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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
**126<sup>th</sup> Legislature**  
**Legislative Council**

**June 23, 2014**  
**3:00 PM**

**REVISED AGENDA**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Executive Director's Report (Mr. Boulter) (No Report)</li></ul>	
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	REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Personnel Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Appointment of Interim Executive Director</li></ul></li><li>State House Facilities Committee (No Report)</li></ul>	Decision
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	None	
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
May 27, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Legislative Council Chair Mark Eves called the May 27, 2014 Legislative Council meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Alfond, Senator Haskell and Senator Katz  
Absent: Senator Jackson and Senator Thibodeau  
Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative Berry and Representative Willette  
Absent: Representative McCabe and Representative Fredette  
Legislative Officers: David E. Boulter, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate  
Robert Hunt, Assistant Clerk of the House  
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance 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  
Mark Deering, Acting Director, Legislative Information Technology

Speaker Eves convened the meeting at 3:50 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF MAY 19, 2014 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for May 19, 2014 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Alfond. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette 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

Legislative Council Chair Eves reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting on May 27, 2014 to consider the reappointment of David E. Boulter as Executive Director for a three-year term, retroactive to his work anniversary date.

**Motion:** That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee the Legislative Council reappoint David E. Boulter to a new three-year term as Executive Director of the Legislative Council, the date of his reappointment being retroactive to September 17, 2013. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette absent).

### 2. State House Facilities Committee

State House Facilities Committee Chair Representative Berry reported that the State House Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 to consider the potential reuse of the copper that will be removed when the State House dome is repaired this summer. There appears to be considerable interest in the area and across the state in making the copper available for reuse, for historic purposes, for educational purposes and for artwork. He also noted that the State's Percent for Art program may be applicable to the copper replacement project.

The committee brainstormed various ideas for reuse of the copper and Representative Berry shared the results of his informal survey on the public's suggestions for reuse.

The committee concluded that the most appropriate way to find the best (re)use of the copper is to develop a recommended process for deciding the reuse with various options and multiple uses and involving interested members of the public and the Maine Arts Commission.

Legislative Council members expressed interest in retaining sufficient copper to allow for production and sale of mementos.

The committee will meet again in July to discuss various options that will have been developed.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council request that the Director of the Maine Arts Commission, working in conjunction with the Executive Director, develop a recommended process for deciding reuse of the copper, including options that allow for multiple uses by artists, coppersmiths and others that are in keeping with the historic nature of the copper, and

that are mindful of project costs and legislative expenses related to the copper reuse; further that the amount of copper to be retained be as much as feasible, with a goal of at least 50% and without incurring extraordinary costs. Motion by Representative Berry. Second by Senator Haskell. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Jackson and Thibodeau and Representatives McCabe and Fredette absent).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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# Fiscal Briefing

## Legislative Council Meeting

June 26, 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
May	\$247.7	\$233.5	(\$14.2)	-5.7%	\$249.6	-6.4%
FYTD	\$2,586.4	\$2,605.1	\$18.7	0.7%	\$2,598.6	0.2%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$14.2 million (5.7%) in May but remained over budget for the fiscal year by \$18.7 million with one month remaining. Sales and Use Tax collections, income tax withholding and insurance premium taxes were the major causes of the variance for the month of May. Most of these variances are timing issues as each of these categories is either over or very close to budget for the fiscal year. Some areas of concern include the Estate Tax, Transfers for Tax Relief Programs and Transfers from Lottery Commission categories; each is likely to end the year with negative variances. The primary contributing factors to the General Fund surplus in FY 2014 are the positive variance from the new Property Tax Fairness Credit and the smaller decline than projected of the 2013 tax year income tax liability.

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

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
May	\$26.7	\$27.3	\$0.6	2.3%	\$26.9	1.7%
FYTD	\$266.4	\$271.3	\$4.9	1.9%	\$273.3	-0.7%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.6 million (2.3%) in May which increased the FY 2014 positive variance to \$4.9 million with one month remaining. The \$4.5 million positive variance in the Fuel Taxes category is the primary contributing factor.

