

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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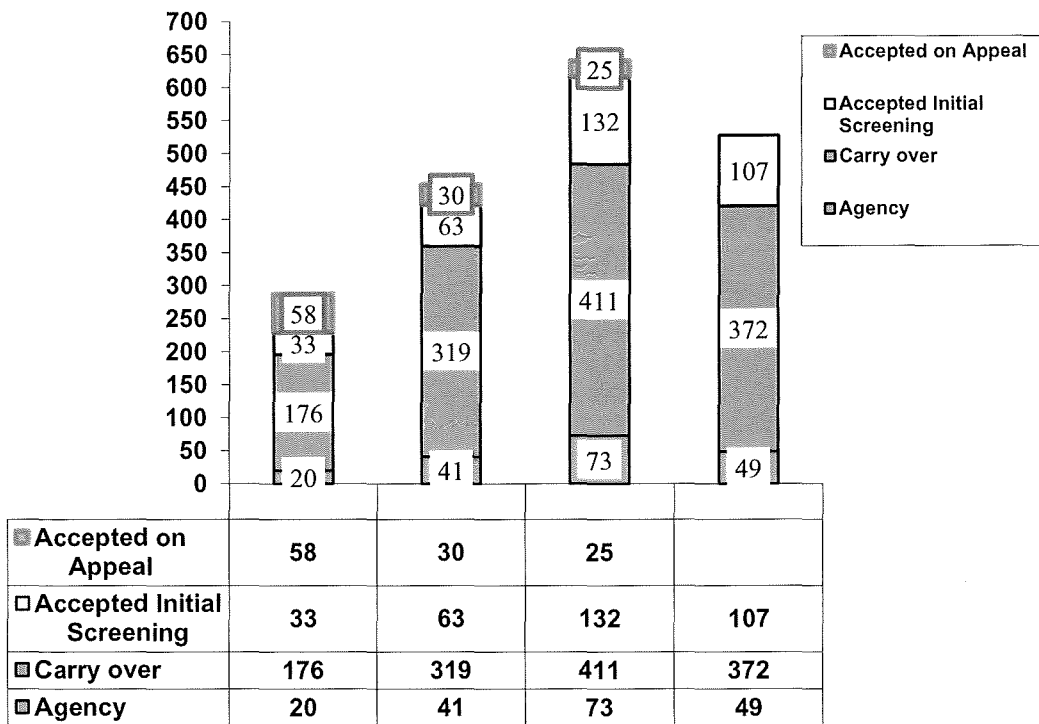
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## INTRODUCTION

This volume contains the titles and summaries of the 105 bill requests filed before cloture, rejected at the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 meeting and appealed by the deadline on November 1, 2021. The council accepted 107 of 329 requests at its October 25<sup>th</sup> 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 preceded immediately by the ballot of the vote at the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting 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.

The graph below shows categories of bill requests for this session and the past three second regular sessions.



**2015                  2017                  2019                  2021**

**Total Number of Bills after Screening**

287                  453                  641                  528+ ?

**Number of Legislator Requests Subject To Review**

395                  269                  397                  329

# PART 7

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2417

COASTAL AREAS

INTERTIDAL LANDS

Sponsor: Representative Babbidge of Kennebunk

An Act To Establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands to investigate common practices regarding intertidal lands, to investigate the past and current legal status of intertidal lands, to investigate past and current recreational and commercial uses, to listen to citizens with various perspectives, to determine the appropriate relationship between citizens and intertidal lands going forward and to make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters during the 131st Legislature.



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October 28, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2417, An Act To Establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands.**

Currently in Maine, court precedent on intertidal lands is based on the interpretation of centuries-old directives. For change to occur, legislative action must be taken, otherwise the court will continue to rely on outdated precedent. Establishing a commission to examine and make recommendations on the state's intertidal lands during the second regular session would put the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature in a strong position to consider those recommendations and propose legislation. The timing on this is ideal.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher W. Babbidge".

Christopher W. Babbidge  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2224

CRIMES

ENDANGERING

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act To Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

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Comment

This bill would increase the class of crime of endangering the welfare of a child if a person's reckless violation of the duty of care or protection of a child results in the death or serious injury of that child.

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*130th Legislature*  
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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2224, "An Act To Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child"**

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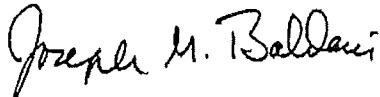
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

This bill idea was brought to me by the Maine Prosecutors Association and the Maine Sheriff's Association and is supported by both organizations. Last April, at the onset of the pandemic, the state's child abuse hotline received a 32 percent drop in calls. While that may sound like good news, it's just the opposite. Experts believed that with schools closing, less reports were being made, not that less kids were in need of help. It doesn't take much to verify these suspicions. While calls and reports dropped, the number of children in Maine's custody rose 7 percent from January to October of last year. There is no time to spare, we have to pull every lever we have.

The current Class D crime of endangering the welfare of a child under § 554, sub-§1, ¶C is established when a person violates a duty or care or protection to a child and thereby recklessly endangers the child. This bill amends the crime by enacting more serious penalty provisions if the person's reckless violation of the duty of care or protection results in death of or serious bodily injury to the child.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2280

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection. The office would be an independent state agency and would be responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct or illegal activity by public and private entities involved with or responsible for the care of children.

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**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2280, "An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection"**

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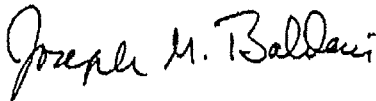
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

Maine is losing too many children to abuse and neglect. Over the last 10 years, over 100 Maine children have died because of abuse and neglect, in addition to thousands of children that are subjected to similar situations in our state daily. The need for oversight of the Child Protective Process has become self-evident. When Nebraska faced similar challenges, the state created more rigorous oversight to protect kids. This bill is modeled off a law implemented there with success. Last April, at the onset of the pandemic, the state's child abuse hotline received a 32 percent drop in calls. While that may sound like good news, it's just the opposite. Experts believed that with schools closing, less reports were being made, not that less kids were in need of help. It doesn't take much to verify these suspicions. While calls and reports dropped, the number of children in Maine's custody rose 7 percent from January to October of last year. There is no time to spare, we have to pull every lever we have. The reality is the Ombudsman's office doesn't have the oversight and power sufficient to force change in OFCS to sufficiently protect Maine kids.

This bill would create a new Office of Inspector General that would be able to provide ongoing oversight for the Department and Child Protection to appropriately address the crisis we face. The status quo isn't working, it's time to think outside of the box.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2291

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would add to the definitions of "serious harm" and "jeopardy" in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act reference to one or more adults in the home who have been previously convicted of any crime of violence, including but not limited to Class D domestic violence assault, without documented proof of successful completion of a state-certified batterers' intervention program. It would similarly amend the laws regarding protection orders and guardianship of minors to provide guidance to the court in ordering protection orders and appointing guardians.

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**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2291, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws"**

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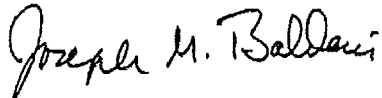
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

Domestic violence cases have seriously spiked since the pandemic began in Maine. One domestic violence shelter claimed their call volume went up 300 percent earlier this year. COVID-19 heightened stress and increased barriers to resources, we have to address this issue as soon as we can.

This bill would make it easier for DHHS to provide domestic violence treatment, as well as make it easier for DHHS to get a statement from a parent or guardian involved in child protective services cases.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2433

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act To Expand the Scope of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would make participants in the municipal firefighter and county and municipal law enforcement officer retirement program eligible for the State's group health plan.

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**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2433, "An Act To Expand the Scope of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program"**

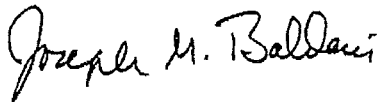
Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

This bill is necessary because it will amend the law to exclude municipal firefighters and other emergency responders from what is currently written in sub-section 1-B of the State Employee Health Insurance Program which outlines ineligibility for qualifying for the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, "members of the Maine Municipal Association and employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof." The Professional Firefighter of Maine asked for this bill to ensure that we can explicitly exclude them from the definition of ineligibility and clarify this law. This will strengthen the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program.

Health care and retirement benefits are an important part of attracting and retaining local public safety professionals and we are already facing a shortage of emergency workers. Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2469

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act Regarding Syringe Exchange Programs

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poulliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a syringe exchange program.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Representative McDonald, G

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**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2469, "An Act Regarding Syringe Exchange Programs"**

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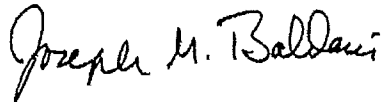
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

The city of Bangor reached out to me for this bill out of deep concern. Maine has seen an increase in cases of Substance Use Disorder since the onset of the pandemic. As a state we must strive to support these folks and connect them with support and resources to recover. However, that will take time and in the meantime it's important to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases by ensuring proper disposal of syringes.

As trash disposal services continue to evolve, this issue will only get further complicated. We need to develop systems to properly dispose of these now before this issue becomes unmanageable. If you ask me, there is no time to wait here. It's a matter of health and safety for all Mainers.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2470

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections To Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would direct the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to establish a response team composed of professionals who are not members of law enforcement agencies to respond to mental health and substance use disorder emergency calls.

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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2470, "Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections To Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls"**

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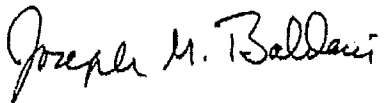
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

The City of Bangor needs the changes this bill proposes to better respond to increasing Substance Use Disorder, behavioral and mental health challenges faced by many residents—and Mainers. The pandemic has only exacerbated the challenges, and the services the City of Bangor provides to its residents and surrounding communities need support to continue. **The city of Bangor considers this situation an emergency.** I anticipate that representatives of the city will also want to address the Legislative Council in support of appeal.

The City of Bangor has already invested significant resources to ensure our police officers are properly trained and equipped to respond to mental health and drug-fueled situations, yet the City and its Police Department firmly believe the individuals in crisis would be better served and have a higher chance of success if mental health professionals were available to respond. Despite the investments made, they still need help from the state to solve this problem the right way. We have to do what we can to help now before matters are made worse.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2471

HOMELESS PERSONS  
SERVICES

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act To Assist Communities In Dealing with Homelessness by Providing State Funding

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would direct that all costs incurred by a municipality related to homelessness that are not currently funded through an existing grant appropriation be funded at 100% by the State upon request and documentation by the municipality for each year it seeks funding.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1695 Representative Morales, V

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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2471, "An Act To Assist Communities in Dealing with Homelessness by Providing State Funding"**

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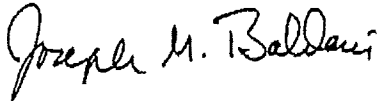
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

Maine's housing crisis has only been made worse by the pandemic. The state of Maine set a new record for individuals experiencing homelessness last year, as did the city of Bangor. As housing vacancy rates are incredibly low and affordable housing impossible to find, we need to help these Mainers get through what is sure to be a tough winter and spring.

While we need to more to increase affordable housing, we also need to assist municipalities who are stretched for resources endure the spike in homeless numbers by providing direct support through state funding.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Baldacci

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2173

SCHOOL POLICIES

MEDICAL

Sponsor: Senator Bennett of Oxford

An Act Regarding the Application of Antimicrobial Agents by School Facilities Staff

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

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Comment

This bill would continue to exempt applications of general use antimicrobial agents in schools from certification and licensing requirements.

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Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Government Oversight Committee

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

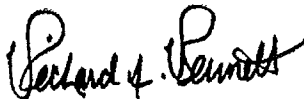
I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2173, "An Act Regarding the Application of Antimicrobial Agents by School Facilities Staff."

On December 31, 2020, Governor Mills implemented an Executive Order suspending the requirements in 22 M.R.S.A. §§ 1471-C(5) and 1471-D(1), and Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Board of Pesticides Control Rule (BPC Rule) Ch. 01-026, Ch. 10, § 2 (I) regarding the powered application of general use antimicrobial agents by certain personnel. Many schools in my district utilized the suspension of rules to disinfect their facilities, and did so without incident.

Now that this Executive Order is no longer in effect, staff must go through hoops in order to continue to use the technology they have been using safely for months. This bill would allow school and Emergency Medical Services who were exempted under the Governor's Executive Order, to remain exempt from certification and licensing requirements.

I ask that you reconsider your decision to not let this legislation move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Richard A. Bennett  
Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2215

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Bennett of Oxford

An Act To Provide for a Religious Exemption from All Vaccine Mandates

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would allow a person to refuse to get vaccinated for religious reasons.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2374	Representative Perkins, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2499	Representative Greenwood, R
Potential JR 217:	LD 833	Representative Kinney, M

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Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
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November 1, 2021

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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

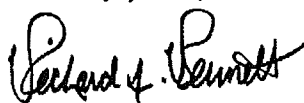
I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2215, "An Act To Provide for a Religious Exemption from All Vaccine Mandates."

First, this legislation was meant to only apply to the COVID-19 vaccinations, however, my aide misinterpreted my intentions. Therefore, should this legislation move forward, I would want it drafted to only apply to COVID-19 vaccines.

Second, this legislation is becoming more and more emergency as the days tick by. The Governor's mandate requiring healthcare employees to be vaccinated is already having drastic effects on our healthcare system. Emergency Medical Services are being suspended or curtailed across the state. On Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Legislators received an email from Maine Health indicating that: "MaineHealth hospitals have 67 patients languishing in our Emergency Departments waiting for appropriate behavioral health placement. [...] At the same time, our hospitals also have over 100 patients who are ready for discharge, but are awaiting skilled or nursing facility placement. These patients would better be served in less restrictive settings, but are stuck awaiting discharge to an appropriate level of care. The long-term care crisis is affecting patients across settings. To keep patients who no longer need acute care in the acute care setting is not patient-centered care. [...] **The end result: yesterday morning, we had a total of 23 inpatient beds available for patients across our entire system.**"

Clearly something must be done to address this crisis. Twenty-three inpatient beds across the entire MaineHealth system is, frankly, terrifying. I ask that you reconsider your decision to not let this legislation move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Richard A. Bennett  
Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2122

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

An Act To Prohibit a Regulated Utility from Disconnecting Service to a Designated Public Safety Facility without 60 Days' Advance Notice

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit a regulated utility from disconnecting a designated public safety facility without 60 days' advance notice in writing, as well as the written permission of both the Department of Public Safety and the Public Utilities Commission.



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November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
c/o Office of the Revisor  
7 State House Station  
State House Room 108  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2122, An Act To Prohibit a Regulated Utility from Disconnecting Service to a Designated Public Safety Facility without 60 Days' Advance Notice.**

Increasingly, public safety facilities require electricity to be fully functional. Lifesaving equipment for ambulances and fire trucks requires charging. Police are adopting EVs. Even diesel engines typically use electric block heaters in the wintertime. Gas and water utilities are likewise essential to the public safety role. LR 2122 would work with our utilities to design a formal notification process that protects public safety by avoiding disconnections that may otherwise result in tragedy.

Twice in recent years that I am aware of, CMP has nearly shut down public safety facilities in Maine. In each case, the issue was a billing error relating to CMP's billing system, which is based on Boston and is often not well suited to towns that pay multiple bills for multiple buildings and meters.

Most recently, a CMP worker arrived to shut down the volunteer fire department in Bucksfield on June 30. Had no one been present, the building would have been shut down. The Council may also hear from Bradley Plante on this matter: Mr. Plante was Interim Town Manager when the error occurred.

I trust the Council will want to do all it can to avert such potential safety problems in the future. I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2124

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Specify the Percentage Increase or Decrease in the Delivery Portion of an Electricity Customer's Bill in All Communications Relating to Delivery Rate Adjustments

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to specify the percentage increase or decrease in the delivery portion of an electricity customer's bill in all communications relating to delivery rate adjustments.



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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

**It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of LR 2124, An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Specify the Percentage Increase or Decrease in the Delivery Portion of an Electricity Customer's Bill in All Communications Relating to Delivery Rate Adjustments.**

Electricity bills include both supply charges, which are market-driven, and delivery charges, which are established by the PUC's three appointed commissioners.

If a given set of commissioners wants to downplay the impact of a rate increase they have allowed, they may describe the percentage increase to the overall bill, while failing to mention the increase they have allowed. This may be understandable politically, but it lacks honesty and transparency. It is done too often, it needs to stop, and it needs to stop now.

By requiring the PUC to fully and consistently disclose the impact of its own decisions, LR 2124 will provide for proper public understanding.

Now is a crucial time for such transparency, since fuel prices are increasing sharply and Maine electricity delivery rates are also increasing by double digits year over year. By early January, we expect very challenging headlines relating to electricity costs. We owe it to Maine's captive utility customers to be fully transparent as they make important consumer decisions.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry  
State Representative

District 55 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond (part), plus the unorganized territory of Perkins Island Township

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2493

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services by Providing a Pay Increase to Intensive Case Managers

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would provide a pay increase for all intensive case managers who work for the State, commensurate with the recent increases given to child protective services case managers and supervisors.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of **LR 2493, An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services by Providing a Pay Increase to Intensive Case Managers.**

Maine recently increased pay to child protective caseworkers, but did not do so for intensive case managers. It is past time to consider making ICMs whole by restoring them to parity with child protective staff. Both are critically important functions.

Intensive Case Managers' duties include public safety and ensuring adherence to court orders for those found not criminally responsible for usually serious crimes, which include murder of children and/or adults, aggravated assault, arson, sex offenses, and other harmful acts.

A few years ago, Child Protective Caseworkers (a pay grade lower than ICMs) and their supervisors received a \$5/hr stipend. As a result, ICMs and their supervisors are now paid less, and are looking to be made whole with Child Protective Case Managers.

LR2493 is essential to maintaining public safety and staff retention. A \$5/hr stipend would make Intensive Case Managers whole with Child Protective Caseworkers. It is my understanding that the increase would affect approximately 40 positions.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2220

MARIJUANA

FACILITIES

Sponsor: Senator Black of Franklin

An Act To Allow Plantations To Vote on Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and Stores and Medical Marijuana Facilities and Stores

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would allow plantations to vote to opt out on adult use marijuana facilities and stores and medical marijuana facilities and stores.

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*130th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 17*

*Senator Russell Black*  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,


I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2220 "An Act To Allow Plantations To Vote on Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and Stores and Medical Marijuana Facilities and Stores."

This legislation was submitted after I was contacted by Rangeley Plantation. The Plantation would like to be able to vote on allowing adult use and medical use facilities and stores. Under current law they are not able to because plantations were accidentally omitted from the current statute by the Legislature.

There is no reason why plantations should be treated differently from towns or cities when it comes to the ability to vote on allowing adult use and medical use facilities and stores. The current statute should be fixed immediately. This is especially important because a project could be coming along at any time and the citizens who live in plantations deserve to have a say.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Russell Black  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2400

LABOR RELATIONS

MEDIATION

Sponsor: Senator Black of Franklin

An Act To Create the Logging Contractor Relations Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would create the logging contractor relations program.

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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2400 "An Act To Create the Logging Contractor Relations Program."

Logging companies are suffering immensely because of lost market opportunities, increased operational costs and increased bureaucratic requirements. They need assistance that is specific to their businesses to assist with efficiency and profitability. Currently, there is no one in public service at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry that is dedicated specifically to the their needs, similar to landowners, foresters and farmers.

The Maine Forest Service has at least 25 licensed foresters on staff but no one from the logging industry to assist with logging issues. Licensed foresters have tremendous knowledge on forestry policy, but generally have a bias or conflict of interest with respect to the well-being of logging businesses.

The Maine Forest Service has shared private and confidential information regarding logging company practices with outside organizations in the recent past. It has also worked against logging contractors blatantly in other public proceedings to ensure some in the private sector have an advantage over others. These practices have put logging companies at risk. It is clear that as a result of this conflict, the logging community should have an advocate that works to protect the best interest of logging companies but can also assist with issues pertaining to logging companies in a private and confidential manner.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has a landowner advocate that works to educate landowners but also to advocate on their behalf. The Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry has a mission to assist farmers directly and does a very good job at it. DACF needs a similar position to work with the logging community directly.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

  
Russell Black  
State Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2327

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

TRAINING

Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

An Act To Encourage Climate Change Education in Maine Public Schools

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would provide funding for professional development for educators on climate science in accordance with Next Generation Science Standards and to support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate change education. It would also provide funding for districts and schools to partner with community organizations to deliver place-based climate education programming.

