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	176,027	213,871	37,844	1,760,276	1,652,768	(107,508)	-6.1%	-16.2%	2,112,332
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,292,913	1,557,868	264,955	15,146,121	15,631,195	485,074	3.2%	20.4%	18,296,833
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,015,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(10,381,884)	(10,381,884)	0	0.0%	-4.5%	(10,381,884)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	100.0%	0
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(6,069,901)	(6,069,901)	0	0.0%	1.1%	(6,069,901)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,971,532	3,171,232	199,700	20,370,806	20,467,590	96,784	0.5%	-0.3%	24,474,672
Subtotal - Other Revenue	14,412,168	14,916,713	504,545	30,813,218	31,303,799	490,581	1.6%	17.9%	44,447,248
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	(516)	2,668	3,184	(760,000)	(749,225)	10,775	1.4%	98.1%	(760,000)
- BEIR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(175,261)	(187,547)	(12,286)	(37,350,617)	(40,334,202)	(2,983,585)	-8.0%	17.6%	(37,569,447)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(23,928,923)	(23,875,916)	53,007	0.2%	-14.8%	(23,928,923)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(175,777)	(184,879)	(9,102)	(62,039,540)	(64,959,343)	(2,919,803)	-4.7%	40.5%	(62,258,370)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,261,824	852,284	(409,540)	16,494,567	16,392,979	(101,588)	-0.6%	0.4%	21,535,212

Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 (FY 2014)

April 2014 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	April '14 Budget	April '14 Actual	April '14 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	14,339,765	15,122,582	782,817	143,392,069	146,615,745	3,223,676	2.2%	1.4%	190,780,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,462,985	2,662,338	(800,647)	32,742,061	34,463,646	1,721,585	5.3%	2.2%	42,980,000
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,308,277)	(1,308,420)	(143)	(14,500,583)	(14,991,959)	(491,376)	-3.4%	-2.2%	(17,174,186)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(358,594)	(378,170)	(19,576)	(4,007,177)	(4,090,323)	(83,146)	-2.1%	-1.2%	(4,770,837)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	16,135,879	16,098,329	(37,550)	157,626,370	161,997,109	4,370,739	2.8%	1.5%	211,814,977
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,876,332	5,777,361	(98,971)	51,960,141	52,039,871	79,730	0.2%	0.4%	65,659,536
- License Plate Fees	255,937	247,100	(8,837)	2,626,286	2,760,794	134,508	5.1%	4.5%	3,351,681
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	524,230	684,547	160,317	8,434,573	8,535,874	101,301	1.2%	-3.1%	9,384,523
- Title Fees	1,098,295	1,177,644	79,349	10,586,879	10,765,411	178,532	1.7%	-36.0%	12,843,660
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	720,365	642,827	(77,538)	6,754,948	6,611,536	(143,412)	-2.1%	-6.4%	8,254,407
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(11,004,931)	(11,032,110)	(27,179)	-0.2%	13.9%	(15,398,687)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,475,159	8,529,479	54,320	69,357,896	69,681,376	323,480	0.5%	-6.3%	84,095,120
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	550,680	85,455	(465,226)	2,832,400	2,353,795	(478,606)	-16.9%	-17.3%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	114,756	108,135	(6,621)	1,002,333	986,242	(16,091)	-1.6%	1.1%	1,298,729
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	80,598	79,057	(1,542)	834,171	810,558	(23,613)	-2.8%	-6.0%	1,007,998
Interest Earnings	2,948	9,688	6,740	40,987	52,438	11,451	27.9%	-27.4%	52,553
Other Highway Fund Revenue	549,228	521,403	(27,825)	7,932,075	8,067,813	135,738	1.7%	4.3%	9,015,334
Totals	25,909,248	25,431,545	(477,703)	239,626,232	243,949,330	4,323,098	1.8%	-1.0%	310,267,211

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
April 15, 2014 Council Meeting**

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2920 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create an Animal and Plant Disease and Insect Control Facility Administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service

Submitted by: Representative Kenneth Fredette
Approved: April 15, 2014 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2911 An Act to Enhance the Availability of Special Restricted Licenses in Cases of Medical Need

Submitted by: Representative Kenneth Fredette
Approved: April 17, 2014 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2921 An Act to Correct an Error in the Laws to Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

Submitted by: Representative Mark Dion
Approved: May 1, 2014 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2924 An Act to Clarify the Specific Purposes of Recently Enacted Legislation Authorizing the Issuance of a General Fund Bond

Submitted by: Representative James Dill
Approved: May 1, 2014 Vote: 10-0 in favor

Legislative Council Decision:

That the Legislative Council authorize the sale of a surplus wooden chair for its fair market value of \$10.00 to be given as a gift to Legislative Information Office Manager Teen Ellen Griffin upon her leaving State Employment

Motion by: Senator Justin Alford
Second by: Representative Mark Eves
Approved: May 14, 2014 Vote: 10-0 in favor