### 3. Cash Update

Average cash balances in FY 2014 for the total cash pool have remained higher than the previous 2 years since January. Although General Fund internal borrowing last month was higher than May 2013, it now appears to be tracking very closely with FY 2012, which was also the first year of a biennium and included substantial Other Special Revenue borrowing from the second year to keep the General Fund in balance. Total cash pool balances are once again sufficient to avoid any external cash flow borrowing for FY 2014.

### 4. MaineCare Update

Supplemental funding and other legislative actions this past session appear to have been sufficient to meet MaineCare's FY 2014 funding requirements. The decision to pay \$9.3 million of hospital settlement payments for 2011 crossover claims in the 50<sup>th</sup> weekly payment cycle has certainly lessened any funding cushion to cover any unanticipated volatility in the last 2 weekly cycles in FY 2014.

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

**May 2014 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	May '14 Budget	May '14 Actual	May '14 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax	85,134,955	83,077,677	(2,057,278)	899,339,462	899,085,584	(253,878)	0.0%	11.7%	1,107,378,483
Service Provider Tax	3,906,015	3,896,878	(9,137)	40,557,049	40,217,003	(340,046)	-0.8%	-3.7%	49,317,427
Individual Income Tax	111,663,140	102,775,299	(8,887,841)	1,205,554,831	1,224,721,921	19,167,090	1.6%	-9.1%	1,380,685,000
Corporate Income Tax	5,000,000	5,643,592	643,592	139,206,958	143,301,814	4,094,856	2.9%	4.7%	169,706,958
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	11,268,896	11,838,125	569,229	123,165,377	123,971,602	806,225	0.7%	-1.3%	135,900,000
Insurance Companies Tax	14,089,104	10,770,074	(3,319,030)	55,239,780	56,867,240	1,627,460	2.9%	4.1%	80,715,000
Estate Tax	2,659,365	2,430,165	(229,200)	19,723,746	18,632,230	(1,091,516)	-5.5%	-59.4%	27,553,982
Other Taxes and Fees *	10,353,824	10,752,085	398,261	115,655,943	117,204,142	1,548,199	1.3%	-14.8%	128,659,912
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,956,880	1,925,337	(31,543)	21,462,452	21,191,800	(270,652)	-1.3%	-2.1%	23,468,666
Income from Investments	(21,195)	7,545	28,740	121,022	183,296	62,274	51.5%	145.6%	132,523
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,144,240	4,204,232	(940,008)	49,384,620	47,190,734	(2,193,886)	-4.4%	-3.6%	53,500,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(218,552)	(270,695)	(52,143)	(62,258,092)	(65,230,038)	(2,971,946)	-4.8%	41.1%	(62,258,370)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(7,126,080)	(7,784,580)	(658,500)	(55,495,092)	(57,834,792)	(2,339,700)	-4.2%	32.4%	(64,839,710)
Other Revenue *	3,932,497	4,256,688	324,191	34,745,715	35,560,488	814,773	2.3%	18.5%	44,447,248
<b>Totals</b>	<b>247,743,089</b>	<b>233,522,422</b>	<b>(14,220,667)</b>	<b>2,586,403,771</b>	<b>2,605,063,023</b>	<b>18,659,252</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>3,074,367,119</b>