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October 27, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

### **LR 2327, An Act To Encourage Climate Change Education in Maine Public Schools**

This bill would provide funding for professional development for educators on climate science in accordance with Next Generation Science Standards and to support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate change education. It would also provide funding for districts and schools to partner with community organizations to deliver place-based climate education programming.

This education was identified as a time-sensitive goal of Maine's new climate action plan, Maine Won't Wait. The plan calls for this to begin as soon as possible.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lydia C. Blume".

Lydia Blume  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2146

MOTOR VEHICLES

NUMBER PLATES

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

An Act To Exempt Specialty License Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would exempt from the 2-year moratorium on the approval of any new motor vehicle registration plates that took effect on July 14, 2021 pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 108 those specialty license plates that were already in the process of being created when the moratorium took effect.

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130th Legislature  
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Appropriations & Financial Affairs  
Committee, Chair

November 1, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2146, An Act To Exempt Specialty License Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates.**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

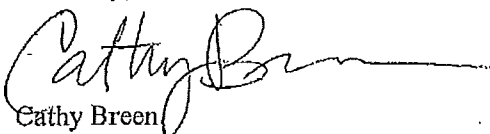
Earlier this year, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed L.D. 1618, Resolve, To Place a Temporary Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates and Initiate a Registration Plate Working Group. As you may know, there are parties who had embarked on meeting the standards for a new specialty plate when this moratorium was enacted. My bill, L.R. 2146, will allow these organizations, who have already invested time and money in developing a specialty license plate, to continue the process.

This bill is of particular interest to two organizations who have already invested considerable resources to secure new specialty plates. First, Barbara Bush Children's Hospital was in the process of launching its plate into the commercial, motorcycle and trailer markets when the Bureau of Motor Vehicles ordered it to stop. This will deprive the hospital of funds that would be used to provide life-saving services to the state's most vulnerable children.

Second, Maine Outdoor Brands (MOB), an "alliance of Maine's outdoor product, service and retail companies united to drive Maine's \$3 billion outdoor recreation economy," has collected thousands of signatures — and dollars — from Mainers who want to support its mission. MOB board members are concerned that they will lose all of the money invested in the plate and have to return money to all who have reserved one. Further, it's quite possible that cancelling these orders will damage the organization's credibility through no fault of its own.

I have no issue with L.D. 1618. I understand that a pause in this program is warranted. However, it's not fair to the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital or to Maine Outdoor Brands to change the rules in the middle of the game. My bill will simply "grandfather in" groups whose specialty plates have been approved by the state and are already far along in the process. I urge you to reverse your decision and let this bill be heard in this coming session. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Breen

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2247

ANIMALS

COMPANION

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

An Act To Improve the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has a program that distributes vouchers to qualifying pet owners to spay and neuter their pets. This bill would explore avenues to making the program more efficient and increasing the number of vouchers distributed.

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130th Legislature  
**Senate of Maine**  
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Appropriations & Financial Affairs  
Committee, Chair

November 1, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2247, An Act To Improve the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program.**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

The Help Fix ME (HFM) program in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) distributes vouchers to qualified individuals who can't afford to spay their pets. This program is funded through a small fee on commercial pet foods. Its goal is to minimize the proliferation of stray animals all over the state.

In January of this year, I sent a letter to DACF Commissioner Beal outlining the concerns of a group of professionals who have witnessed the program's decline in recent years (see attached). These include Susan Hall and Sharon Secovich of Spay Maine; Esther Mechler, Executive Director of Marian's Dream; and the executive directors of several Maine shelters. These individuals were the original advocates and supporters when the program began some twenty years ago.

According to Ms. Mechler, who has over 30 years' experience in this field at the state and national level, we must attend to HFM because the phone often goes unanswered and the voicemail is always full; turnaround time for those who do receive vouchers is so long that an unwanted litter is often born in the meantime; paperwork and checks to providers are often lost; the program regularly shuts down for no apparent reason; there is little transparency and no clear oversight of the program, and most importantly, the number of spaying vouchers redeemed has dramatically declined (pre-Covid).

In response to my letter, DACF began to address these problems. However, progress has been slow. My proposed bill, LR 2247, would allow the Legislature to mandate the outsourcing of HFM if sufficient measurable progress is not made in the near future (exact time frame to be determined). Current statute already allows DACF to issue Requests for Proposals for this purpose. There are several organizations in Maine that could capably manage the program. And DACF has only one employee who manages this program as one of many other job responsibilities, so we won't be "cutting state jobs" by outsourcing this particular program.

The failure of Help Fix ME results in thousands of unwanted animals with no hope of finding homes. I urge you to reverse your decision and allow the Legislature its proper role of oversight of the executive branch and intervention when appropriate. Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Breen

Encl.

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TRANSPORTATION

LR 2177

MOTOR VEHICLES

ABANDONED

Sponsor: Representative Bryant of Windham

An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Fines and Disposal

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws regulating the abandonment of motor vehicles to permit the penalty of loss of the privilege of vehicle registration.



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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

## **LR 2177, An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Fines and Disposal**

Since before the pandemic, towing companies faced an increasingly unbearable cost burden resulting from removal and storage of abandoned vehicles. Unlike typical tow jobs that involve a customer who pays for tow services, the cost to tow an abandoned vehicle and then the many associated bureaucratic and administrative costs imposed by the state during the process of transferring ownership of the vehicle cause tow companies around the state extreme hardship. The longer the state paperwork process takes, the longer the vehicles are stored in tow lots and the greater the cost incurred by those companies. The pandemic has dramatically slowed down bureaucratic processes, resulting in increased delays and higher costs.

This bill would raise the daily storage rate from \$30 to \$50, a slight increase that would still make a meaningful difference for tow truck owners and drivers.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss this proposal further and to expand on its urgent need.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Bryant".

State Representative

Mark Bryant

District 24 Windham (part)

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2277

MARIJUANA

MEDICAL

Sponsor: Senator Claxton of Androscoggin

An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety In Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require that a batch number be added to labels for products in the State's medical use of marijuana program. It would address patient access inconsistencies, clarify the certification of minor patients, bringing statute in line with current process and procedure, and require a medical provider who certifies a minor patient to provide the parent or guardian with the means to contact the provider. It would clarify the definition of "medical provider" and ensure access to telemedicine procedures for all patients. It would require the release of monthly sales data from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and allow citizen access to this data.

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of Maine*  
*Senate District 20*

*Senator Ned Claxton*  
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November 1, 2021

**Re: Appeal of LR 2277, An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Program**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of the Legislative Council,

Last session, the Legislature overwhelmingly approved LD 1242, "An Act To Ensure Appropriate Oversight of Maine's Medical Marijuana Program," which gave lawmakers, caregivers and patients a voice in the rulemaking process for Maine's medical use of marijuana program (MMUMP) regulations. We made great strides in ensuring that those who utilize the program, as well as caregivers who supply patients, have their voices heard. Now, as a new rulemaking package approaches, it is critical that we once again act in a timely fashion to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table, and that we prevent harmful new regulations from hurting our dedicated caregivers and the patients who rely on them.

The bill proposes to do a few things:

- 1) It protects patient safety by requiring a batch number to be added to labels for product in MMUMP. The required Batch Number will facilitate product recall if necessary. This would be an alternative safety measure instead of the harmful "track and trace" system, which discriminates against caregivers without internet access.
- 2) It clarifies the definition in the MMUMP for "tincture," the crux of pediatric and geriatric treatment in the program.
- 3) It clarifies the process and procedure for certification of pediatric patients, bringing it into statute. It requires a medical provider who certifies a minor patient, to provide the parent/guardian with a means to contact the doctor on and off business hours when necessary
- 4) It calls for release of monthly sales data from the Department of Revenue Services for the MMUMP. Citizens, legislators, and municipalities have a right to analyze and consider this data when making decisions about the program in their communities.

This bill deals with safety and transparency in MMUMP – which are two aspects of any government program that should never be delayed. Impending rulemaking also requires us to act now, rather than later.

Thank you for your consideration. I would urge you to vote "yes" to allow this bill to be considered in the coming legislative session.

Respectfully,

*Ned Claxton*

Senator Ned Claxton

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**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2261

SMOKING

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Sponsor: Representative Cloutier of Lewiston

An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would restore funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the level provided in fiscal year 2020-21.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1423 Representative McCreight, J

October 28, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write to respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision to reject the request for introduction of **LR 2261: An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program**. This bill would restore critical funding for the state's tobacco prevention and control program. In SFY 2022-2023, this important program saw a funding cut of \$5 million per year. As a result, the program will reduce investments in critical areas, including evaluation and surveillance, mass-reach health communications/counter-marketing, tobacco cessation programming, and targeted prevention and treatment efforts aimed at reducing tobacco use among populations that disproportionately use tobacco (e.g., LGBTQ populations, rural populations, racial/ethnic minorities, individuals with low-income, and individuals with mental and behavioral health conditions), the same populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

The rate of e-cigarette use among Maine youth nearly doubled from 2017 to 2019 (the last year for which we have data: 28.7% vs. 15.3%), with some of the greatest increases seen in Piscataquis (26.6% vs. 6.7%) and Oxford (30.9% vs. 12.3%) counties. Cutting program funding creates more space for the tobacco industry to hook Maine kids on their harmful products. While we are in the midst of a global pandemic, fighting a virus that attacks our lungs, we need to be doing all that we can to prevent tobacco use and to help current smokers to quit.

Unfortunately, national and Maine data show increased tobacco product sales during COVID-19 and school staff report ongoing challenges with the youth e-cigarette epidemic, including increased levels of addiction among students who are vaping. At a time when Maine employers are facing staffing shortages and increased health care costs, and when Maine and the rest of the nation continue to wrestle with the COVID-19 pandemic, maintaining investments in proven programs that keep our population healthy and reduce health care costs is necessary.

Tobacco use contributes to higher risks for serious illness from COVID-19 and is the leading preventable risk factor for numerous other diseases that are the leading causes of death of Maine people – cancer, heart disease, lung disease and stroke. Smoking is associated with increased risk for dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

In Maine, our tobacco use rates for both children and adults are higher than national averages. Maine also has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rate of tobacco-related cancer cases and the 11<sup>th</sup> highest rate of tobacco-related cancer deaths in the nation. Smoking causes 2,400 deaths each year in Maine, including 30% of all cancer deaths. Tobacco use is a leading cause of health disparities. Smoking is estimated to cost Maine \$811 million in direct health care costs, including \$262 million in annual Medicaid costs. Smoking costs each Maine household an estimated \$1,339 each year in state and federal taxes because of smoking-caused, government expenditures; and costs Maine employers \$647 million in lost productivity.

Maine's revenue forecasts are projecting surpluses and the state's rainy-day fund is at a historically high level. In addition, Maine is bringing in nearly \$200 million/year in tobacco-related revenue. Restoring the funding cut to Maine's tobacco prevention and control program will result in a program funding level that is less than 5% of the state's tobacco-related revenue; yet it will pay dividends in terms of lives and health care costs saved.

Now is not the time to turn the clock back on significant gains the state has made in reducing tobacco use. If we do, we will pay for it not only in lives, but also in growing health care costs and reduced productivity. I respectfully request that Legislative Council reconsider its decision and support the introduction of LR 2261.

Rep. Kristen S. Cloutier

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2434

GROUND WATER

AQUIFERS

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

An Act To Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would establish a state mechanism to protect communities that have entered into an agreement with a company to extract water if there is significant risk to the sustainability of an aquifer. It would also create a reporting system for the State and communities to monitor the health of aquifers.

From: Collings, Benjamin  
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:52 PM  
To: Fecteau, Ryan  
Cc: Figoli, Jane  
Subject: Appeal LR: 2434 An Act Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR: 2434 "An Act To Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers".

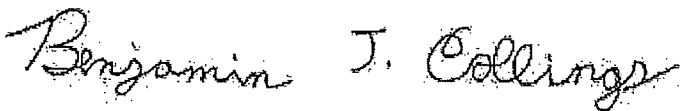
I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it meets the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

Aquifer extraction approved by one local community for commercial or other purposes may indeed draw water from one community, but because aquifers typically cover a span of several communities and can be connected to a vital network of bodies of water that impact many habitats, local extraction can have far broader regional consequences. What one town allows for extraction can in fact impact many communities and other bodies of water. Therefore, it would be wise for the State of Maine to have an overarching policy applicable to all communities, to protect localities and habitats regionally, given that one community's policies can impact many more.

Additionally, when water extraction for commercial or other use could potentially threaten the existence of an aquifer permanently, that meets the threshold of a compelling state interest and the state should act accordingly to mitigate such circumstances.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin T. Collings". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Benjamin T Collings

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2458

PUBLIC LANDS

STATE PARKS

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

An Act To Add a Tribal Member to the Baxter State Park Authority

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would add a tribal member selected by the federally recognized Indian tribes in Maine to the Baxter State Park Authority.

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**From:** Collings, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 3:10 PM  
**To:** Fecteau, Ryan  
**Cc:** Figoli, Jane  
**Subject:** Appeal LR:2458 "An Act To Add a Tribal Member to the Baxter State Park Authority".

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR:2458 "An Act To Add a Tribal Member to the Baxter State Park Authority".

I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it to meet the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

Katahdin and the land surrounding it has been one of the most sacred sites to local Tribal Members for thousands of years for religious and spiritual purposes. In Maine we respect freedom of religion and sacred religious sites. The urgency of allowing this proposal to move forward at this time, is rooted in the legal maxim that "justice delayed is justice denied". For hundreds of years traditional Tribal ceremonies and practices have been altered significantly. Allowing a Tribal Member to serve on the Baxter State Park Authority would allow cooperation and coordination between the Tribes and State, yielding more mutually beneficial outcomes.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,

*Benjamin T. Collings*

Benjamin T Collings

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TAXATION

LR 2483

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

MINING EXCISE TAX

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would increase the tax on mining operations to 10%.

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From: Collings, Benjamin  
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:32 PM  
To: Fecteau, Ryan  
Cc: Figoli, Jane  
Subject: Appeal LR: 2483 "An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent"

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR: 2483 "An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent".

I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it to meet the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

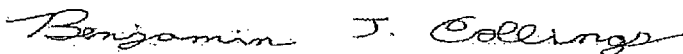
As various mining companies are currently pursuing up to three different areas in Maine of which we are aware, it is timely that we modernize our outdated mining excise tax before any mine is permitted in Maine.

The tax rate has not been updated since 1981 and can currently be as low as 0.9%, compared to a higher rate of 3-7% in all other states. Whatever rate we can negotiate would be much better for our state than the current rate we have, far off from the acceptable standard.

The language in the excise tax law contradicts parts of recently changed laws to mining operations. This should be clarified. In the 128th legislative session, many legislators were aware the mining excise tax was non conforming to the mining bill that was passed and should have been updated. A previous proposal, LD 1283: An Act to Modernize the Mining Excise Tax, was a concept draft introduced as a remedy. Stakeholders sought to continue to work on this issue and introduce legislation in a future session. With several interested mining companies actively seeking projects in Maine, I find it logical that now is the time we finally update the tax rate to more modern standards before any projects advance.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,



Benjamin T Collings

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2500

INCOME TAX  
 SURCHARGE

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over \$1,000,000

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require an income tax surcharge of 3% on incomes over \$1,000,000.

Potential JR 217:	LD 570	Representative Berry, S
Potential JR 217:	LD 1677	Speaker Fecteau, R
Potential JR 217:	LD 498	Representative Sylvester, M

From: Collings, Benjamin  
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:04 PM  
To: Fecteau, Ryan  
Cc: Figoli, Jane  
Subject: Appeal LR: 2500 "An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over \$1,000,000"

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR: 2500 "An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over \$1,000,000".

I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it to meet the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

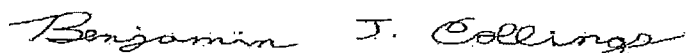
Federal Funds greatly aided our businesses, our communities, and individuals all over Maine throughout this pandemic. Further federal allocations will also improve our infrastructure and invest in our people and communities. While this unique wave of funding has greatly bolstered State Government's efforts to react to an emergency and invest in our future, we have ongoing structural issues within our budget process that will need to be remedied by the Legislature.

Funding our schools, aiding municipalities, creating more housing, tackling homelessness, maintenance to our infrastructure system, assisting with childcare, providing a safety net for the most vulnerable, investing in our businesses to compete globally, responding to the mental health and substance abuse crises, supporting our elder care system, investing in agriculture and the overall rural economy, and so many other critical tasks are areas that have been for the most part underfunded for years and will not be sustainable without increased revenue derived from within our state.

Approximately eight years ago, the state lowered the highest income tax rate and Maine has lost hundreds of millions it once collected for every biennial budget. This proposal would place a 3% surcharge for incomes only over one million dollars, which could raise tens of millions annually for those essential programs and people I have mentioned above. This new surcharge would see incomes over one million dollars in effect be responsible for an overall tax that was similar to their rate paid before the last income tax bracket changes.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,



Benjamin T Collings

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2509

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would authorize the Legislature to negotiate directly and exclusively with the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State regarding the right to conduct tribal gaming.

**From:** Collings, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 3:49 PM  
**To:** Fecteau, Ryan  
**Cc:** Figoli, Jane  
**Subject:** Appeal LR: 2509 "An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming"

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR: 2509 "An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming".

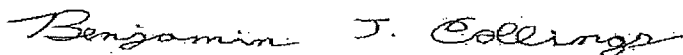
I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it to meet the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

For the past few decades, Federally Recognized Tribes have sought from the State of Maine - the right of "Indian Gaming" that was authorized by Congress in 1988 and made available to most Tribes throughout the United States. Part of the intent of this federal law was to support the economic and social welfare of Tribal Communities, especially those struggling in rural America. To date, this economic tool has not been made available to the Federally Recognized Tribes known in Augusta as the Malisset, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot.

Over the past three decades, the Maine Legislature has often supported Tribal Gaming overwhelmingly and has negotiated in good faith with Tribal communities to find resolution mutually beneficial for the Tribes and the State. As the Legislative Branch is the branch that has most actively been working with Tribes on issues of gaming, economics, and sovereignty, it would be most efficient and effective for the Legislature to be granted authority to conduct a formal process of carrying out government to government negotiations with Federally Recognized Tribes. This would allow the best path forward for Tribes to participate in an economic venture that could strengthen their resources needed to respond to many emergency situations that exist in their community.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,



Benjamin T Collings

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2516

HOUSING

RENTAL

Sponsor: Representative Collings of Portland

Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would study discrimination in so-called Section 8 rental housing.

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**From:** Collings, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Monday, November 1, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Fecteau, Ryan  
**Cc:** Figoli, Jane  
**Subject:** Appeal LR: 2516 "Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing"

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chairman  
Legislative Council  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this communication as my appeal of the Legislative Council's October 25, 2021 rejection of LR: 2516 "Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing".

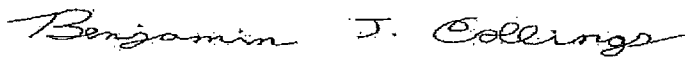
I respectfully request the Legislative Council review this proposal further, as I believe it to meet the criteria of Emergency Legislation.

The growing state of our housing crisis needs to be addressed in all ways possible. One of the biggest hurdles for thousands of families to afford the extremely high rental costs, is the lack of property owners excepting Section 8 vouchers.

A legislative colleague approached me about doing a study on a bill I previously submitted to prevent discrimination of Section 8 vouchers. I was encouraged to have the study include ways to modernize and improve this program in Maine that would make it more manageable for property owners to engage these voucher holders. If the Legislature can find a way to house thousands of more people and support more small property owners, the housing emergency could lessen dramatically.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

With best wishes,



Benjamin T Collings

## 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2464

WATER QUALITY

NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION

Sponsor: Representative Copeland of Saco

Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Water Quality of Saco Bay and To Determine Pollution Sources

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force to study the water quality of Saco Bay, identify sources of pollution in the bay and develop recommendations to remove or lessen those sources with the overall goal of improving water quality and increasing access to recreational and economic activity in the bay.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002

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TTY: Maine Relay 711

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2464, Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Water Quality of Saco Bay and To Determine Pollution Sources.**

The Saco Bay-area is missing out on jobs and economic opportunities because the water quality often falls below safe limits for recreation and tidal shellfishing. Aquaculture entrepreneurs will not even consider a location without clean water. There are many potential partners available to collaborate and address this issue, but this effort requires a coordination of data and efforts.