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

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

**May 2014 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	May '14 Budget	May '14 Actual	May '14 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	11,970,000	11,999,965	29,965	0.3%	24.3%	13,584,806
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	780,031	901,159	121,128	7,611,686	8,762,827	1,151,141	15.1%	-10.9%	9,376,840
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,747,949	1,885,153	137,204	19,028,648	19,707,290	678,642	3.6%	3.5%	20,818,837
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	1,820,768	2,179,158	358,390	6,631,297	7,222,454	591,157	8.9%	5.0%	8,313,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	(0)	(0)	8,000,000	6,842,823	(1,157,177)	-14.5%	-32.1%	8,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,028,653	2,241,650	212,997	23,323,248	24,973,130	1,649,882	7.1%	7.8%	25,351,990
- Milk Handling Fee	91,239	93,270	2,031	1,022,018	1,013,233	(8,785)	-0.9%	-55.6%	1,113,256
- Racino Revenue	732,706	852,527	119,821	8,225,164	8,011,447	(213,717)	-2.6%	-39.9%	8,957,869
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	728,127	682,180	(45,947)	3,677,652	3,439,141	(238,511)	-6.5%	-4.6%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,484,187	1,116,027	(368,160)	14,241,263	13,779,763	(461,500)	-3.2%	-2.1%	16,101,822
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	940,164	800,961	(139,203)	11,924,967	11,452,070	(472,897)	-4.0%	-55.2%	12,517,282
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>10,353,824</b>	<b>10,752,085</b>	<b>398,261</b>	<b>115,655,943</b>	<b>117,204,142</b>	<b>1,548,199</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>	<b>128,659,912</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	8,435	4,510	(3,925)	9,996,235	10,008,542	12,307	0.1%	14.7%	10,000,196
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	176,028	110,856	(65,172)	1,936,304	1,763,623	(172,681)	-8.9%	-10.6%	2,112,332
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,313,848	1,554,512	240,664	16,459,969	17,185,707	725,738	4.4%	19.6%	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	2,434,186	2,586,811	152,625	22,804,992	23,054,401	249,409	1.1%	2.0%	24,474,672
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>3,932,497</b>	<b>4,256,688</b>	<b>324,191</b>	<b>34,745,715</b>	<b>35,560,488</b>	<b>814,773</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>44,447,248</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	1,545	1,545	(760,000)	(747,680)	12,320	1.6%	98.2%	(760,000)
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(218,552)	(40,475)	178,077	(37,569,169)	(40,374,677)	(2,805,508)	-7.5%	17.5%	(37,569,447)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(231,765)	(231,765)	(23,928,923)	(24,107,681)	(178,758)	-0.7%	-14.9%	(23,928,923)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(218,552)</b>	<b>(270,695)</b>	<b>(52,143)</b>	<b>(62,258,092)</b>	<b>(65,230,038)</b>	<b>(2,971,946)</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>(62,258,370)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>2,270,793</b>	<b>1,874,529</b>	<b>(396,264)</b>	<b>18,765,360</b>	<b>18,267,508</b>	<b>(497,852)</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>21,535,212</b>



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

**May 2014 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2014 Budgeted Totals
	May '14 Budget	May '14 Actual	May '14 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	14,582,710	14,380,705	(202,005)	157,974,779	160,996,450	3,021,671	1.9%	1.4%	190,780,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,083,158	3,478,205	395,047	35,825,219	37,941,851	2,116,632	5.9%	2.8%	42,980,000
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,297,241)	(1,374,220)	(76,979)	(15,797,824)	(16,366,179)	(568,355)	-3.6%	-2.6%	(17,174,186)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(364,670)	(358,080)	6,590	(4,371,847)	(4,448,403)	(76,556)	-1.8%	-1.2%	(4,770,837)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	16,003,957	16,126,611	122,654	173,630,327	178,123,720	4,493,393	2.6%	1.6%	211,814,977
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	7,074,201	6,698,762	(375,439)	59,034,342	58,738,633	(295,709)	-0.5%	-0.4%	65,659,536
- License Plate Fees	465,369	480,597	15,228	3,091,655	3,241,391	149,736	4.8%	3.0%	3,351,681
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	431,883	887,003	455,120	8,866,456	9,422,877	556,421	6.3%	1.8%	9,384,523
- Title Fees	1,151,526	1,316,792	165,266	11,738,405	12,082,203	343,798	2.9%	-32.9%	12,843,660
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	719,652	654,192	(65,460)	7,474,600	7,265,728	(208,872)	-2.8%	-7.2%	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	9,842,631	10,037,346	194,715	79,200,527	79,718,722	518,195	0.7%	-5.5%	84,095,120
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	100,050	314,953	214,903	2,932,450	2,668,748	(263,703)	-9.0%	-15.8%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	146,547	138,256	(8,291)	1,148,880	1,124,498	(24,382)	-2.1%	0.6%	1,298,729
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	87,802	77,070	(10,732)	921,973	887,628	(34,345)	-3.7%	-5.8%	1,007,998
Interest Earnings	4,147	9,781	5,634	45,134	62,219	17,085	37.9%	-25.0%	52,553
Other Highway Fund Revenue	546,363	633,670	87,307	8,478,438	8,701,483	223,045	2.6%	5.5%	9,015,334
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,731,497</b>	<b>27,337,687</b>	<b>606,190</b>	<b>266,357,729</b>	<b>271,287,016</b>	<b>4,929,287</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>310,267,211</b>