This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force to coordinate the data and come up with a plan to improve the water quality of Saco Bay. The collaborative would continue to identify sources of pollution in the bay and develop recommendations to remove or lessen those sources with the overall goal of clean water and increased access to recreational and economic activity in the bay.

This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, introduced by Maine Senator Edmund Muskie in 1971, and further action to achieve clean water here in Maine is long overdue. Improving water quality and advancing economic opportunities in the region is a priority for my community, and the sooner a task force can be established, the sooner stakeholders can begin this important work.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn H. Copeland".

Lynn H. Copeland  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2465

WORKERS COMPENSATION

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Copeland of Saco

An Act To Protect Access to Workers' Compensation Benefits

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would clarify requirements regarding notification by doctors to employers of the discussion of illness or injury with a patient under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.



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Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2465, An Act To Protect Access to Workers' Compensation Benefits.**

This proposal would clarify requirements regarding notification by employees to employers of the discussion of illness or injury with a medical provider under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

This bill would clarify that simply discussing an illness or symptom with your doctor does not automatically require notification to an employer be made. Currently, employees are required to report such discussions before a diagnosis is made or risk disqualification from receiving Workers' Compensation benefits.

This proposal is urgent because many hardworking Mainers, who cannot afford labor or employment attorneys, will be left empty handed and with mounting medical bills from workplace injuries should the Legislature not address this issue.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn H. Copeland".

Lynn H. Copeland  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2141

PROBATE

GUARDIANS

Sponsor: Representative Craven of Lewiston

An Act To Safeguard the Privacy of Individuals Applying for Guardianship in Probate Court

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would provide that information regarding individuals who apply for guardianship in Probate Court is not public information.



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(207) 287-1400

TTY: Maine Relay 711

**Margaret Craven**

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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2141, An Act To Safeguard the Privacy of Individuals Applying for  
Guardianship in Probate Court.**

When a family is required to apply for emergency guardianship for a loved one who is incapacitated, their name, diagnosis and where they live is posted on a publicly-accessible webpage. The family requesting the change also has their name and information posted on the same page, with any other petitioners.

LR 2141 would address this invasion of privacy and protect such personal information.

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,

*Margaret Craven*

Margaret Craven  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2249

HOUSING

REGULATION

Sponsor: Representative Craven of Lewiston

An Act To Provide Personal Mailboxes to All Tenants of Multiple-dwelling Houses

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require a house with more than one dwelling to be equipped with a mailbox for each tenant.



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TTY: Maine Relay 711

November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2249, An Act To Provide Personal Mailboxes to All Tenants of Multiple-dwelling Houses.**

This proposal comes from my constituents to establish requirements for multiunit dwellings and specifies that such dwellings be equipped with a mailbox for each tenant. An apartment building in our community has fifteen units and only one mailbox for the entire complex. This means that whoever is first to the mailbox ruffles through to find their own mail, and may or may not bring in the mail for everyone else and place in an accessible, common area of the building. The alternative for these tenants is to open individual P.O. Boxes, which can be expensive.

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,

*Margaret Craven*

Margaret Craven  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2265

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WINE

Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Portland

An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkls	No	Poullot	Yes

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

### Comment

This bill would allow a wine retailer to transfer wine between multiple locations that are approved to make wine transfers by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. It would establish that wine transfers between locations may be suspended by the bureau for cause or a rule violation. It would prohibit wine retailers making transfers pursuant to this bill from acting as wholesale wine distributors.



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TTY: MAINE RELAY 711

October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

LR 2265, An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities.

Passage of this bill will even the playing field for small business units like Rosemont Bakery. Treating each site independently forces both the distributor network and the individual stores to sell and purchase singles rather than cases, adding unnecessary costs that get passed on to the consumer. I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Edward Crockett".

Ed Crockett  
State Representative

District 43: Parts of Falmouth and Portland

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2473

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Sponsor: Representative Cuddy of Winterport

An Act To Ensure Maine Citizens Benefit from Renewable Energy Generation Projects by Establishing Job Quality and Hiring Standards

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would attach job quality and hiring equity standards to renewable energy generation projects in the State that are over 2 megawatts in size.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1231 Representative Cuddy, S



**Scott Cuddy**

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October 28, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2473, An Act To Ensure Maine Citizens Benefit from Renewable Energy Generation Projects by Establishing Job Quality and Hiring Standards**

The State of Maine has, through its policy decisions, created an ongoing construction boom in renewable energy production. The workers building our clean energy future are currently without any labor protections to ensure that they will be treated fairly and with dignity.

Further, our ongoing shortage of tradespeople continues to hamper our efforts to address climate change. Additionally, we have an opportunity to include groups that haven't been a significant part of the industry, aiding our contractors who cannot find enough people to fill their positions.

The window of time address these concerns is closing. We have been in an emergency for some time and we need to deal with this now. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Cuddy".

State Representative

Scott Cuddy

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2258

BUSINESS PRACTICES

SALES

Sponsor: Senator Daughtry of Cumberland

An Act To Allow Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would allow customers to opt out of paper delivery tickets and receive e-mail tickets instead.

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*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 24*

*Senator Matthea Daughtry*  
*Assistant Majority Leader*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
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*Mattie.Daughtry@legislature.maine.gov*

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2258, "An Act To Allow Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets." I urge you and my other colleagues on Legislative Council to please vote "YES" to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature in the Second Regular Session.

This resolution would allow customers to opt out of paper delivery tickets for fuel deliveries and to receive email delivery tickets instead. As it stands, every time a fuel truck driver delivers to a home, they are required to provide a "meter stamped" ticket that proves to the customer they received the gallons they're being billed for. However, most meters in the trucks are electronic and linked to the truck's computing system. This means that most customers receive an email immediately. Many customers like receiving an emailed copy over a paper copy because it's faster, easier to keep records, doesn't waste paper and comes directly to them.

With the current computing system so widely used automatically providing a digital receipt, it's redundant for most customers to get both an email and a hard copy ticket. Furthermore, it slows down the delivery system. Most trucks can't move until metered transaction is completed, so drivers are bogged down by inefficiencies as they prepare the paper slip and walk back to the residence in sometimes perilous conditions to deliver the ticket. At a time when it is so essential to have access to heating fuel, efforts to make the system more safe and efficient are pertinent. Additionally, fewer direct interactions between customers and drivers lowers contact points for both parties. This increases workplace safety for the drivers who are going from door to door during the pandemic.

The Maine Energy Marketers Association support changing the law to allow for electronic emailed tickets so that drivers have more efficient fuel routes. The current statute requires the paper delivery ticket, and there is a fine for violating the law. It's an outdated policy that was established in 1973 and needs immediate change.

*Mattie*

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2303

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York

An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Property by Surveillance Cameras

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit the invasion of privacy on property by surveillance cameras. It would provide to persons who claim they are being harassed by unwanted surveillance on neighboring properties legal recourse to stop the harassment.

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of Maine*  
*Senate District 32*

*Senator Susan Deschambault*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
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*Criminal Justice and Public Safety*  
*Committee, Chair*

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

November 1, 2021

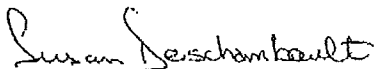
Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you because I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2303, An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Property by Surveillance Cameras**. If accepted, this bill will lawfully prohibit the harassment and invasion of private property by the use of fixed or mounted camera surveillance devices directed toward the aggrieved person's private property.

I consider this bill an emergency because, although the Legislature passed a bill to prohibit the invasion of privacy with the use of aerial surveillance, such as drones, that bill—now law—does not protect against the invasion of privacy by fixed or mounted cameras recording activity on private property. For two years, since one of my constituents first brought this issue to my attention, I have consulted with local and state police, as well as the York County District Attorney Kathryn Slattery, and all parties agree that the current legislation does not resolve this issue. In other words, there is a clear need for a specific prohibition on this particular violation of privacy rights.

If we regulate and restrict the use of fixed or mount surveillance cameras and devices with LR 2303, then we can protect, and strengthen, privacy protections across the State of Maine.

Sincerely,



Susan Deschambault  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2361

PUBLIC SAFETY

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Sponsor: Senator Deschambault of York

An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would establish a program for the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons. The bill would support educational programs providing information on safe homes and safe storage. The bill would designate September as Safe Homes Month in order to spread awareness of the importance of safety in the home. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Grant Program to provide grant funding for persons and entities, including nonprofits and community organizations. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Program Fund.

*130th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 32*

*Senator Susan Deschambault*

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Committee, Chair*

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
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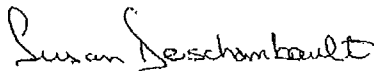
I am writing to you because I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2361, An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program**. If accepted, this bill would have the potential to establish a program for the storage of prescription drugs, firearms, and dangerous weapons. This bill proposes to make funding available for persons to purchase gun storage units with a state grant that would cover a percentage of the cost.

I consider this bill an emergency because, although the Legislature passed LD 1140, An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices, the Legislature must do more to prevent accidental firearm deaths. According to the CDC, the data shows that 163 Mainers died from firearm deaths in 2019. In fact, Maine's firearm mortality rate was 11.5 which is over 6 times the homicide rate in the State of Maine.

In preparation for this upcoming session, I have met with the Department of Public Safety, the Executive Branch, and the Sportsman's Alliance. Everyone agrees that this bill would promote gun safety in the State of Maine. This bill could make Maine the first in the nation to pass a bill and enact a law like this, as the State has been with many other great ideas, laws, and policies.

In sum, LR 2361 would build on the progress the Legislature has made and further promote gun safety and ensure that our children—and others—are safe inside their homes.

Sincerely,



Susan Deschambault  
State Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2181

CORRECTIONS DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Senator Dill of Penobscot

An Act To Allow the Department of Corrections To Dig a Well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would allow the Department of Corrections to dig a well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area on or near the area where the department grows crops for use at the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 5*

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November 1, 2021

**Re: Appealing LR 2181 An Act To Allow the Department of Corrections To Dig a Well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Speaker Fecteau and Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to day to appeal your rejection of LR 2181.

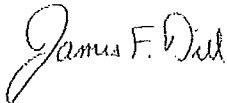
The situation is that the Dept of Corrections is allowed by the Dept of IFW to farm 5 acres of an 8 acre field in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area in Charleston. Currently, they are farming 2.5 acres and have tilled the other 2.5 acres and added nutrients to ready it for planting next year.

The problem is there isn't any water source in the field and, of course, watering the crops significantly increases the yield. The unfortunate issue is that they must haul water from the Correctional Facility over a half mile away to the vegetable plot. During the dry spells the past couple of seasons they were hauling 2500 gallons of water per day in a 500 gallon container. That's 5 trips per day. Then the crops are watered by hand. In the later part of the season they were only using 1000-1200 gallons a day.

The solution is to allow this bill to go forward and, hopefully, it will get passed, allowing a well in the field. Once the well is established, an irrigation system can be installed to water the doubled crop acreage and cut down considerably on the hassles associated with hauling water.

Thank you again for allowing me to appeal in writing and I am willing to appear in person to justify my request.

Sincerely,



Senator Jim Dill

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2395

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

UNFUNDED LIABILITY

Sponsor: Representative Dodge of Belfast

Resolve, To Protect Funding for the State Employee Health Care Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

Current law provides that funds set aside to provide funding to cover the unfunded liability associated with the retiree health care program must be held in an irrevocable trust, but there is no evidence that such a trust has been established. This resolve would instruct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to create such an irrevocable trust and report back to the committee of jurisdiction by January 1, 2023 with a report on the creation of the trust.

Speaker Fecteau,

Please accept this letter as an official appeal of, LR 2395 Resolve, To Protect Funding for the State Employee Health Care Program. I submitted this important bill and believe there must be some confusion as to the intent and the urgent need for this legislation. I hope the Legislative Council will revise their decision and allow this bill to proceed for the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

This bill is an emergency. During deliberations on other bills related to the retired teacher health care program, we learned current state statute required funding to cover the unfunded liability of the state and teacher retiree health care program to be placed into an irrevocable trust. However, there is no evidence such a trust was created. Not only will this Resolve help us attempt to understand the history of the state's efforts to create a trust to protect these funds, but we believe moving the current funding into a trust could save the state significant resources.

My hope with this Resolve is to both understand how we can help move the state forward in creating the trust for these funds, as currently called for in the state law, and also to create a reporting system to make sure this important task is completed.

Thank you for your reconsideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and hope you and your colleagues on the Legislative Council will vote to allow this bill to be considered in the Second Regular Session.

Janice S. Dodge  
State Representative District - 97 Belfast-Northport-Waldo

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Please be advised that anything sent to me in my capacity as a legislator may become a matter of public record, per the Maine Freedom of Access Act [www.maine.gov/foaa](http://www.maine.gov/foaa), which means that other people can ask to read these messages.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2254

LAW ENFORCEMENT

DEADLY FORCE

Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship

An Act To Amend the Composition and Powers of the Deadly Force Review Panel

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would add additional representatives of civil liberties groups to the Deadly Force Review Panel and would authorize the panel to reverse a finding that the use of deadly force was justified.



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Speaker of the House Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council

Dear Council,

I am appealing the rejection of 2 bills as follows:

LR: 2254 An Act To Amend the Composition and Powers of the Deadly Force Review Panel

LR: 2255 An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee

## Rationale:

LR 2254 is a bill that will add three civil liberty members to the Panel in place of three of the law enforcement members. The Panel is currently stacked with 11 out of 15 members who represent law enforcement. This bias has hampered the work of the Deadly Force Review Panel, which has ended up just rubber stamping the "justified" rulings by the Attorney General's Office. Currently, the Attorney General's Office has ruled every police use of deadly force justified, even in cases where the victim was unarmed. The current tabulation in Maine is approximately 190-0, all justified. A state that is unwilling to admit to mistakes is not a functioning democracy. In Maine, the state and police are always right, the people are always wrong. It reminds one of the terrible lessons we learned in George Orwell's "Animal Farm". This bill will bring forth more civilian oversight to this process. The bill will also empower the Panel to rule a police shooting unjustified, a practice that is being adopted today in many other states that are adopting independent civilian police oversight and criminal justice reforms, resulting in accountability that will enhance the public's faith in law enforcement.

LR 2255 is a bill I brought forward because several criminal defense lawyers have told me that several judges are still assessing jail fees as part of a prison or jail sentence. People convicted and sentenced to County jail are already fined and sentenced to jail time. Adding jail costs to the sentence of an incarcerated individual amounts to double jeopardy. An incarcerated individual is already required to pay fines, restitution to victims, and to serve time behind bars. The taxpayers are already funding the jails. Adding jail costs to a sentence just guarantees that the incarcerated individual will never succeed on the outside once released. Fines, restitution, and or jail time are the accepted punishment among the vast majority of judges. However, a couple of judges are still adding jail costs to a sentence, despite the fact that the vast majority of justices no longer use this practice for the reasons I have outlined above.

Respectfully,  
Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2255

JAILS

COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS

Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship

An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would repeal the law authorizing a court to assess a county jail reimbursement fee.



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Respectfully,  
Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2127

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SYSTEM

Sponsor: Senator Farrin of Somerset

An Act Regarding the Authorization of Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws governing the licensing of emergency medical services personnel to clarify the conditions under which an emergency medical services person may render medical services in a hospital or health care facility.



Bradlee T. Farrin  
Senator, District 3

THE MAINE SENATE  
130th Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2127 "An Act Regarding the Authorization of Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel."

This legislation was summited to continue to work on trying to solve the rural healthcare crisis we have in Maine. Last session I worked with the folks from Jackman and others to pass LD 1290 "An Act To Amend the Statement of Purpose of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 To Include Emergency Responses That Do Not Require Transportation." Since then they have discovered an additional language issue that has significant implications for EMS clinicians and clinics operating right now. Here is the description of the issue I received from Dr. Jonnathan Busko who I worked on the prior legislation with.

In 2019, subsection 7 was added to MRS 32 § 85, which reads:

32 M.R.S. § 85(7)

7. Delegation. This chapter may not be construed to prohibit a person licensed as an emergency medical services person from rendering medical services in a hospital setting if those services are:

A. Rendered in the person's capacity as an employee of the hospital; [PL 2019, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

B. Authorized by the hospital; and [PL 2019, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

C. Delegated in accordance with section 2594-A or 3270-A. [PL 2019, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

The intention was to be clear that EMS licensees could also work in non-EMS settings under delegated practice without oversight from MEMS (since they would not be working under their EMS license). Immediately after this went into effect, not only emergency departments but also non-hospital settings such as urgent care centers and clinics across the state hired EMTs and paramedics to augment their clinical staff. In a recent discussion with Maine EMS and the Board of Medicine, there is concern that right now there are dozens of physicians, PAs and EMS licensees working in these non-hospital settings who are unknowingly violating the EMS statute and potentially the delegated practice statute.

We believe this rises to the level of an emergency because if not rectified, this could lead to immediate disciplinary actions up to and including license suspension for these EMS providers, physicians, and PAs.

Here is the proposed language we would like to make to the current legislation.

32 M.R.S. § 85(7)

7. Delegation. This chapter may not be construed to prohibit a person licensed as an emergency medical services person from rendering medical services in a hospital *or other healthcare facility* setting if those services are:

A. Rendered in the person's capacity as an employee *or contracted agent* of the hospital *or healthcare facility*;

B. Authorized by the hospital *or healthcare facility*; and

C. Delegated in accordance with section 2594-A or 3270-A.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Brad Farrin  
State Senator

Transportation Committee \* Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2422

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

MAINE INCENTIVES

Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor

An Act To Retain and Expand Job Opportunities in the Health Care Industry

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would mitigate the loss of health care employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Maine State Legislature  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002*

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
August, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to express my desire to appeal the Legislative Council decision against my two proposals for the second session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

LR 2422 An Act To Retain and Expand Job Opportunities in the Health Care Industry  
and

LR 2463 An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

Both of these proposals address immediate needs facing the state of Maine and I believe warrant consideration by the committees of jurisdiction and the full legislature.

LR 2422 seeks to address the healthcare workforce shortage and issue that appears to be growing daily.

LR 2463 seeks to allow the fees paid by lobstermen to their association to be used to establish a legal defense fund. This would ensure that the lobster industry is able to defend itself in court should the need arise. As you know the industry is currently heading to court and is certainly appreciative of the support the Legislative Council has given. This bill simply seeks to allow the industry to be better prepared in the future with private funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2463

LOBSTERS

INDUSTRY

Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor

An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	Yes	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would create a legal defense fund for the Maine lobster industry, with funding provided through Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative funds and trap tag fees.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2270	Representative Alley, R
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2289	President Jackson, T
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2313	Representative Stover, H



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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2410

SCHOOL POLICIES

EARLY EDUCATION

Sponsor: Representative Gelger of Rockland

An Act To Transition to Publicly Funded Early Childhood Education

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This bill would provide for a study on transitioning to publicly funded, enriched early childhood education in the State.



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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2410, An Act To Transition to Publicly Funded Early Childhood Education.**

This bill would provide for a study on transitioning to publicly funded, enriched early childhood education in Maine.

Children entering school unprepared for learning has long been an issue in Maine, and the pandemic has made this situation worse. In most parts of the state, there is an absolute shortage of affordable quality early education. This prevents children from going to school ready to learn and forces many women out of the workforce during a critical worker shortage.

In order to give all of Maine's children the chance to make the most of their learning years, it is critical that we begin the process of transitioning to a system of publicly funded, quality early childhood education as soon as possible.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valli Geiger".

Valli Geiger  
State Representative

## 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2390

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Sponsor: Representative Gere of Kennebunkport

An Act To Amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would update the membership and staffing of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

In the recent review of bill submissions for the Second Session, the Council rejected LR: 2390 An Act To Amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act. I am writing to appeal this decision. This bill is vital to our ability to conduct the important business of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission (CTPC).

The CTPC plays an important role in surfacing issues to be addressed with the federal executive branch and our congressional delegation, and also provides crucial information and insights for Maine's executive leadership and legislators as we consider the conditions and interests of Maine's workers and businesses. Without the CTPC, we have no organized function focused on studying trade issues.

Since the start of the 130th Legislature, the CTPC has been unable to meet to perform its function. The Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act currently specifies that the CTPC "shall contract for staff support for the commission." Despite extensive efforts by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis (OPLA), we were unable to identify and hire a qualified person to fill the CTPC staff role, which requires a specialized skill set for a very part-time job.

LR: 2390 would amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act to allow OPLA to provide the necessary staff support to the CTPC. This would align the operations of the CTPC with other commissions, allowing the CTPC to utilize OPLA's qualified staff when the legislature is not in session. This administrative change will enable the CTPC to operate smoothly and without the kind of interruption we've experienced this year.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Traci Gere".

Traci Gere  
State Representative

District 9: Biddeford (part), Kennebunk (part) and Kennebunkport

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2506

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN IN NEED OF TREATMENT

Sponsor: Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach

An Act To Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require a thorough examination of the State's behavioral health and mental health care services for children, including but not limited to the implementation of best practices regarding individualized care. It would require implementation of recommendations from both the 2017 and 2020 Center for Children's Law and Policy reports, with an emphasis on ensuring that all children who need behavioral health and mental health care services have individualized plans for treatment in least-restrictive environments, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections and others.



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November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2506, An Act to Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care.**

This legislation is urgent because we in Maine are at crisis levels in our community-based mental health system for children as well as adults. We presently have more than 70 children placed out of state, as well as many others who are incarcerated, awaiting home community treatment, in emergency departments or who have been in residential treatment for longer than six months. These children have a limited window of opportunity to form healthy attachments and develop positive socio-emotional skills, and we are failing them.

This bill would require a thorough examination of Maine's behavioral and mental health care services for children, including but not limited to implementation of best practices regarding individualized care in a least restrictive environment. It would require implementation of recommendations from 2017 and 2020 Center for Children's Law and Poverty reports and emphasize bringing the Departments of Health and Human Services and Corrections along with other stakeholders together to assure appropriate supports are provided to families.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Lori K. Gramlich  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2507

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach

An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access Aftercare School Programs

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would require that all children who are eligible for home community services receive aftercare school programming that meets their individual needs. It would require programs providing services to children diagnosed with disabilities to offer the same opportunities and programs that are available for other children. It would enable families that receive MaineCare vouchers for after-school day care programs to use the vouchers for other aftercare recreation programs whether or not they are affiliated with school districts.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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7 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2507, An Act to Assure Low Income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access Aftercare School Programs.**

Maine families are struggling to access affordable, quality child care. This affects the entire family as well as our workforce and requires our immediate attention as policymakers.

Currently, many children in need of after-school care are able to access such care through programs at their schools, but for children who are covered by MaineCare, this is not always an option. Medicaid vouchers allow for care at daycare facilities but not after-school care programs. Additionally, if a child presents with a learning disability or other special needs, they may or may not be able to access after-school care programming depending on where they live.

This bill would require that all children who are eligible for home community services under MaineCare receive after-school care programming that meets their individualized needs and provides the same opportunities to children diagnosed with disabilities as to other children. It would also require that families with MaineCare vouchers are able to use these vouchers for after-school recreation programs, whether or not the program is affiliated with the child's school district.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori K. Gramlich", written over a horizontal line.

Lori K. Gramlich  
State Representative

District 13: Old Orchard Beach

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2256

PRISONERS

VISITATION

Sponsor: Representative Harnett of Gardiner

An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would protect the attorney-client privilege and the right to adequate counsel by prohibiting the monitoring of communications between inmates of correctional facilities and legal counsel.

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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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7 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2256, An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel.**

This proposal comes at the request of the Executive Director of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. Simply put, this bill addresses, and would prohibit, the taping of or otherwise recording of conversations between attorneys and their clients. This unconstitutional practice is occurring in Maine, and action must be taken to stop it. This bill would also prohibit any interference with written and electronic communication between attorneys and their clients, and require that all courtrooms provide a space where attorneys and their clients can have confidential conversations.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thom Harnett".

Thom Harnett  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2466

SURFACE WATER

LAKES

Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus of Readfield

Resolve, Directing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would direct the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to meet for the purpose of reviewing current practices and to make recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce the threat of further infestations. It would direct the task force to consider how to expedite and improve the process for newly developed herbicide treatments on infected lakes and how to expedite and improve surface use restrictions on infested lakes, as well as assess the feasibility of requiring inspections of boats put into or taken out of at-risk or infested lakes. It would direct the task force to meet as soon as possible and report to the Legislature no later than March 31, 2022 and authorize the committee of jurisdiction to report out a bill.



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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2466, Resolve, Directing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations.**

This is an issue of immediate need in my community as Cobbossee Lake, which rests in the towns of Winthrop, Manchester, Monmouth and West Gardiner, recently discovered it was infested with both Eurasian Water Milfoil and European Frog bit. This is in addition to the Variable Leaf Milfoil found in Annabessacook lake, which rests in the towns of Winthrop and Monmouth, and Androscoggin Lake, which is in Wayne and Leeds.

Community members and stakeholders are working on this issue, and the proposed resolve would go a great way in furthering our efforts.

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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Tavis R. Hasenfus  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2338

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

BOARDS

Sponsor: Representative Hutchins of Penobscot

An Act To Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would promote open school board meetings so that participants cannot be unrealistically limited or shut out of speaking at local meetings. It would also limit executive sessions to 15 minutes so as to not intentionally tire the participants.



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October 27, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR 2338– An Act to Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings”.

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council’s decision whereby LR 2338 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature’s Second Regular Session.

I look forward to addressing Council members’ related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. Thank you for your time.

I am respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherman Hutchins".

Sherman Hutchins  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2171

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CELLULAR PHONES

Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

An Act To Establish a Commission To Study the Health Effects of 5G Cellular Towers

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would establish a commission to examine the health effects of living in close proximity to 5G cellular towers.

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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

### **LR 2171, An Act To Establish a Commission To Study the Health Effects of 5G Cellular Towers**

This bill would establish a task force to examine the health environmental and property value effects of living in close proximity to cellular towers. The 1996 FCC guidelines governing the placement of cellular towers have been deemed as outdated by the Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals in an August, 2021 decision. Because of the rapid rate of construction of cellular towers in Maine it is critical to consider this bill now to give guidance to the many municipalities, including York, who are making decisions about cell tower placements now, and not wait another year.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Hymanson".

Patricia Hymanson

State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2172

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

An Act To Allow Certain Nonresidents Access to Department of Health and Human Services Waiting Lists for Services

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would allow a resident of another state to be placed on a Department of Health and Human Services waiting list for services in Maine if that person meets all other legal requirements for service and that person's legal guardian has been a resident of Maine for at least one year.



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October 27, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2172, An Act To Allow Certain Nonresidents Access to Department of Health and Human Services Waiting Lists for Services**

Being a legal guardian for a family member who is a resident of another state can be an emotionally and financially devastating experience. This bill would allow a resident of another state to be placed on a Department of Health and Human Services waiting list for services in Section 21 and Section 29 in Maine if that person meets all other legal requirements for service and that person's legal guardian has been a resident of Maine for at least one year. The person seeking service would not be given any advantage over in-state residents on the waiting list. There are people in Maine who are dealing with this difficult situation, and it is unfair to ask them to wait another year for relief.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Hymanson".

Patricia Hymanson  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2482

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Sponsor: Representative Hymanson of York

Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would continue the contract for the alternative response program, which the Department of Health and Human Services contracts for in order to serve children at risk for neglect and abuse who do not meet the criteria for Office of Child and Family Services involvement but are still at risk. The contract is due to end in the middle of 2022.



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October 27, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2482, Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program**

This bill would ensure the continuation of services for the Alternative Response Program. This program serves children who have been identified as abused and neglected, but who do not qualify for other programs within DHHS. The Alternative Response is designed to work with the children and their families to prevent further harm. The contract for the Alternative Response Program is due to expire in 2022.

The Office of Children and Family Services has new programs ramping up with federal funds through the Families First Program but hiring for those programs has been slow and there are many empty positions. With that uncertainty, and before the Alternative Response Program expires, it is important to make sure the new programs are staffed so services to these children at risk are not dropped.

I look forward to addressing the Council to discuss this time-sensitive emergency legislation along with Rep. Meyer, House Chair of HHS who prioritized this as first on her list.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Hymanson".

Patricia Hymanson  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2419

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Auburn

An Act Regarding Guaranteed Educational Access Resources for Students

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws regarding the designation of a student who is unable to find a school administrative unit willing to enroll the student and the laws regarding virtual public charter school enrollment and grade levels served by a public charter school in order to enhance educational access during a state of emergency.



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November 1, 2021

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

RE: L.R. 2419, "*An Act Regarding Guaranteed Educational Access Resources for Students*"

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2419 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 at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 632-7619.

Sincerely,

*Laurel Libby*

Laurel D. Libby  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2428

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Auburn

An Act To Clarify Medical Exemption Allowances under State Law

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit schools or employers from adding restrictions to medical exemptions for immunizations.

November 1, 2021

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Re: LR 2428, "An Act to Clarify Medical Exemption Allowances Under State Law

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby LR 2428 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me with any questions at 207-632-7619.

Sincerely,

Laurel Libby  
State Representative

Thanks,

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# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2251

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

DETENTION

Sponsor: Representative Lookner of Portland

An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone Restraints on Youths Held in Department of Corrections Facilities

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would prevent the use of prone restraints on youths held in Department of Corrections facilities.

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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2251, An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone Restraints on Youths Held in Department of Corrections Facilities.**

This bill would prevent the use of prone restraints on youths held in Department of Corrections facilities.

Prone restraint is a method of intervention where a person's face and frontal part of his or her body is pressed against a surface, usually a floor or the ground. This is a potentially fatal maneuver that reduces a person's ability to breathe, and its use on youths in the care of the Department of Corrections should be prohibited in Maine as soon as possible. Events of recent months in which adults have employed these techniques on minors within the Long Creek Youth Development Center demonstrate the particular urgency of considering this legislation. Waiting a year could result in serious injuries or deaths.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grayson Lookner'.

Grayson Lookner  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2165

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Senator Luchini of Hancock

An Act Regarding the Payment of College Athletes

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would implement a policy allowing college athletes to profit from using their names, images and likenesses, prevent colleges and universities, athletic conferences and sports governing bodies from prohibiting such a practice and allow college athletes to obtain representation on such matters.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2120 Representative Brennan, M

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
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November 1, 2021

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2165, An Act Regarding the Payment of College Athletes

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

This bill would ensure that college athletes in Maine are allowed to earn compensation from the usage of their name, image and likeness (NIL). Timely action on this issue is important because of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling. On June 21, 2021, The US Supreme Court ruled in *NCAA v Alston* that NCAA rules restricting certain types of financial benefits to student-athletes violated anti-trust laws. The Court rejected the NCAA's attempts to be immune from anti-trust laws. A summary of this case can be found here: <https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/ncaa-v-alston-case-8094242/>.

Shortly following this ruling, on June 30, 2021, the NCAA approved an interim NIL policy allowing college athletes to be compensated for use of their name, image and likeness. It also allowed college athletes to engage with NIL management companies and agencies.

Because the NCAA has only adopted an interim NIL policy, 29 states expeditiously approved laws to protect the rights of student-athletes. Several other states have active legislation pending. Information about this legislation can be found at <https://businessofcollegesports.com/tracker-name-image-and-likeness-legislation-by-state/>.

Maine should join this effort by considering this piece of legislation in the upcoming session, which would protect the rights of Maine-based college athletes to earn compensation for the usage of their name, image or likeness.

Thank you for your time, and I respectfully ask you to allow this bill to be considered in the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Louie Luchini

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2318

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

Sponsor: Representative Madigan of Waterville

An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked By and Workloads of Child Protective Services Workers

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would set maximum limits on the number of hours child protective services workers may work and drive. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a maximum recommended workload for child protective services workers.



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October 29, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2318: An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked By and Workloads of Child Protective Services Workers.**

This bill would set maximum limits on the number of hours child protective services workers may work and drive. It would also require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a maximum recommended workload for child protective services workers.

Child protective workers have a very difficult job in the best of times, and they are now being given large caseloads and asked to do things like drive children outside of their normal work hours. Conditions for child protective workers are such that we cannot afford to wait another year to deal with their situation. This bill specifically addresses two of the seven recommendations outlined by the recent Casey Family Programs report to the office of Child and Family Services, namely those concerning after hours coverage and workload, and the bill is a priority for the Health and Human Services Committee.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. Madigan".

Colleen Madigan  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2383

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Madigan of Waterville

An Act To Protect MaineCare Recipients from Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit prior authorization requirements and step therapy protocols under the MaineCare program for drugs used to assess or treat a recipient's serious mental illness.



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October 29, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2383, An Act To Protect MaineCare Recipients from Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness.**

This bill would prohibit prior authorization requirements and step therapy protocols under the MaineCare program for drugs used to assess or treat a recipient's serious mental illness.

Pharmaceutical treatment for serious mental illness is constantly evolving and often involves as much art as science. Decisions concerning medication also have to be made and altered on very short notice. All of these factors mitigate heavily against the sort of cookie-cutter approach necessitated by prior authorization and step therapy. A one year delay in dealing with this issue will result in people suffering needless suffering because they are either required to take an ineffective medicine or are prevented from getting a medicine they need.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen M. Madigan".

Colleen Madigan  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

MARINE RESOURCES

LR 2501

SHELLFISH

HARVESTING

Sponsor: Representative Matlack of St. George

An Act To Provide Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs Greater Flexibility in Protecting Restricted Shellfish Growing Areas

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This bill would authorize municipalities and regional shellfish management organizations with state-authorized shellfish management plans to have more control over when and to what extent a shellfish growing area may be harvested. The bill would provide that shellfish growing areas designated Conditionally Restricted must require permission from authorized municipal or regional shellfish management organizations before harvesting can begin and that the shellfish management organization may restrict the area that may be harvested and the extent of the harvesting.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2501, An Act To Provide Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs Greater Flexibility in Protecting Restricted Shellfish Growing Areas.**

This bill would authorize municipalities and regional shellfish management organizations with state-authorized shellfish management plans to have more control over when and to what extent a shellfish growing area may be harvested. The bill would provide that shellfish growing areas designated Conditionally Restricted must require permission from authorized municipal or regional shellfish management organizations before harvesting can begin and that the shellfish management organization may restrict the area that may be harvested and the extent of the harvesting.

Providing local municipalities and shellfish management organizations a voice in determining when Conditionally Restricted areas may be harvested will allow clamming communities to more effectively undertake conservation efforts. Delaying this bill may allow overharvesting or degradation of clam flats and discourage ongoing remediation work.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Higgins Matlack".

Ann Higgins Matlack  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2384

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

TREATMENT

Sponsor: Representative McDonald of Stonington

An Act To Promote Community Health and Safety by Supporting Overdose Prevention Services

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would allow syringe programs certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to operate on a needs-based model. It would eliminate the one-for-one syringe exchange distribution policy. It would provide that any syringe program certified by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may distribute syringe apparatuses based on the stated need of a registered participant.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2469 Senator Baldacci, J



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's rejection of LR 2384, **An Act To Promote Community Health and Safety by Supporting Overdose Prevention Services.**

This legislation is necessary to allow overdose prevention services to operate under best practices to serve their clients. The change is supported overwhelmingly by medical professionals, including The Northern New England Society of Addiction Medicine.

If passed into law, this measure would serve to protect public health and reduce negative health outcomes associated with a one-for-one model of care, including increased transmission of blood borne illness, endocarditis, overdose, among others. In a time when our healthcare system is experiencing increased burden coupled with a staffing crisis, this legislation will promote preventative care that results in fewer hospital visits and decreased medical costs.

This legislation is vital to the health and wellbeing of our neighbors as they face increased vulnerability due to COVID-19 as well as the ongoing overdose death crisis in Maine.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Genevieve McDonald".

Genevieve McDonald  
State Representative

District 134 Cranberry Isles, Deer Isle, Frenchboro, Isle au Haut, North Haven, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swans Island, Tremont and Vinalhaven, plus the unorganized territory of Marshall Island Township

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2341

TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES

PROVISIONS

Sponsor: Representative Meyer of Eliot

An Act To Develop Maine's Workforce and Improve Economic Security for Maine's Families

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would alleviate poverty and bolster the State's workforce by extending the existing 60-month lifetime limit on receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits for those recipients who are enrolled or wish to enroll in a high school equivalency test or English as a second language program, are working at least 35 hours per week but continue to be at or below the federal poverty level and wish to enroll in the Parents as Scholars Program within the Department of Health and Human Services.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2341, An Act To Develop Maine's Workforce and Improve Economic Security for Maine's Families**

This legislation is a direct response to a Department of Health and Human Services report on economic security and opportunity that was significantly delayed. The legislation that directed the belated report also enabled the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee to report out legislation to address its findings but, because of the delay, the committee was not able to do so, rendering LR 2341 necessary.

Maine faces a workforce shortage. The TANF-ASPIRE program, which aims to provide low-income parents with the support and training needed to obtain stable, gainful employment, should be part of the solution. Right now, it is falling short of that goal. LR 2341 reforms ASPIRE in order to enable families with children facing poverty to sustain economic security in the future.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Meyer".

Michele Meyer  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2188

LABOR RELATIONS

ARBITRATION

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

An Act To Enact the Maine Workplace Transparency Act To Regulate Employment Arbitration Agreements

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This bill would regulate employment arbitration agreements by specifying the venue and prohibiting agreements that require the employee to waive the right to assert certain claims or prohibit the employee from participating in a class or collective action against the employer. The bill would allow employees to criticize their employer, protest wages and working conditions and share information in support of such protests. The bill would also allow an employee to use an electronic device during working hours for certain purposes, such as documenting an unfair labor practice.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1519 Senator Miramant, D

*130th Legislature*  
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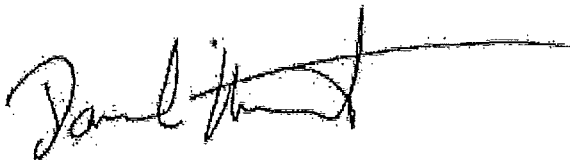
Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Thank you for your consideration of LR 2188, "An Act To Enact the Maine Workplace Transparency Act to Regulate Employment Arbitration Agreements." I urge you and my other colleagues on Legislative Council to please vote "YES" to allow this measure to be considered by the Legislature in the Second Regular Session.

This bill would regulate employment arbitration agreements by specifying the venue and prohibiting agreements that require the employee to waive the right to assert certain claims or prohibit the employee from participating in a class or collective action against the employer. The bill would allow employees to criticize their employer, protest wages and working conditions and share information in support of such protests. The bill would also allow an employee to use an electronic device during working hours for certain purposes, such as documenting an unfair labor practices.

Two important areas are covered by this and reinforce or support other important laws already in statute. First, removing the ability of employers to require that workers sign away rights established by other laws. Second, allowing the recording of illegal labor practices or one-on-one meetings where no witnesses are present and the result of such meeting could result in disciplinary action or termination.

Recording of situations that do not give away trade secrets should be encouraged, not prohibited. This is time sensitive because it's incredibly important to ensure workplace safety and accountability. By allowing employees to rightfully film and record in their workplace, we're ensuring that workers will not face repercussions for documenting discrimination or safety violations. We need to stand with workers. At a time when labor movements are on the rise, we need to ensure that employees can use all the tools at their disposal to ensure accountability and good working environments.



**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2217

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Senator Moore of Washington

An Act To Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would establish statewide residency restrictions for sex offenders similar to residency restrictions municipalities may impose through adoption of ordinances.

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*Health & Human Services Committee*  
*Ranking Member*

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2217, "An Act To Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders."

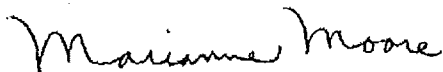
As I stated in my bill request: "Sex offenders must register and maintain that registry either for life, or for the specified amount of time a court decided; however, there is no state restriction in statute to restrict where they live. Municipalities can adopt ordinances concerning where they can live." My bill would require the same residence restrictions across the state.

I submitted the bill after conversations with a young woman who was sexually abused from the ages of 6 to 15 by her mother's boyfriend. He accepted a plea deal to serve 18 months in prison and to be a lifetime registrant on the sex offender list. Since his release in 2012, he's been allowed to continue renting out his trailer park in the Baileyville area, often to single mothers with children. Concerned conversations with his probation officer only resulted in their hands being tied since they can't take away his income bearing trailer park, nor can they control who chooses to live there. My constituent continues to tell her story to schools, on the internet, and was briefly featured on a CBS documentary (*Sex. Consent. Education.*)

Maine is 1 of 20 states that doesn't restrict where sex offenders live. Very few municipalities have "Residency Restriction Ordinances" thus the need for such a Statewide policy.