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CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDY

Name of Study: Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor: <u>Maine School Nutrition Ass</u>	Date of contribution: <u>5/14/14</u>
Address (number and street) of contributor: <u>130 Westcott Rd</u>	Amount of contribution: <u>\$ 500.00</u>
City, state, zip code: <u>South Portland, Me 04106</u>	If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$
SS# OR FED ID #: <u>01 - 0442172</u>	
Occupation: <u>School Nutrition Programs</u>	
Principal place of business: <u>Schools</u>	
Contributor is: individual <input type="checkbox"/>	
partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/>	
foundation <input type="checkbox"/>	

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION

Describe goods, services, etc. to be contributed:

I, Martha Spencer, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this report is true and complete, that no information is knowingly withheld and that the purpose of the contribution is not to influence the outcome of the above named study or any subsequent legislative action. I further certify that I, and the employer or organization I represent, if applicable, do not have any pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the above named study. I understand that this contribution is subject to acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Signature of contributor: <u>Martha Spencer</u>	Date: <u>5/14/14</u>
Title: <u>Treasurer, Maine School Nutrition Association</u>	
Witness: <u>Christ Waidwell</u>	Date: <u>5/14/14</u>

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

Accepted Contribution: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MAINE

—  
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

—  
S.P. 729 - L.D. 1819

**Resolve, To Create the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Maine has a moral obligation to care for its most vulnerable citizens; and

**Whereas,** Maine ranks first in New England in food insecurity; and

**Whereas,** in past years, Maine has underutilized up to \$30,000,000 of federal funding that could have been used to provide meals to hungry students; and

**Whereas,** food insecurity has proven to have a negative impact on student health and learning; and

**Whereas,** the United States Department of Agriculture recently announced a nationwide expansion of its program known as the Community Eligibility Provision, which increases access to breakfast and lunch for all students in low-income areas; and

**Whereas,** the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine must be initiated before the 90-day period expires so that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 17 members as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Six members of the public with expertise in the fields of school food service, child health, child development or child hunger or related fields, including 2 members whose children used or are using school food programs. Three members must be appointed by the President of the Senate and 3 members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. Two members of the public appointed by the Governor;

5. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; and

6. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall meet 5 times. The task force shall study issues associated with the creation of a public-private partnership to provide expertise to school administrative units throughout the State in adopting best practices and maximizing available federal funds for addressing student hunger by using:

1. The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, National School Lunch Program;

2. The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Child and Adult Care Food Program, At-Risk Afterschool Meals;

3. The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Summer Food Service Program; and

4. The 4 privately funded hunger coordinators positioned in the Healthy Maine Partnerships districts to encourage the use of school food programs.

The task force shall draft a 3- to 5-year plan outlining a ramp-up of school food programs throughout the State; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 9, 2014, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, as well as actions that can be taken immediately, for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved;** That the task force shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the cost of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: Allocates funds to authorize the expenditure of outside contributions for the costs of the Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
Personal Services	\$770	\$770
All Other	\$1,230	\$1,230
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.