I ask that you reconsider your decision to not let this legislation move forward. Thank you.

All the Best,



Marianne Moore  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2512

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Moore of Washington

An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would direct new federal money to construct affordable recovery facilities in underserved areas in order to better address the State's suicide and opioid crises.

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,


I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2512, "An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State."

The pandemic has created new and unique problems when it comes to accessing treatment for Mainers suffering from addiction. That is why I submitted LR 2512. Citizens of my district, and those from other areas of rural Maine, already had limited recovery facilities located close to home. The pandemic caused many facilities to close, isolating those suffering and leaving them with a tremendous feeling of helplessness.

There were 504 overdose deaths in 2020. As of August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year there have been 357 overdose deaths, which puts the average monthly number of deaths at 51. The need for increased accessibility to treatment is now more important than ever.

I ask that you reconsider your decision to not let this legislation move forward. Thank you.

All the Best,



Marianne Moore  
State Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2314

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Morales of South Portland

An Act To Reduce Homelessness by Improving the General Assistance Program for Recipients and Landlords

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would increase the maximum level of general assistance to the sum of 110% of the fair market rent as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Thrifty Food Plan as established by the United States Department of Agriculture. It would eliminate provisions of law that are no longer in effect. It would increase the period of eligibility for general assistance for persons receiving housing assistance to 12 months while keeping in place all other program requirements for those individuals. It would also increase the time to appeal a decision regarding general assistance from 5 days to 30 days and the time to appeal a failure to act from 10 days to 60 days.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2471 Senator Baldacci, J

Potential JR 217: LD 1695 Representative Morales, V



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Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

**It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2314, An Act To Reduce Homelessness by Improving the General Assistance Program for Recipients and Landlords.**

Maine is experiencing a housing crisis like never before. For the 20,000 Mainers at risk of experiencing homelessness and the 5,500 Mainers who are experiencing homelessness who do not qualify for Section 8 through HUD or BRAP and Shelter + Care vouchers through DHHS due to immigration status or because they are on the 25,000-household waitlist to receive them, General Assistance is the only potential source of rental payments made directly to the landlord. However, landlords report that General Assistance offers less rent than the three other rental programs in Maine and is not reliable because recipients have to apply every month. The result is that landlords choose not to rent to people with GA, which exacerbates the current homelessness crisis with 400-600 new arrivals to Maine who are living in shelters and motel rooms paid for by GA, which is much more expensive for the State and municipalities on the financial side than paying for apartments and incredibly destabilizing for the families and children currently in the homelessness system.

This bill seeks to align the payments standards and reliability of all of our housing programs, which will be a significant step to more quickly house those currently living in homelessness.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Vuth Morales".

Victoria Morales  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2333

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: Representative Morales of South Portland

An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would prohibit cost sharing by health insurers on behavioral health services, including but not limited to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment. Under the bill, cost sharing would include copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or any other forms of financial obligation of an enrollee other than a premium or share of a premium.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2244 Representative Tepler, D

Potential JR 217: LD 1531 Representative Arford, P



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November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2333, An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers.**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has greatly exacerbated Maine's behavioral health crisis. Families, struggling to live, work and care for their children and seniors during a pandemic, with all of the stress that comes with that, on top of the stress everyone was feeling pre-pandemic, are in need of behavioral health support, which includes mental health and substance use disorder supports. MaineCare does not require co-pays and deductibles for these important services, but employer-based insurance does. For reference, behavioral health co-pays generally cost \$40 per visit and \$160 per month.

For families with a child expressing suicidal ideations, which is common in Maine with suicide being the second most common cause of death in Maine for children ages 10-24, or a parent trying to keep their job while suffering from depression, these costs prohibit folks from accessing these essential services they need to stay healthy. This bill seeks to remove those costs for behavioral health services.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vick Morales".

Victoria Morales  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2325

INSURANCE

LITIGATION

Sponsor: Representative Morris of Turner

An Act To Regulate Litigation Financing

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require a person engaging in a litigation financing transaction to register with the State and would regulate litigation financiers.



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## **Joshua Morris**

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October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR 2325 – "An Act To Regulate Litigation Financing"

It is in my opinion that this bill meets the qualifications as an emergency legislation to be taken up during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature. This bill reforms third-party litigation financing in Maine to facilitate transparency in litigation, and limiting the damage the unregulated world of TPLF has on the fair and efficient administration of justice.

I submitted the request on behalf of constituents who who believe it is a sensible bill. Lawsuits are increasingly being viewed as investment vehicles, degrading our civil justice system. Third-party litigation financing (TPLF) is a growing and extremely concerning trend in our judicial system. TPLF is when an investor helps to finance a lawsuit in which the investor has no personal stake, utilizing outside resources instead of the litigant's own funds.

Litigation Financing in the State of Maine is a matter of statewide concern and certainly needs to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Morris".

Joshua Morris  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2415

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

ANNUITIES SALES

Sponsor: Representative Morris of Turner

An Act To Promote Diversity in Financial Product Offerings by Changing the Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount for Deferred Annuities to 0.15%

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkls	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would change the current minimum nonforfeiture amount for deferred annuities to 0.15%, which is consistent with the amendment to a model act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners adopted in November 2020, in order to promote diversity in offerings of financial products for residents of the State by ensuring the continued viability of deferred annuities products.



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October 29, 2021

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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR: 2415 "An Act To Promote Diversity in Financial Product Offerings by Changing the Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount for Deferred Annuities to 0.15%"

It is in my opinion that this bill meets the qualifications as an emergency legislation to be taken up during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The purpose of the legislation would be to amend Maine's statute to comport with the NAIC's 2020 amendment.

The proposed legislation pertains to an NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) Model Act: NAIC Model 805 – Standard Non-forfeiture Law for Individual Deferred Annuities. Maine adopted the Model Act which is codified at 24-A M.R.S.A. sections 2542-2551. The NAIC adopted an amendment to its Model Act in the fall of 2020.

I submitted the request on behalf of constituents who who believe it is a sensible bill. The proposed legislation is both time-sensitive and is a matter of statewide concern and certainly needs to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Morris".

Joshua Morris  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2136

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative O'Connell of Brewer

Resolve, To Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkís	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This resolve would require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to review the work practices and treatment of pharmacists and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2136, Resolve, To Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists.**

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in Maine are overworked and experiencing burnout. I have heard privately from pharmacy personnel who are frustrated with their working conditions but fear retaliation from their employers should they speak out.

This resolve would require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to review the work practices and treatment of pharmacists and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin Joseph Martin O'Connell".

Kevin J. M. O'Connell  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2446

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

SUBSIDIES

Sponsor: Representative O'Neil of Saco

An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would create a fund to assist public high school students enrolled in college courses through an early college program with purchasing textbooks.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2446, An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses**.

This bill will ensure that high school students will be able to access early college classes regardless of ability to purchase expensive college textbooks. The Legislature has made funds available for qualifying students to take college credits while they are still in high school. This is a great opportunity for Maine students. However, unlike for regular high school classes, students enrolled in college courses must purchase their textbooks. A local student brought to my attention that textbook costs are a barrier to more students accessing the program. In partnership with the Department of Education, this bill would create a fund for textbook costs so that students who are not able to purchase textbooks will still be able to take advantage of the program.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie O'Neil".

Maggie O'Neil

State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2477

BUSINESS PRACTICES

DATA COLLECTION

Sponsor: Representative O'Neil of Saco

An Act To Protect the Privacy of Maine Residents

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would protect Maine residents' sensitive and personally identifying information.

Potential JR 217:	LD 1714	Senator Keim, L
Potential JR 217:	LD 1720	Representative O'Neil, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 1655	Representative O'Neil, M



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Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2477, **An Act To Protect the Privacy of Maine Residents.**

This bill will close a gap in consumer protection law by protecting Maine people against unwanted collection and sale of sensitive personal information. I developed this project over the last year with input from consumer protection experts, including faculty at the University of Maine School of Law. Public opinion polls consistently find strong support among Americans for privacy rights in law to protect their personal information. Most recently, a poll from Morning Consult suggested that nearly nine in 10 voters support protecting their most sensitive personal information. This legislation will meet the charge to protect Mainers.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie O'Neil".

Maggie O'Neil  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2487

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative O'Neil of Saco

An Act Regarding Board of Environmental Protection Review of Projects of Statewide Significance

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would amend the laws regarding the Board of Environmental Protection's review of projects of statewide significance.



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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and members of Legislative Council:

It is my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2487, An Act Regarding Board of Environmental Protection Review of Projects of Statewide Significance.**

This bill would ensure that projects of statewide significance are reviewed by the Board of Environmental Protection. Currently, the Board is tasked with reviewing such projects. Clarification will ensure that the board fulfills its important role in protecting Maine people and our climate resilience.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie O'Neil".

Maggie O'Neil  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2392

MARIJUANA

ADULT USE

Sponsor: Representative Perry of Bangor

An Act To Allow for a Standard Deviation in Potency for the Manufacturing of Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would enact provisions to allow for a standard deviation in potency for the manufacturing of adult use edible marijuana products.



**Joe Perry**

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November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

LR 2392, An Act To Allow for a Standard Deviation in Potency for the Manufacturing of Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products

This proposed legislation would allow for a standard deviation in potency for the manufacturing of adult use edible marijuana products, setting low and high end limits on the standard deviation which is important for both manufacturers and consumers.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Perry".

Joseph Perry

State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

TAXATION

LR 2393

SALES AND USE TAX

ITEMS TAXED

Sponsor: Representative Perry of Bangor

An Act To Modernize Maine's Rental Vehicle Industry and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkls	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This bill would make the 10% sales tax imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals applicable to any type of rented vehicle and establish a central rental fleet vehicle registration and excise tax payment system.



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November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

LR 2393, An Act To Modernize Maine's Rental Vehicle Industry and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles

Maine's short-term vehicle rental laws have fallen out of step with other states, are cumbersome to comply with and are costing Maine revenue. This proposed legislation identifies some of the biggest problems affecting the vehicle rental industry and proposes streamlined, revenue-raising solutions.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Perry".

Joseph Perry  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2479

MARIJUANA

ADULT USE

Sponsor: Representative Perry of Bangor

An Act To Modernize Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Laws

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would allow certain marijuana store licensees and cultivation facility licensees to deliver adult use marijuana throughout the State, including to municipalities that have not adopted an ordinance authorizing the operation of a marijuana establishment.



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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

LR 2479, An Act To Modernize Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Laws

This proposed legislation would allow certain marijuana store licensees and cultivation facility licensees to deliver adult use marijuana in Maine, including among towns that have not adopted an ordinance authorizing the operation of a "brick and mortar" adult use marijuana establishment.

I look forward to addressing the Council on November 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Perry".

Joseph Perry  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2404

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

MINORS

Sponsor: Representative Poirier of Skowhegan

An Act To Expand Working Hours for Minors

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Poullot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would expand the time frame within which minors are allowed to work. For those under 16 years of age, it would expand permitted working hours to from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the school year and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. during vacations and would allow 5 hours per day on school days, 20 hours per week during the school week and 40 hours per week during vacation with a maximum of 8 hours per day. For those who are 16 and 17 years of age, it would expand working hours to 11 p.m. on a day before a school day and 32 hours per week during the school week.



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## Jennifer L. Poirier

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October 26, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 26, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR 2404 – "An Act To Expand Working Hours for Minors"

It is in my opinion that this bill meets the qualifications as an emergency legislation to be taken up during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature. I believe extending working hours will benefit the student and area businesses through the triumphs we are all seeing during this pandemic.

I submitted the request on behalf of constituents who own and operate small hospitality businesses. I have had many conversations with parents and school administrators who believe it is a sensible bill.

The topic and consideration of expanding working hours for minors in the State of Maine is a matter of statewide concern and certainly needs to be addressed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Poirier".

Jennifer L. Poirier  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2137

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

TAVERNS

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot of Kennebec

An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would allow bars that have an occupancy of 30 or fewer persons to have only one bathroom.

*130th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
*Senate District 15*

*Senator Matthew G. Pouliot*  
*Assistant Republican Leader*  
*3 State House Station*  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2137 "An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom."

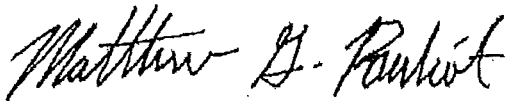
This legislation was submitted to help small business owners who may want to run a bar. Currently, the fire marshal determines how many individuals are allowed to be inside an establishment based on square footage. No matter the size of a bar, there needs to be two bathrooms and they take up a significant amount of space.

Under this legislation, any establishment with an occupancy of 30 or fewer people would need only one handicap accessible unisex bathroom. With our limited real estate stock and for those who want to run a smaller bar, this legislation would be extremely helpful.

Any time we can help small business owners in Maine and have fewer regulations, I believe it is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2138

BUSES

EQUIPMENT

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot of Kennebec

An Act To Allow Organizations Other Than Schools To Have Yellow Buses with Red Flashing Lights and Stop Signs

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

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Comment

This bill would allow organizations other than schools to have yellow buses with red flashing lights and stop signs.

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*130th Legislature*  
**Senate of Maine**  
*Senate District 15*

*Senator Matthew G. Pouliot*  
*Assistant Republican Leader*  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

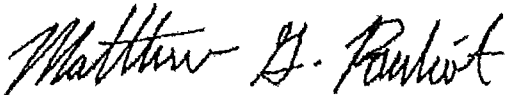
I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2138 "An Act To Allow Organizations Other Than Schools To Have Yellow Buses with Red Flashing."

I submitted this legislation after I was contacted by a constituent who drives a bus to pick-up children for Sunday school. He let me know that it is currently illegal for anyone to run a school bus unless you paint it a different color other than yellow, and remove all the flashing lights and stop sign. He has had some close calls as of late when picking up children and it would be helpful if he was allowed to use the safety features that come with a school bus.

Any time it comes to our attention that things can be approved to keep children safe, we should be looking into what can be done. I agree with my constituent and believe that he should be able to use the safety features that come with a school such as flashing lights, a stop sign etc. It should not matter if a child is getting on a bus to go to Sunday school, camp or to school, they should all be kept equally safe.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2154

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPECIAL PLANS

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot of Kennebec

An Act Regarding the Expansion of the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Civilian Employees of the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory and Computer Crimes Unit

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkls	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

### Comment

This bill would make application of the 1998 special retirement plan retroactive to the beginning of state service for those civilian employees of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit employed at the time of the expansion of the 1998 special retirement plan to those employees pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 474.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2287 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2288 Senator Diamond, B

*130th Legislature*  
**Senate of Maine**  
*Senate District 15*

*Senator Matthew G. Pouliot*  
*Assistant Republican Leader*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
*Office: (207) 287-1505*  
*Matt.Pouliot@legislature.maine.gov*

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2154 "An Act Regarding the Expansion of the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Civilian Employees of the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory and Computer Crimes Unit."

This legislation was submitted after I was contacted by a constituent who currently works at the computer crimes lab here in Maine. This past session LD 1101 passed. This legislation put computer crimes analysts/crime lab employees into a special retirement plan, but did not account for any retroactive time for currently employees, the law was only for new employees who start in 2022.

I agree with the employees who currently work at the crime lab that they should fall under the same rules as new employees being hired and should be able to retire after 25 year of service. These jobs are very challenging and take a lot of energy and all employees should be offered the same retirement plan.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2214

LICENSING

ENGINEERS

Sponsor: Senator Poullot of Kennebec

An Act Regarding the Novel Engineering Journeyman Training Program

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Poullot	Yes

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

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Comment

This bill would recognize the Novel Engineering journeyman training program as meeting a requirement for work in the field.

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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

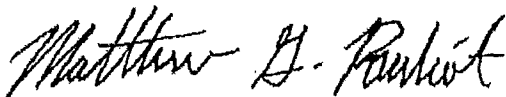
I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR: 2214 "An Act Regarding the Novel Engineering Journeyman Training Program."

This legislation was submitted after I was contacted by the parent of a student who can no longer attend Eastern Maine Community College as a result of COVID restrictions. The student transferred to the Novel Engineering Training Program for journeyman. When transferring to the program at Novel Engineering the student learned it was going to take four years in the field instead of two to become a journeyman. This legislation would recognize the Novel Engineering in statue so it would take students two years to meet the requirement.

The Novel Engineering program is an online program. In this day of COVID, and individuals having to quarantine, I think it is important that an online program be recognized to meet the two year requirement for journeyman. Maine currently has a shortage of individuals going into the trades and we need to make every opportunity possible for an individual to be available to do so. Having to wait four years because the student is not in a community college program is something that needs to be looked at immediately, as not all students can be in the classroom with the current state of affairs.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2229

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Senator Pouliot of Kennebec

Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This resolve would address the State's direct access worker shortage.

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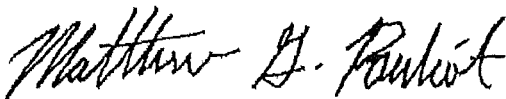
I am writing today to appeal to the Legislative Council to reconsider LR 2229 "Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage." Maine is facing a critical shortage of direct access workers, including nurses, drug counselors, health home workers, and more. Just this week it was announced that one of the few drug and alcohol detoxification centers outside of the Portland area is closed for the foreseeable future due to staffing shortages. The closure comes as drug overdoses have skyrocketed in 2021, and as health care facilities across the state are struggling to stay fully staffed.

We cannot afford to lose a single person who is ready, able, and qualified to work on the front lines. Under Maine law, however, people who have criminal records with certain crimes that immediately disqualify them from working as a direct access worker are being excluded from the workforce, regardless of the changes they have made in their lives since being convicted of the crime or whether the crimes would have any bearing on their ability to do the job.

An immediate disqualification for some crimes is of course reasonable. However, I was surprised to learn from the Maine Recovery Advocacy Project that people in recovery are disqualified for up to ten years from working as a drug counselor, although they have completed the requirements to become licensed and have entered sustained recovery, if they have been charged with certain crimes. This is concerning as people in recovery are often in the best place to aid others with substance use disorder to find and stay on their own path to recovery and we are in desperate need of more counselors.

This bill seeks to expand the people available to work as a direct access worker and address some of the workforce shortage we see in Maine. I hope you will reconsider your decision and approve LR 2229 Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage to be heard during the emergency session.

Sincerely,



Matthew Pouliot  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2309

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

EDUCATION TECHNICIANS

Sponsor: Senator Rafferty of York

An Act To Increase Student Learning Potential through the Use of High-Impact Tutoring

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	Yes

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

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Comment

*This bill would require the use of so-called high-impact tutoring to improve education outcomes, including by increasing learning by 3 to 15 months across grade levels.*

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*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 34*

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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2309 "An Act To Increase Student Learning Potential"**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

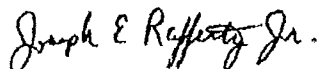
Students across America are falling behind. Maine is no exception. Nearly sixty percent of fourth graders are not proficient in math while nearly two-thirds are not proficient in reading. These numbers are worse among eighth graders. Research shows that high-impact tutoring is one of the most effective ways to quickly improve education outcomes, in some cases by increasing learning by three to fifteen months across grade levels.

The Maine Legislature has done a lot for students in recent months, but at this moment we have to consider Maine students who may have fallen behind during pandemic learning. For many young students this was their first experience with school at any capacity. As a retired teacher who has substituted several times during this pandemic, I can tell you firsthand just how difficult pandemic learning has been for some students.

One year is all it takes to set a student back drastically. Implementing high-impact tutoring in Maine is critical at this moment to ensure we are doing all we can to help Maine students develop a well-rounded education and stay on track to graduate.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Rafferty

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2336

BUSINESS PRACTICES

DATA COLLECTION

Sponsor: Senator Rafferty of York

An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poullot	Yes

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

### Comment

This bill would give consumers greater control over the collecting and use of data, including the right to know if a company is collecting personal data; the right to access that data; the right to opt out of having data collected; the right to demand that stored data be deleted or corrected; and the right to nondiscrimination.

Potential JR 217:	LD 1714	Senator Kelm, L
Potential JR 217:	LD 1720	Representative O'Neil, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 1655	Representative O'Neil, M

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*Joe.Rafferty@legislature.maine.gov*

October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2336, "An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data"**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

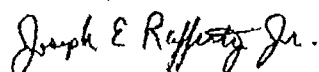
It's no secret that the internet has taken over the way we buy things in many different forms. We can buy things online, we can make mobile purchases, and so forth. While the internet economy continues to grow, our data privacy laws remain stagnant. When we make purchases online, loads of data is collected by several companies. Our constituents, deserve to know more about where their data is stored and how it's being used. Even more, they deserve to have some control over their data instead of none at all.

Most of the data economy underpinning products and services is invisible to shoppers. As your data gets passed around between countless third parties, there aren't just more companies profiting from your data, but also more possibilities for your data to be leaked or breached in a way that causes actual harm. T-Mobile, for instance, recently suffered a data breach that affected at least 40 million people, some of who had never even had a T-Mobile account.

LR 2336 would give consumers greater control over the collection and use of data. This includes the right to know if a company is collecting personal data, the right to access that data, the right to opt-out of having their data collected, the right to demand that stored data be deleted or corrected, and a consumer right to nondiscrimination.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Rafferty

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2426

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

LOAN COMPANIES

Sponsor: Senator Rafferty of York

An Act To Establish the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would create a lending agency, the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank, to support infrastructure projects while sustaining itself by recouping funding from the economic benefits the projects create.

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 34*

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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2426, "An Act to Establish the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank"**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

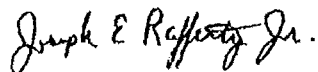
Dear Speaker Fecteau and honorable members of Legislative Council,

Maine's infrastructure is in desperate need of attention. We have to preemptively address this issue before it's too late. The costs of waiting far outweigh the costs of taking action now. Our state's own Climate Action Plan released last December estimated that every \$1 invested in pre-disaster risk reduction avoids \$6 in disaster damages. If there were time to wait, we could hedge our bets. But the data is clear that much of Maine's infrastructure is a ticking time bomb. According to data from the Federal Highway Administration, Maine's bridges are in worse conditions than almost every other state, with close to 13 percent of our bridges in poor condition. Maine's bridges are in worse conditions than almost every other state with nearly 13 percent of our bridges in poor condition, according to data from the Federal Highway Administration. Only five states rank worse than Maine in bridge conditions.

To make matters worse, much of our infrastructure is one flood away from disaster. It is avoidable. An article from Bangor Daily News found that nearly a quarter of Maine's infrastructure facilities, such as utilities, hospitals and emergency services, are already at risk of disabling floods and that the threat will continue to grow the longer we wait to act. The article identifies Gardiner, Yarmouth, Bath, Rockland, Bangor, Skowhegan and Old Town as having a 50 percent or higher risk of infrastructure flooding right now, more than double the state average. This bill would create a state "infrastructure bank" that would essentially be a lending agency that supports infrastructure projects while sustaining itself by recouping funding from the economic benefits the projects create. LR 2426 is one way we can address this problem now and for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Joe Rafferty

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2234

STATE AGENCIES

EXECUTIVE DEPT

Sponsor: Representative Rielly of Westbrook

An Act To Amend the Authorizing Statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service To Incorporate the Maine Climate Corps and Address Climate Challenges

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would amend the authorizing statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service to incorporate a climate corps authorized to address climate challenges.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## **Morgan Rielly**

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October 27, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2234, An Act To Amend the Authorizing Statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service To Incorporate the Maine Climate Corps and Address Climate Challenges**

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session. During the last session, the Legislature unanimously passed LD 722 which directs Volunteer Maine (the Maine Commission for Community Service) to study and develop the Maine Climate Corps (MCC). MCC is reliant on federal funding, and this bill proposal ensures that the program becomes a permanent part of Volunteer Maine's duties long-term.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Morgan Rielly".

Morgan Rielly  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2185

RECREATION

WATERCRAFT

Sponsor: Representative Sachs of Freeport

An Act To Require the Use of Mufflers on Airboats

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require the use of mufflers on airboats.

Potential JR 217:

LD 89

Representative Sachs, M



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October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

LR 2185, An Act To Require the Use of Mufflers on Airboats

This bill is the result of two years of work by the Airboat Stakeholder Group, which was empowered by the Legislature to recommend legislation. It is supported by every airboat operator and resident representative of this working group, as well as the departments of IF&W and DMR. It is critical to address this issue in the upcoming session to give those members of our working waterfront time to become aware of the requirement and to modify their watercraft during the down season (late winter/early spring).

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie".

Melanie Sachs  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2407

PUBLIC HEALTH

DISEASE CONTROL

Sponsor: Representative Sampson of Alfred

An Act To Promote Government Accountability for Maine's COVID-19 Recovery

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkls	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would provide for the consideration and examination of legislative findings regarding nursing home deaths, COVID-19 death counts, polymerase chain reaction tests and asymptomatic spread along with corresponding legislative actions directly associated with policies and practices implemented to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2019 to the present.



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## Heidi H. Sampson

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October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR: 2407 "An Act To Promote Government Accountability for Maine's COVID-19 Recovery".

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby LR 2407 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi H. Sampson".

Heidi H. Sampson  
State Representative

District 21 Alfred / Limerick (Part) / Newfield / Parsonsfield (Part) / Shapleigh (Part)

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER  
TREATMENT

LR 2409

Sponsor: Representative Sampson of Alfred

Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	Yes	Poullot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities.



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October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR: 2409 "Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities".

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby LR 2409 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Heidi H. Sampson  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2413

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Sampson of Alfred

An Act To End the Public Health Emergency

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Poullot	Yes

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

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Comment

This bill would end the public health emergency declared by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services on July 1, 2021.

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October 29, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR: 2413 "An Act To End the Public Health Emergency".

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby LR 2413 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Heidi H. Sampson  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2364

HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Senator Sanborn of Cumberland

Resolve, To Identify and Report Prescription Drugs with Unsupported Price Increases

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This resolve would direct the Maine Health Data Organization to compile and publicize information regarding prescription drugs, both patented and generic, that have excessive unsupported price increases in the prior year. It would combine last session's reports of the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services regarding Legislative Document 675 and Legislative Document 1117.

*130th Legislature*  
***Senate of***  
***Maine***  
*Senate District 28*

*Senator Heather Sanborn*  
*3 State House Station*  
*Augusta, ME 04333-0003*  
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October 28, 2021

**Re: Appeal of the Legislative Council's decision on LR 2364, "Resolve, To Identify and Report Prescription Drugs with Unsupported Price Increases"**

Honorable Ryan Fecteau  
Speaker of the House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

The cost of prescription medication is out of control and that it's hurting Mainers. That's why we as Maine legislators have prioritized efforts over the past few years to require additional insurance coverage for costly prescriptions, cap out-of-pocket costs, and require drug manufactures to be more transparent in their pricing. Though we have made progress, our work is far from over. We should use every lever that is available to us as a state to try to drive down costs.

One lever that we are not yet using to its fullest extent is our ability to "name and shame" drug makers who are engaging in price gouging or are increasing the price of their existing drugs without a clearly supported rationale. We have passed extensive rules regarding the collection of data from drug makers and PBMs, but we have not yet done enough with that data once it is received. One of the next steps we should take immediately is to direct the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) to compile and publicize data on prescription drugs which have had unsupported price increases in the prior year. By getting this information out to the public in a usable format, we can better "name and shame" the companies who are engaging in predatory pricing behavior. Lowering prescription costs is an urgent matter. We cannot afford to delay the use of this data that may help deter future price increases and help drive down costs.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to vote to allow this bill to be considered during the coming legislative session.

Sincerely,



Senator Heather Sanborn

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

LR 2461

BUSINESS PRACTICES

RESTAURANTS

Sponsor: Representative Sheehan of Biddeford

An Act To Support Restaurants In the State through Service Charge Revenues

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would specify that restaurant owners may collect service fees, which must be distributed to the employees in the form of compensation, including, for example, as wages, health insurance or retirement plan contributions. It would specify that restaurant owners must make it clear that the service fees are not gratuities.

October 31, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2461 An Act To Support Restaurants in the State through Service Charge Revenues**

This bill would amend the language in 2-B of Maine's minimum wage law to make clear that restaurants and not just "banquets and private clubs" may apply service charges to help them compensate employees at or above the rates required by law.

Many of Maine's restaurants are still struggling to stay afloat in the wake of pandemic-related revenue losses. To make matters more difficult, labor costs are skyrocketing as restaurants compete to recruit and retain employees while, at the same time, the cost of goods is increasing due to supply chain difficulties.

Section 2-B's silence on restaurants exposes operators to legal liability: in the past, the provision has been interpreted as a prohibition on restaurants charging service fees, but in more recent times, the Department of Labor seems to have relaxed that interpretation. We need to clarify the law so our restaurants can react with confidence to the challenges they face today.

I'm eager to address the Council to discuss this proposal and to clarify the need to include it as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Erin Sheehan  
State Representative

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INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS  
INDUSTRIES  
MOTOR VEHICLES

LR 2125

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act To Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would exempt motor vehicle dealers that sell fewer than 50 vehicles each year from the requirement that such dealers maintain an established place of business with a display area of at least 5,000 square feet.



Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
Senator, District 2

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2125, *An Act To Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements*.

I submitted this bill after hearing from a small business in my district that serves as an auto body shop and car dealership. The business has been around for more than twenty years and due to a new interpretation of statute on lot size requirements, this business is in jeopardy losing their permit. For businesses such as my constituent's that sells cars on the side, a 5'000 square foot display location seems like a lot. This bill would exempt motor vehicle dealers that sell fewer than 50 vehicles each year from the requirement that such dealers maintain an established place of business with a display area of at least 5,000 square feet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Trey Stewart

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JUDICIARY

LR 2129

ACTIONS

INITIATING LAWSUITS

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act Regarding Persons Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Poulliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would eliminate the ability of parents who have lost parental rights to sue the persons who were caring for the child at the time the parents' rights were terminated.



Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
Senator, District 2

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2129, *An Act Regarding Persons Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated*.

This legislation would eliminate the ability of parents who have lost parental rights to sue the persons who were caring for the child at the time the parents' rights were terminated. Currently, individuals caring and providing for children whose parents are serving sentences are at risk of having to pay child support to the parent if that child is returned once the parent's sentence is complete. This sounds strange, but is a reality under Maine statute and something I strongly believe must be fixed if we are going to expect people to continue stepping up to provide for other individuals children while they are in jail for wrongdoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart".

Senator Trey Stewart

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2269

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

GRANDPARENTS

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act To Guarantee Grandparents the Right to Visitation with Their Grandchildren

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would guarantee grandparents the right to visitation with their grandchildren.



Harold "Trey" Stewart III  
Senator, District 2

130<sup>th</sup> MAINE SENATE

3 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

November 1, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision rejecting my second session bill, LR 2269, *An Act To Guarantee Grandparents the Right to Visitation with Their Grandchildren*.

During my service in the State Legislature, I frequently hear from concerned and distraught grandparents who desperately want a relationship with their grandchildren. Maine law gives incredible deference to parents, and in some cases, the children suffer. I know that the legislature has considered bills concerning this topic in the past, but I believe we should do so again.

Grandparents offer a link to a child's cultural heritage, and research done by the Cleveland Clinic has shown kids who get to spend a lot of time with their grandparents tend to have fewer emotional and behavioral problems. We should be doing all we can to foster strong relationships between children and grandparents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Stewart", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Trey Stewart

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2447

MARIJUANA

COMMERCIAL

Sponsor: Representative Supica of Bangor

An Act To Remove a Significant Administrative Burden from Maine Marijuana Businesses That Use the State's Marijuana Tracking System

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would remove a significant administrative burden from the State's marijuana businesses that use the State's marijuana tracking system without affecting the State's ability to monitor and track marijuana and marijuana products. It would allow cultivated marijuana to be tracked by canopy, or a certain area of marijuana plants, and allow multiple marijuana products or items to be included in a single package and tracked by one tracking system tag.



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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2447, An Act To Remove a Significant Administrative Burden from Maine Marijuana Businesses That Use the State's**

There is rulemaking happening currently regarding how adult use marijuana is tracked and traced and there is an opportunity to greatly simplify the statute while still protecting the public. Without this legislation, the rulemaking will go forward without this fix.

This bill would remove a significant administrative burden from the State's marijuana businesses that use the State's marijuana tracking system without affecting the State's ability to monitor and track marijuana and marijuana products. It would allow cultivated marijuana to be tracked by canopy, or a certain area of marijuana plants, and allow multiple marijuana products or items to be included in a single package and tracked by one tracking system tag.

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,

State Representative  
Laura Supica

District 126 Bangor (part)

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2372

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

PROVISIONS REVISED

Sponsor: Representative Sylvester of Portland

An Act To Establish a Worker and Employer Bill of Rights

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would establish a worker and employer bill of rights that would establish farm workers as employees; increase the state minimum wages for food workers; and provide grant support to small business food employees.

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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

### **LR 2372, An Act To Establish a Worker and Employer Bill of Rights**

Employers throughout the state of Maine have had difficulty finding employees as the economy has re-opened. As has been widely discussed both in the media as well as in the Labor and Housing Committee is the effect of higher wages and improved working conditions on workforce recruitment and retention. LR 2372 is an effort to access Federal and private funds to provide grants which will help small employers raise their wages and codify the wage and worker rights. It is a win-win for both employers and employees..

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

Respectfully,

State Representative  
Mike Sylvester

District 39: Portland (part)

Sincerely,

Rep. Mike Sylvester  
District 39

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

LABOR AND HOUSING

LR 2421

WORKERS COMPENSATION

BENEFITS

Sponsor: Representative Sylvester of Portland

An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

### Comment

This bill would repeal the law repealing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 201, subsection 3-A, paragraph B, which provides that law enforcement officers, firefighters, corrections officers, E-9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency medical services persons diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from extraordinary and unusual work stress must be paid compensation and furnished medical and other services by an employer that has assented to be subject to the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.



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November 1,, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair

Legislative Council

7 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2421, An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-911  
Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post  
Traumatic Stress Disorder**

In the 128th Legislature, then Assistant Majority Leader Jared Golden passed a bill into law which allowed a presumption in the worker's compensation laws for first responders. Since that passage, several other groups have been added to this statute. The original bill called for a study of the effects of this statute upon costs, case loads, etc, in January 2022, for the committee of jurisdiction to be authorized to submit legislation acting upon that report and for the bill to sunset if it is found to no longer be necessary or helpful.

As the House Chair of the Labor and Housing Committee, I submitted LR 2421 as that enacting legislation.

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

Respectfully,

State Representative  
Mike Sylvester

District 39: Portland (part)

## 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

### Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2244

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: Representative Tepler of Topsham

An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for COVID-19-related Mental Health Treatment

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Poullot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would require insurance carriers regulated by the State to cover all federally designated evidence-based mental health treatment for children in response to the mental health crisis among children caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2333 Representative Morales, V



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November 1, 2021

Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I am making an appeal to reconsider the Legislative Council's rejection of the following bill:

**LR 2244: An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for COVID-19-related Mental Health Treatment**

Firstly, the title assigned to this bill is confusing and does not truly reflect the intention of the policy. The bill is NOT for COVID-19 related Mental Health Treatment. It seeks to tweak our mental health parity law, especially for children — to create more specificity in what *must* be covered by state regulated health insurance carriers. It is, however, made more urgent by the mental health crisis that the COVID-19 pandemic has created.

I have heard from practitioners, including our own Rep. Colleen Madigan of Waterville, that certain treatments, considered evidence-based by the Federal government, are being rejected for coverage by carriers. I want to be certain that carriers provide coverage for children who are being treated with all methodologies that are considered evidence-based, such as multi-systemic treatments.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) maintains a resource center which provides lists and information regarding evidence-based practice, which is accessible here: <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource-search/ebp>. It is absolutely critical that access to quality mental health services be improved at this time, especially for children. This bill provides a small tweak to help with that process.

I look forward to speaking with the Council to discuss this proposal, answer any questions you may have, and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

Denise Tepler  
State Representative

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2148

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin

An Act To Preserve the Freedom and Rights of the People of the State of Maine Regarding Vaccinations

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would give the people of the State of Maine the right to make their own health care choices regarding vaccinations.

Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2147	Senator Kelm, L
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2149	Senator Farrin, B
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2150	Senator Pouliot, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2162	Senator Guerin, S
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2170	Senator Sanborn, H

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
*Maine*  
*Senate District 22*

*Senator Jeff Timberlake*  
*Senate Republican Leader*  
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October 29, 2021

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Speaker Fecteau and Members of the Legislative Council:

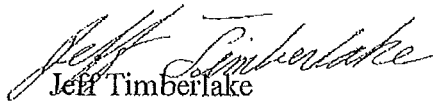
This letter serves as a formal appeal of the Council's decision to reject LR 2148, "*An Act To Preserve the Freedom and Rights of the People of the State of Maine Regarding Vaccinations*," for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature. The need to address this issue now is paramount to maintaining a first class healthcare system.

Rest assured that my proposal in no way discourages the COVID-19 vaccination. I do not argue with the efficacy of the vaccination along with the recently approved booster. I strongly believe, however, as do many in this state, that personal freedom and choice supersede the state mandate for healthcare workers that is now in force. It is not our place to question why a person may hesitate to inject a substance in their body. Reasons such as religion, medical, philosophical, etc., are not our business. Some would argue the vaccine is not preventing the virus and, thus, not effective, as the state and nation have been told for months. Our fundamental right to make the decision regarding vaccines should be upheld.

I look forward to the opportunity to address the Council in person at the next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Timberlake  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2394

AIR QUALITY

POLLUTANT STANDARDS

Sponsor: Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin

An Act To Prevent the Prohibition of the Use of Refrigerants

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	Yes	Pouliot	Yes

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

Comment

This bill would specify that the use of refrigerants may not be prohibited if the refrigerants are listed as acceptable under the federal Clean Air Act and the equipment is listed and installed in accordance with the conditions of use imposed by that act.

*130th Legislature*  
*Senate of*  
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October 29, 2021

The Honorable Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Speaker Fecteau and Members of the Legislative Council:

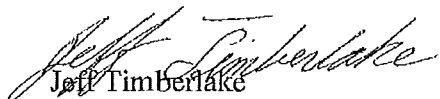
This letter serves as a formal appeal of the Council's decision to reject LR 2394, "*An Act To Prevent the Prohibition of the Use of Refrigerants*," for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Earlier this year LD 226, "An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change," was signed into law. This bill, combined with the federal American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (2020), will put into place regulations phasing down the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) in certain types of equipment – commercial refrigeration (supermarket systems), chillers, and stationary air conditioners. Building codes in Maine do not currently allow for the next generation, low global warming potential refrigerants to be used. The prohibitions on HFCs go into effect as soon as January 1, 2022 for commercial refrigeration systems, January 1, 2024 for chillers, and January 1, 2025 for air conditioners. These deadlines mean it is critically important the building codes in Maine are updated in 2022 to allow for the transition to alternate refrigerants to begin on time. Without the code update, manufacturers will not be able to comply with Maine's or EPA's forthcoming regulations. There will not be compliant equipment available until the code update takes place. Further, Maine will not be able to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions that result from phasing down HFCs until the codes are updated to allow the transition to take place.

I look forward to the opportunity to address the Council in person at the next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Timberlake  
State Senator

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2246

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

An Act Requiring Local Approval of the Machias Causeway Replacement Project

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	No	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would stipulate that, prior to the Department of Transportation's moving forward with a plan to alter the Machias causeway, a majority of the voters in the Town of Machias and a majority of the voters in the Town of Marshfield must approve the project in ballot referenda in each municipality to occur not later than a date designated for the primary election in June 2022.

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October 27, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write this letter to appeal the result of the October 25, 2021 Legislative Council decision for my bill request LR 2246 "An Act Requiring Local Approval of the Machias Causeway Replacement Project".

As you know the project on Route 1 in Machias is very controversial and draws a mix of opinions and debate. I feel the only way to move forward one way or the other is to have a local referendum on the issue as part of the process.

I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered.  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Tuell".

William Tuell  
State Representative

District 139 . Cutler, East Machias, Eastport, Lubec, Machias, Machiasport, Roque Bluffs and Whiting, plus the unorganized territory of Trescott Township

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2424

MARIJUANA

MEDICAL

Sponsor: Representative Williams of Bar Harbor

An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency

Fecteau	No	Jackson	Yes
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	Yes	Timberlake	Yes
Stetkis	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would make changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to make the law clearer and more specific, reduce the need for interpretation in rulemaking and protect against administrative overreach. It would require public access to sales data related to the State's medical marijuana program transactions, which will provide important information about the size and impact of the industry.



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October 26, 2021

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
c/o Office of the Revisor  
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State House Room 108  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my intention to appeal the Council's 5-5 rejection of **LR 2424, An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency.**

LR 2424 is a medical marijuana bill that I submitted to be considered as part of this year's legislative session. I realize that multiple medical marijuana bills were submitted to the Legislative Council this year, but I believe that LR 2424 is the only one that offers some detail about what lawmakers ought to be seeking from the Office of Marijuana Policy's upcoming rulemaking.

During this past session, I worked diligently with a committee of folks who had concerns about the set of rules submitted last spring by the OMP. The resulting bill, LD 1242, was sponsored by five Democrats, four Republicans and one Independent Libertarian. That bill passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 117-25 in the House and was not roll-called in the Senate. Its success has allowed our coalition to follow up through the submission of LR 2424, in which we now move from halting problematic rulemaking to affirmatively seeking better parameters as the OMP prepares to restart the rulemaking process. This is a timely and time-sensitive effort to provide proper follow-through and ensure the Legislature does not abdicate its role in setting good policy.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 18 to discuss this proposal and to clarify its need for inclusion as emergency legislation for the upcoming session.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynne Williams", written in a cursive style.

Lynne Williams  
State Representative

District 135: Bar Harbor, Lamoine and Mount Desert

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2174

UTILITIES

PROVIDERS

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

An Act Regarding Public Utility Investments

Fecteau	No	Jackson	No
Dunphy	No	Vitelli	No
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	No
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Poullot	No

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

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Comment

This bill would require that a public utility make investments that ensure the reliability and maintenance of that public utility.

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Rep. Ryan Fecteau, Chair

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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

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

**LR 2174, An Act Regarding Public Utility Investments.**

This bill would require that a public utility make investments that ensure the reliability and maintenance of that public utility. Public utilities should be responsible to their ratepayers and the public, but some appear more concerned with providing a greater return for their investors. With frequent fall and winter storms that lead to prolonged power outages, it is time for the state to require public utilities have a reliable and well-maintained infrastructure to serve ratepayers.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

S. Paige Zeigler  
State Representative

**130th Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2322

TOXIC SUBSTANCES

CHEMICALS

Sponsor: Representative Zeigler of Montville

An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Waste Facilities

Fecteau	Yes	Jackson	No
Dunphy	Yes	Vitelli	Yes
Talbot Ross	Yes	Daughtry	Yes
Dillingham	No	Timberlake	No
Stetkls	No	Pouliot	No

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

Comment

This bill would require the treatment of leachate from active, state-owned waste disposal facilities to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the extent feasible with available technology prior to its shipment to a wastewater treatment facility. It would require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to establish the technology requirements, ensuring the implementation of the requirements within 3 years, and for the monitoring of the efficacy of the installed system.

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**LR 2322, An Act to Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Waste Facilities.**

This bill would require the treatment of leachate from active, state-owned waste disposal facilities to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the extent feasible with available technology prior to its shipment to a wastewater treatment facility. It would require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to establish the technology requirements, ensuring the implementation of the requirements within 3 years, and for the monitoring of the efficacy of the installed system.

As we have become acutely aware following the contamination throughout Fairfield and elsewhere in Maine, PFAS is a group of man-made chemicals that are extremely persistent— meaning that once released they are not going to breakdown – earning them the moniker of “forever chemicals.”

Currently, the leachate from Juniper Ridge is processed by a facility releasing into the Penobscot River. The impact of this on the river and its fish has been of significant concern. We must ensure that our state-owned landfill follows best practices for disposing of its leachate, and that means ensuring it is appropriately treated for PFAS, either onsite or at a specialized facility. Federal funds were recently secured in the FY22 Interior Appropriations bill to install a specialized treatment system for PFAS waste at the Anson-Madison wastewater facility which could potentially meet this need.

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,

S. Paige Zeigler  
State Representative

# PART 8

# 130th Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Appealed Bill Requests

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#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

##### CORRECTIONS DEPT

###### POWERS

LR: 2181      Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act To Allow the Department of Corrections To Dig a Well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area  
Comment:      This bill would allow the Department of Corrections to dig a well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area on or near the area where the department grows crops for use at the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

##### CRIMES

###### ENDANGERING

LR: 2224      Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child  
Comment:      This bill would increase the class of crime of endangering the welfare of a child if a person's reckless violation of the duty of care or protection of a child results in the death or serious injury of that child.

##### CRIMES

###### SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2217      Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington  
Title:          An Act To Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders  
Comment:      This bill would establish statewide residency restrictions for sex offenders similar to residency restrictions municipalities may impose through adoption of ordinances.

##### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

###### SYSTEM

LR: 2127      Sponsor: Senator Farrin, B of Somerset  
Title:          An Act Regarding the Authorization of Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws governing the licensing of emergency medical services personnel to clarify the conditions under which an emergency medical services person may render medical services in a hospital or health care facility.

##### JAILS

###### COUNTY REIMBURSEMENTS

LR: 2255      Sponsor: Representative Evangelos, J of Friendship  
Title:          An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee  
Comment:      This bill would repeal the law authorizing a court to assess a county jail reimbursement fee.

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#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

##### **JUVENILE OFFENDERS**

###### **DETENTION**

LR: 2251      Sponsor: Representative Lookner, G of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone Restraints on Youths Held in Department of Corrections Facilities  
Comment:      This bill would prevent the use of prone restraints on youths held in Department of Corrections facilities.

##### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

###### **DEADLY FORCE**

LR: 2254      Sponsor: Representative Evangelos, J of Friendship  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Composition and Powers of the Deadly Force Review Panel  
Comment:      This bill would add additional representatives of civil liberties groups to the Deadly Force Review Panel and would authorize the panel to reverse a finding that the use of deadly force was justified.

##### **PRISONERS**

###### **VISITATION**

LR: 2256      Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel  
Comment:      This bill would protect the attorney-client privilege and the right to adequate counsel by prohibiting the monitoring of communications between inmates of correctional facilities and legal counsel.

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#### EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

##### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

###### POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

LR: 2165      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          An Act Regarding the Payment of College Athletes  
Comment:      This bill would implement a policy allowing college athletes to profit from using their names, images and likenesses, prevent colleges and universities, athletic conferences and sports governing bodies from prohibiting such a practice and allow college athletes to obtain representation on such matters.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2120      Representative Brennan, M

##### EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

###### CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2419      Sponsor: Representative Libby, L of Auburn  
Title:          An Act Regarding Guaranteed Educational Access Resources for Students  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws regarding the designation of a student who is unable to find a school administrative unit willing to enroll the student and the laws regarding virtual public charter school enrollment and grade levels served by a public charter school in order to enhance educational access during a state of emergency.

##### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

###### BOARDS

LR: 2338      Sponsor: Representative Hutchins, S of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act To Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings  
Comment:      This bill would promote open school board meetings so that participants cannot be unrealistically limited or shut out of speaking at local meetings. It would also limit executive sessions to 15 minutes so as to not intentionally tire the participants.

##### SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

###### SUBSIDIES

LR: 2446      Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco  
Title:          An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses  
Comment:      This bill would create a fund to assist public high school students enrolled in college courses through an early college program with purchasing textbooks.

##### SCHOOL PERSONNEL

###### EDUCATION TECHNICIANS

LR: 2309      Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York  
Title:          An Act To Increase Student Learning Potential through the Use of High-impact Tutoring  
Comment:      This bill would require the use of so-called high-impact tutoring to improve education outcomes, including by increasing learning by 3 to 15 months across grade levels.

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#### **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

##### **SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

##### **EDUCATION TECHNICIANS**

##### **SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

##### **TRAINING**

LR: 2327      Sponsor: Representative Blume, L of York  
Title:            An Act To Encourage Climate Change Education in Maine Public Schools  
Comment:       This bill would provide funding for professional development for educators on climate science in accordance with Next Generation Science Standards and to support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate change education. It would also provide funding for districts and schools to partner with community organizations to deliver place-based climate education programming.

##### **SCHOOL POLICIES**

##### **EARLY EDUCATION**

LR: 2410      Sponsor: Representative Geiger, V of Rockland  
Title:            An Act To Transition to Publicly Funded Early Childhood Education  
Comment:       This bill would provide for a study on transitioning to publicly funded, enriched early childhood education in the State.

##### **SCHOOL POLICIES**

##### **MEDICAL**

LR: 2173      Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford  
Title:            An Act Regarding the Application of Antimicrobial Agents by School Facilities Staff  
Comment:       This bill would continue to exempt applications of general use antimicrobial agents in schools from certification and licensing requirements.

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### AIR QUALITY

###### POLLUTANT STANDARDS

LR: 2394 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin

Title: An Act To Prevent the Prohibition of the Use of Refrigerants

Comment: This bill would specify that the use of refrigerants may not be prohibited if the refrigerants are listed as acceptable under the federal Clean Air Act and the equipment is listed and installed in accordance with the conditions of use imposed by that act.

##### COASTAL AREAS

###### INTERTIDAL LANDS

LR: 2417 Sponsor: Representative Babbidge, C of Kennebunk

Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands

Comment: This bill would establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands to investigate common practices regarding intertidal lands, to investigate the past and current legal status of intertidal lands, to investigate past and current recreational and commercial uses, to listen to citizens with various perspectives, to determine the appropriate relationship between citizens and intertidal lands going forward and to make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters during the 131st Legislature.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD

###### POWERS

LR: 2487 Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco

Title: An Act Regarding Board of Environmental Protection Review of Projects of Statewide Significance

Comment: This bill would amend the laws regarding the Board of Environmental Protection's review of projects of statewide significance.

##### GROUND WATER

###### AQUIFERS

LR: 2434 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers

Comment: This bill would establish a state mechanism to protect communities that have entered into an agreement with a company to extract water if there is significant risk to the sustainability of an aquifer. It would also create a reporting system for the State and communities to monitor the health of aquifers.

##### SURFACE WATER

###### LAKES

LR: 2466 Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus, T of Readfield

Title: Resolve, Directing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations

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#### ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### SURFACE WATER

###### LAKES

Comment: This resolve would direct the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to meet for the purpose of reviewing current practices and to make recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce the threat of further infestations. It would direct the task force to consider how to expedite and improve the process for newly developed herbicide treatments on infected lakes and how to expedite and improve surface use restrictions on infested lakes, as well as assess the feasibility of requiring inspections of boats put into or taken out of at-risk or infested lakes. It would direct the task force to meet as soon as possible and report to the Legislature no later than March 31, 2022 and authorize the committee of jurisdiction to report out a bill.

#### TOXIC SUBSTANCES

##### CHEMICALS

LR: 2322 Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville

Title: An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Waste Facilities

Comment: This bill would require the treatment of leachate from active, state-owned waste disposal facilities to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the extent feasible with available technology prior to its shipment to a wastewater treatment facility. It would require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules to establish the technology requirements, ensuring the implementation of the requirements within 3 years, and for the monitoring of the efficacy of the installed system.

#### WATER QUALITY

##### NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION

LR: 2464 Sponsor: Representative Copeland, L of Saco

Title: Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Water Quality of Saco Bay and To Determine Pollution Sources

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force to study the water quality of Saco Bay, identify sources of pollution in the bay and develop recommendations to remove or lessen those sources with the overall goal of improving water quality and increasing access to recreational and economic activity in the bay.

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#### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

##### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

###### RENEWABLE RESOURCES

LR: 2473      Sponsor: Representative Cuddy, S of Winterport  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Maine Citizens Benefit from Renewable Energy Generation Projects by Establishing Job Quality and Hiring Standards  
Comment:      This bill would attach job quality and hiring equity standards to renewable energy generation projects in the State that are over 2 megawatts in size.  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1231      Representative Cuddy, S

##### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

###### PROCEDURES

LR: 2122      Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham  
Title:          An Act To Prohibit a Regulated Utility from Disconnecting Service to a Designated Public Safety Facility without 60 Days' Advance Notice  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit a regulated utility from disconnecting a designated public safety facility without 60 days' advance notice in writing, as well as the written permission of both the Department of Public Safety and the Public Utilities Commission.  
  
LR: 2124      Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham  
Title:          An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Specify the Percentage Increase or Decrease in the Delivery Portion of an Electricity Customer's Bill in All Communications Relating to Delivery Rate Adjustments  
Comment:      This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to specify the percentage increase or decrease in the delivery portion of an electricity customer's bill in all communications relating to delivery rate adjustments.

##### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

###### CELLULAR PHONES

LR: 2171      Sponsor: Representative Hymanson, P of York  
Title:          An Act To Establish a Commission To Study the Health Effects of 5G Cellular Towers  
Comment:      This bill would establish a commission to examine the health effects of living in close proximity to 5G cellular towers.

##### UTILITIES

###### PROVIDERS

LR: 2174      Sponsor: Representative Zeigler, S of Montville  
Title:          An Act Regarding Public Utility Investments  
Comment:      This bill would require that a public utility make investments that ensure the reliability and maintenance of that public utility.

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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

###### LOAN COMPANIES

LR: 2426 Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York  
Title: An Act To Establish the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank  
Comment: This bill would create a lending agency, the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank, to support infrastructure projects while sustaining itself by recouping funding from the economic benefits the projects create.

##### FINANCIAL PRACTICES

###### ANNUITIES SALES

LR: 2415 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner  
Title: An Act To Promote Diversity in Financial Product Offerings by Changing the Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount for Deferred Annuities to 0.15%  
Comment: This bill would change the current minimum nonforfeiture amount for deferred annuities to 0.15%, which is consistent with the amendment to a model act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners adopted in November 2020, in order to promote diversity in offerings of financial products for residents of the State by ensuring the continued viability of deferred annuities products.

#### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

##### DELIVERY

LR: 2136 Sponsor: Representative O'Connell, K of Brewer  
Title: Resolve, To Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists  
Comment: This resolve would require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to review the work practices and treatment of pharmacists and report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

#### HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION

##### PROCEDURES

LR: 2364 Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title: Resolve, To Identify and Report Prescription Drugs with Unsupported Price Increases  
Comment: This resolve would direct the Maine Health Data Organization to compile and publicize information regarding prescription drugs, both patented and generic, that have excessive unsupported price increases in the prior year. It would combine last session's reports of the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services regarding Legislative Document 675 and Legislative Document 1117.

#### INSURANCE

##### HEALTH INSURANCE

LR: 2244 Sponsor: Representative Tepler, D of Topsham

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#### HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

##### INSURANCE

###### HEALTH INSURANCE

Title: An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for COVID-19-related Mental Health Treatment

Comment: This bill would require insurance carriers regulated by the State to cover all federally designated evidence-based mental health treatment for children in response to the mental health crisis among children caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2333 Representative Morales, V

LR: 2333 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers

Comment: This bill would prohibit cost sharing by health insurers on behavioral health services, including but not limited to mental health care and substance use disorder treatment. Under the bill, cost sharing would include copayments, coinsurance, deductibles or any other forms of financial obligation of an enrollee other than a premium or share of a premium.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2244 Representative Tepler, D

Potential JR 217: LD 1531 Representative Arford, P

LR: 2433 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Expand the Scope of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

Comment: This bill would make participants in the municipal firefighter and county and municipal law enforcement officer retirement program eligible for the State's group health plan.

##### INSURANCE

###### LITIGATION

LR: 2325 Sponsor: Representative Morris, J of Turner

Title: An Act To Regulate Litigation Financing

Comment: This bill would require a person engaging in a litigation financing transaction to register with the State and would regulate litigation financiers.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2280 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection

Comment: This bill would establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection. The office would be an independent state agency and would be responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct or illegal activity by public and private entities involved with or responsible for the care of children.

LR: 2482 Sponsor: Representative Hymanson, P of York

Title: Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program

Comment: This resolve would continue the contract for the alternative response program, which the Department of Health and Human Services contracts for in order to serve children at risk for neglect and abuse who do not meet the criteria for Office of Child and Family Services involvement but are still at risk. The contract is due to end in the middle of 2022.

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### CHILDREN IN NEED OF TREATMENT

LR: 2506 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care

Comment: This bill would require a thorough examination of the State's behavioral health and mental health care services for children, including but not limited to the implementation of best practices regarding individualized care. It would require implementation of recommendations from both the 2017 and 2020 Center for Children's Law and Policy reports, with an emphasis on ensuring that all children who need behavioral health and mental health care services have individualized plans for treatment in least-restrictive environments, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections and others.

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### COORDINATION OF SERVICES

LR: 2493 Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services by Providing a Pay Increase to Intensive Case Managers

Comment: This bill would provide a pay increase for all intensive case managers who work for the State, commensurate with the recent increases given to child protective services case managers and supervisors.

LR: 2507 Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach

Title: An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access Aftercare School Programs

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Comment: This bill would require that all children who are eligible for home community services receive aftercare school programming that meets their individual needs. It would require programs providing services to children diagnosed with disabilities to offer the same opportunities and programs that are available for other children. It would enable families that receive MaineCare vouchers for after-school day care programs to use the vouchers for other aftercare recreation programs whether or not they are affiliated with school districts.

##### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

###### PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)

LR: 2291 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws

Comment: This bill would add to the definitions of "serious harm" and "jeopardy" in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act reference to one or more adults in the home who have been previously convicted of any crime of violence, including but not limited to Class D domestic violence assault, without documented proof of successful completion of a state-certified batterers' intervention program. It would similarly amend the laws regarding protection orders and guardianship of minors to provide guidance to the court in ordering protection orders and appointing guardians.

LR: 2318 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked By and Workloads of Child Protective Services Workers

Comment: This bill would set maximum limits on the number of hours child protective services workers may work and drive. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a maximum recommended workload for child protective services workers.

##### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

###### ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2314 Sponsor: Representative Morales, V of South Portland

Title: An Act To Reduce Homelessness by Improving the General Assistance Program for Recipients and Landlords

Comment: This bill would increase the maximum level of general assistance to the sum of 110% of the fair market rent as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Thrifty Food Plan as established by the United States Department of Agriculture. It would eliminate provisions of law that are no longer in effect. It would increase the period of eligibility for general assistance for persons receiving housing assistance to 12 months while keeping in place all other program requirements for those individuals. It would also increase the time to appeal a decision regarding general assistance from 5 days to 30 days and the time to appeal a failure to act from 10 days to 60 days.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### GENERAL ASSISTANCE

###### ADMINISTRATION

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2471 Senator Baldacci, J  
Potential JR 217: LD 1695 Representative Morales, V

#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

##### POWERS

LR: 2413 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred  
Title: An Act To End the Public Health Emergency  
Comment: This bill would end the public health emergency declared by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services on July 1, 2021.

#### HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

##### MAINE INCENTIVES

LR: 2422 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor  
Title: An Act To Retain and Expand Job Opportunities in the Health Care Industry  
Comment: This bill would mitigate the loss of health care employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

##### DELIVERY

LR: 2148 Sponsor: Senator Timberlake, J of Androscoggin  
Title: An Act To Preserve the Freedom and Rights of the People of the State of Maine Regarding Vaccinations  
Comment: This bill would give the people of the State of Maine the right to make their own health care choices regarding vaccinations.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2147 Senator Keim, L  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2149 Senator Farrin, B  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2150 Senator Pouliot, M  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2162 Senator Guerin, S  
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2170 Senator Sanborn, H

LR: 2172 Sponsor: Representative Hymanson, P of York  
Title: An Act To Allow Certain Nonresidents Access to Department of Health and Human Services Waiting Lists for Services  
Comment: This bill would allow a resident of another state to be placed on a Department of Health and Human Services waiting list for services in Maine if that person meets all other legal requirements for service and that person's legal guardian has been a resident of Maine for at least one year.

LR: 2215 Sponsor: Senator Bennett, R of Oxford

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### HEALTH CARE SERVICES

###### DELIVERY

Title: An Act To Provide for a Religious Exemption from All Vaccine Mandates

Comment: This bill would allow a person to refuse to get vaccinated for religious reasons.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2374 Representative Perkins, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2499 Representative Greenwood, R

Potential JR 217: LD 833 Representative Kinney, M

LR: 2428 Sponsor: Representative Libby, L of Auburn

Title: An Act To Clarify Medical Exemption Allowances under State Law

Comment: This bill would prohibit schools or employers from adding restrictions to medical exemptions for immunizations.

LR: 2512 Sponsor: Senator Moore, M of Washington

Title: An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State

Comment: This bill would direct new federal money to construct affordable recovery facilities in underserved areas in order to better address the State's suicide and opioid crises.

##### HOMELESS PERSONS

###### SERVICES

LR: 2471 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act To Assist Communities in Dealing with Homelessness by Providing State Funding

Comment: This bill would direct that all costs incurred by a municipality related to homelessness that are not currently funded through an existing grant appropriation be funded at 100% by the State upon request and documentation by the municipality for each year it seeks funding.

Potential JR 217: LD 1695 Representative Morales, V

##### MEDICAID

###### MAINECARE

LR: 2229 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage

Comment: This resolve would address the State's direct access worker shortage.

LR: 2383 Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville

Title: An Act To Protect MaineCare Recipients from Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness

Comment: This bill would prohibit prior authorization requirements and step therapy protocols under the MaineCare program for drugs used to assess or treat a recipient's serious mental illness.

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

###### DELIVERY

LR: 2470      Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot  
Title:          Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections To Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls  
Comment:      This resolve would direct the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections to establish a response team composed of professionals who are not members of law enforcement agencies to respond to mental health and substance use disorder emergency calls.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

##### DISEASE CONTROL

LR: 2407      Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred  
Title:          An Act To Promote Government Accountability for Maine's COVID-19 Recovery  
Comment:      This bill would provide for the consideration and examination of legislative findings regarding nursing home deaths, COVID-19 death counts, polymerase chain reaction tests and asymptomatic spread along with corresponding legislative actions directly associated with policies and practices implemented to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2019 to the present.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

##### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

LR: 2361      Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York  
Title:          An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program  
Comment:      This bill would establish a program for the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons. The bill would support educational programs providing information on safe homes and safe storage. The bill would designate September as Safe Homes Month in order to spread awareness of the importance of safety in the home. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Grant Program to provide grant funding for persons and entities, including nonprofits and community organizations. The bill would establish the Safe Homes Program Fund.

#### SMOKING

##### TOBACCO PRODUCTS

LR: 2261      Sponsor: Representative Cloutier, K of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program  
Comment:      This bill would restore funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program at the level provided in fiscal year 2020-21.  
Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 1423      Representative McCreight, J

#### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

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#### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

###### TREATMENT

LR: 2384 Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington

Title: An Act To Promote Community Health and Safety by Supporting Overdose Prevention Services

Comment: This bill would allow syringe programs certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to operate on a needs-based model. It would eliminate the one-for-one syringe exchange distribution policy. It would provide that any syringe program certified by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention may distribute syringe apparatuses based on the stated need of a registered participant.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2469 Senator Baldacci, J

LR: 2409 Sponsor: Representative Sampson, H of Alfred

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities

Comment: This resolve would establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities.

LR: 2469 Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot

Title: An Act Regarding Syringe Exchange Programs

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a syringe exchange program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Representative McDonald, G

##### TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES

###### PROVISIONS

LR: 2341 Sponsor: Representative Meyer, M of Eliot

Title: An Act To Develop Maine's Workforce and Improve Economic Security for Maine's Families

Comment: This bill would alleviate poverty and bolster the State's workforce by extending the existing 60-month lifetime limit on receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits for those recipients who are enrolled or wish to enroll in a high school equivalency test or English as a second language program, are working at least 35 hours per week but continue to be at or below the federal poverty level and wish to enroll in the Parents as Scholars Program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

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#### **INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS**

##### **BUSINESS PRACTICES**

##### **DATA COLLECTION**

LR: 2336      Sponsor: Senator Rafferty, J of York  
Title:          An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data  
Comment:      This bill would give consumers greater control over the collecting and use of data, including the right to know if a company is collecting personal data; the right to access that data; the right to opt out of having data collected; the right to demand that stored data be deleted or corrected; and the right to nondiscrimination.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 1714    Senator Keim, L  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1720    Representative O'Neil, M  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1655    Representative O'Neil, M

LR: 2477      Sponsor: Representative O'Neil, M of Saco  
Title:          An Act To Protect the Privacy of Maine Residents  
Comment:      This bill would protect Maine residents' sensitive and personally identifying information.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 1714    Senator Keim, L  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1720    Representative O'Neil, M  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1655    Representative O'Neil, M

##### **BUSINESS PRACTICES**

##### **RESTAURANTS**

LR: 2461      Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford  
Title:          An Act To Support Restaurants in the State through Service Charge Revenues  
Comment:      This bill would specify that restaurant owners may collect service fees, which must be distributed to the employees in the form of compensation, including, for example, as wages, health insurance or retirement plan contributions. It would specify that restaurant owners must make it clear that the service fees are not gratuities.

##### **BUSINESS PRACTICES**

##### **SALES**

LR: 2258      Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Allow Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets  
Comment:      This bill would allow customers to opt out of paper delivery tickets and receive e-mail tickets instead.

##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

##### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

LR: 2390      Sponsor: Representative Gere, T of Kennebunkport  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act

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##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

###### **INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Comment: This bill would update the membership and staffing of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

##### **INDUSTRIES**

###### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

LR: 2125 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements

Comment: This bill would exempt motor vehicle dealers that sell fewer than 50 vehicles each year from the requirement that such dealers maintain an established place of business with a display area of at least 5,000 square feet.

##### **LICENSING**

###### **ENGINEERS**

LR: 2214 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act Regarding the Novel Engineering Journeyman Training Program

Comment: This bill would recognize the Novel Engineering journeyman training program as meeting a requirement for work in the field.

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#### INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

##### RECREATION

##### WATERCRAFT

LR: 2185      Sponsor: Representative Sachs, M of Freeport

Title:            An Act To Require the Use of Mufflers on Airboats

Comment:      This bill would require the use of mufflers on airboats.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 89      Representative Sachs, M

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#### JUDICIARY

##### ACTIONS

###### INITIATING LAWSUITS

LR: 2129 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act Regarding Persons Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated

Comment: This bill would eliminate the ability of parents who have lost parental rights to sue the persons who were caring for the child at the time the parents' rights were terminated.

##### DOMESTIC RELATIONS

###### GRANDPARENTS

LR: 2269 Sponsor: Senator Stewart, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Guarantee Grandparents the Right to Visitation with Their Grandchildren

Comment: This bill would guarantee grandparents the right to visitation with their grandchildren.

##### HUMAN RIGHTS

###### PRIVACY

LR: 2303 Sponsor: Senator Deschambault, S of York

Title: An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Property by Surveillance Cameras

Comment: This bill would prohibit the invasion of privacy on property by surveillance cameras. It would provide to persons who claim they are being harassed by unwanted surveillance on neighboring properties legal recourse to stop the harassment.

##### PROBATE

###### GUARDIANS

LR: 2141 Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston

Title: An Act To Safeguard the Privacy of Individuals Applying for Guardianship in Probate Court

Comment: This bill would provide that information regarding individuals who apply for guardianship in Probate Court is not public information.

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

###### MINORS

LR: 2404      Sponsor: Representative Poirier, J of Skowhegan  
Title:          An Act To Expand Working Hours for Minors  
Comment:      This bill would expand the time frame within which minors are allowed to work. For those under 16 years of age, it would expand permitted working hours to from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the school year and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. during vacations and would allow 5 hours per day on school days, 20 hours per week during the school week and 40 hours per week during vacation with a maximum of 8 hours per day. For those who are 16 and 17 years of age, it would expand working hours to 11 p.m. on a day before a school day and 32 hours per week during the school week.

##### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

###### PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2372      Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Establish a Worker and Employer Bill of Rights  
Comment:      This bill would establish a worker and employer bill of rights that would establish farm workers as employees; increase the state minimum wages for food workers; and provide grant support to small business food employees.

#### HOUSING

##### REGULATION

LR: 2249      Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Provide Personal Mailboxes to All Tenants of Multiple-dwelling Houses  
Comment:      This bill would require a house with more than one dwelling to be equipped with a mailbox for each tenant.

#### HOUSING

##### RENTAL

LR: 2516      Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland  
Title:          Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing  
Comment:      This resolve would study discrimination in so-called Section 8 rental housing.

#### LABOR RELATIONS

##### ARBITRATION

LR: 2188      Sponsor: Senator Miramant, D of Knox  
Title:          An Act To Enact the Maine Workplace Transparency Act To Regulate Employment Arbitration Agreements

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### ARBITRATION

Comment: This bill would regulate employment arbitration agreements by specifying the venue and prohibiting agreements that require the employee to waive the right to assert certain claims or prohibit the employee from participating in a class or collective action against the employer. The bill would allow employees to criticize their employer, protest wages and working conditions and share information in support of such protests. The bill would also allow an employee to use an electronic device during working hours for certain purposes, such as documenting an unfair labor practice.

Potential JR 217: LD 1519 Senator Miramant, D

##### LABOR RELATIONS

###### MEDIATION

LR: 2400 Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title: An Act To Create the Logging Contractor Relations Program

Comment: This bill would create the logging contractor relations program.

#### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

##### SPECIAL PLANS

LR: 2154 Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec

Title: An Act Regarding the Expansion of the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Civilian Employees of the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory and Computer Crimes Unit

Comment: This bill would make application of the 1998 special retirement plan retroactive to the beginning of state service for those civilian employees of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit employed at the time of the expansion of the 1998 special retirement plan to those employees pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 474.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2287 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2288 Senator Diamond, B

#### STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

##### UNFUNDED LIABILITY

LR: 2395 Sponsor: Representative Dodge, J of Belfast

Title: Resolve, To Protect Funding for the State Employee Health Care Program

Comment: Current law provides that funds set aside to provide funding to cover the unfunded liability associated with the retiree health care program must be held in an irrevocable trust, but there is no evidence that such a trust has been established. This resolve would instruct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to create such an irrevocable trust and report back to the committee of jurisdiction by January 1, 2023 with a report on the creation of the trust.

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#### LABOR AND HOUSING

##### WORKERS COMPENSATION

###### BENEFITS

LR: 2421      Sponsor: Representative Sylvester, M of Portland

Title:          An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Comment:      This bill would repeal the law repealing the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 201, subsection 3-A, paragraph B, which provides that law enforcement officers, firefighters, corrections officers, E-9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency medical services persons diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from extraordinary and unusual work stress must be paid compensation and furnished medical and other services by an employer that has assented to be subject to the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

##### WORKERS COMPENSATION

###### PROCEDURES

LR: 2465      Sponsor: Representative Copeland, L of Saco

Title:          An Act To Protect Access to Workers' Compensation Benefits

Comment:      This bill would clarify requirements regarding notification by doctors to employers of the discussion of illness or injury with a patient under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

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#### MARINE RESOURCES

##### LOBSTERS

##### INDUSTRY

LR: 2463 Sponsor: Representative Faulkingham, B of Winter Harbor

Title: An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry

Comment: This bill would create a legal defense fund for the Maine lobster industry, with funding provided through Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative funds and trap tag fees.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2270 Representative Alley, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2289 President Jackson, T

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2313 Representative Stover, H

##### SHELLFISH

##### HARVESTING

LR: 2501 Sponsor: Representative Matlack, A of St. George

Title: An Act To Provide Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs Greater Flexibility in Protecting Restricted Shellfish Growing Areas

Comment: This bill would authorize municipalities and regional shellfish management organizations with state-authorized shellfish management plans to have more control over when and to what extent a shellfish growing area may be harvested. The bill would provide that shellfish growing areas designated Conditionally Restricted must require permission from authorized municipal or regional shellfish management organizations before harvesting can begin and that the shellfish management organization may restrict the area that may be harvested and the extent of the harvesting.

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#### STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

##### STATE AGENCIES

##### EXECUTIVE DEPT

LR: 2234      Sponsor: Representative Rielly, M of Westbrook

Title:            An Act To Amend the Authorizing Statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service To Incorporate the Maine Climate Corps and Address Climate Challenges

Comment:      This bill would amend the authorizing statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service to incorporate a climate corps authorized to address climate challenges.

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#### TAXATION

##### INCOME TAX

##### SURCHARGE

LR: 2500 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over \$1,000,000

Comment: This bill would require an income tax surcharge of 3% on incomes over \$1,000,000.

Potential JR 217: LD 570 Representative Berry, S

Potential JR 217: LD 1677 Speaker Fecteau, R

Potential JR 217: LD 498 Representative Sylvester, M

##### MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

##### MINING EXCISE TAX

LR: 2483 Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland

Title: An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent

Comment: This bill would increase the tax on mining operations to 10%.

##### SALES AND USE TAX

##### ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2393 Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor

Title: An Act To Modernize Maine's Rental Vehicle Industry and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles

Comment: This bill would make the 10% sales tax imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals applicable to any type of rented vehicle and establish a central rental fleet vehicle registration and excise tax payment system.

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#### TRANSPORTATION

##### BUSES

##### EQUIPMENT

LR: 2138      Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Allow Organizations Other Than Schools To Have Yellow Buses with Red Flashing Lights and Stop Signs  
Comment:      This bill would allow organizations other than schools to have yellow buses with red flashing lights and stop signs.

#### MOTOR VEHICLES

##### ABANDONED

LR: 2177      Sponsor: Representative Bryant, M of Windham  
Title:          An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Fines and Disposal  
Comment:      This bill would amend the laws regulating the abandonment of motor vehicles to permit the penalty of loss of the privilege of vehicle registration.

#### MOTOR VEHICLES

##### NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2146      Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Exempt Specialty License Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates  
Comment:      This bill would exempt from the 2-year moratorium on the approval of any new motor vehicle registration plates that took effect on July 14, 2021 pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 108 those specialty license plates that were already in the process of being created when the moratorium took effect.

#### ROADS

##### CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2246      Sponsor: Representative Tuell, W of East Machias  
Title:          An Act Requiring Local Approval of the Machias Causeway Replacement Project  
Comment:      This bill would stipulate that, prior to the Department of Transportation's moving forward with a plan to alter the Machias causeway, a majority of the voters in the Town of Machias and a majority of the voters in the Town of Marshfield must approve the project in ballot referenda in each municipality to occur not later than a date designated for the primary election in June 2022.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### TAVERNS

LR: 2137      Sponsor: Senator Pouliot, M of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom  
Comment:      This bill would allow bars that have an occupancy of 30 or fewer persons to have only one bathroom.

##### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

###### WINE

LR: 2265      Sponsor: Representative Crockett, E of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities  
Comment:      This bill would allow a wine retailer to transfer wine between multiple locations that are approved to make wine transfers by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. It would establish that wine transfers between locations may be suspended by the bureau for cause or a rule violation. It would prohibit wine retailers making transfers pursuant to this bill from acting as wholesale wine distributors.

#### GAMBLING

##### GAMES OF CHANCE

LR: 2509      Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland  
Title:          An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming  
Comment:      This bill would authorize the Legislature to negotiate directly and exclusively with the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State regarding the right to conduct tribal gaming.

#### MARIJUANA

##### ADULT USE

LR: 2392      Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor  
Title:          An Act To Allow for a Standard Deviation in Potency for the Manufacturing of Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products  
Comment:      This bill would enact provisions to allow for a standard deviation in potency for the manufacturing of adult use edible marijuana products.

LR: 2479      Sponsor: Representative Perry, J of Bangor  
Title:          An Act To Modernize Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Laws  
Comment:      This bill would allow certain marijuana store licensees and cultivation facility licensees to deliver adult use marijuana throughout the State, including to municipalities that have not adopted an ordinance authorizing the operation of a marijuana establishment.

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#### VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

##### MARIJUANA

##### COMMERCIAL

LR: 2447      Sponsor: Representative Supica, L of Bangor

Title:          An Act To Remove a Significant Administrative Burden from Maine Marijuana Businesses That Use the State's Marijuana Tracking System

Comment:      This bill would remove a significant administrative burden from the State's marijuana businesses that use the State's marijuana tracking system without affecting the State's ability to monitor and track marijuana and marijuana products. It would allow cultivated marijuana to be tracked by canopy, or a certain area of marijuana plants, and allow multiple marijuana products or items to be included in a single package and tracked by one tracking system tag.

##### MARIJUANA

##### FACILITIES

LR: 2220      Sponsor: Senator Black, R of Franklin

Title:          An Act To Allow Plantations To Vote on Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and Stores and Medical Marijuana Facilities and Stores

Comment:      This bill would allow plantations to vote to opt out on adult use marijuana facilities and stores and medical marijuana facilities and stores.

##### MARIJUANA

##### MEDICAL

LR: 2277      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title:          An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Program

Comment:      This bill would require that a batch number be added to labels for products in the State's medical use of marijuana program. It would address patient access inconsistencies, clarify the certification of minor patients, bringing statute in line with current process and procedure, and require a medical provider who certifies a minor patient to provide the parent or guardian with the means to contact the provider. It would clarify the definition of "medical provider" and ensure access to telemedicine procedures for all patients. It would require the release of monthly sales data from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and allow citizen access to this data.

LR: 2424      Sponsor: Representative Williams, L of Bar Harbor

Title:          An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency

Comment:      This bill would make changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to make the law clearer and more specific, reduce the need for interpretation in rulemaking and protect against administrative overreach. It would require public access to sales data related to the State's medical marijuana program transactions, which will provide important information about the size and impact of the industry.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**CORRECTIONS DEPT**

**POWERS**

LR: 2180      Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act To Expand the Acreage Available for Agricultural Use by the Department of Corrections  
Comment:      This bill would allow the Department of Corrections the use of the entire field in which the department now grows produce for the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

**CRIMES**

**CHILD DEATH**

LR: 2134      Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Deaths  
Comment:      This bill would expedite, as appropriate, the prosecution of child deaths in light of the backlog of court cases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CRIMES**

**NEW**

LR: 2346      Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville  
Title:          An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime  
Comment:      This bill would make it a Class C crime to intentionally interfere by force, or with violence or intimidation or by any physical act, with any public official performing or purporting to perform official functions relating to any federal, state or municipal election.

**CRIMES**

**SEX OFFENSES**

LR: 2505      Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach  
Title:          An Act To Strengthen Child Sexual Abuse Laws and the Sex Offender Registry Protocol  
Comment:      This bill would expand restrictions for individuals registered on the state sex offender registry due to sexual abuse of a minor to include the requirement that a forensic psychosocial risk assessment be completed before a registrant may petition the court for parental rights or visitation of a minor of whom the registrant is the genetic parent.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**AMBULANCE SERVICES**

LR: 2443      Sponsor: Representative Theriault, T of China  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program  
Comment:      This bill would provide 2 additional members from the emergency medical services community to the Maine Length of Service Award Program Board of Trustees. This bill would also provide guidelines for calculating service credit under the program for firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**BOARD**

LR: 2456      Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo  
Title:          An Act To Build More Sustainable Rural Ambulance Services  
Comment:      This bill would facilitate the creation of up to 12 pilot projects in the 6 emergency medical services regions in the State. It would direct the Emergency Medical Services' Board to work with emergency medical services regional councils, municipalities and outside stakeholders to implement an informed community self-determination plan that engages citizens in rural communities using expert support to evaluate their emergency medical services ambulance service capacity and, based on the assessment, propose recommendations and specific options so they can make more effective use of resources to increase levels of care.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

**SYSTEM**

LR: 2140      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Establish the Provision of Emergency Medical Services as an Essential Service  
Comment:      This bill would establish the provision of emergency medical service as an essential service.

**FIRE SAFETY**

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

LR: 2444      Sponsor: Representative Theriault, T of China  
Title:          An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters Using the Maine Length of Service Award Program  
Comment:      This bill would provide funding to the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**PROCEDURES**

LR: 2276      Sponsor: Representative Mason, R of Lisbon  
Title:          An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms  
Comment:      This bill would require a law enforcement agency to make a permanent record of the serial number of a stolen firearm if the victim provides the number to the agency.

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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

**PRINCIPALS**

LR: 2510      Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Protect School Officials from Harassment and Abuse  
Comment:      This bill would protect school administrators from harassment and abuse.

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION**

**FUNDING**

LR: 2357      Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln  
Title:          An Act To Improve the Calculation of Payments from Schools That Send Tuition Students to Career and Technical Education Programs  
Comment:      Under current law, a school that receives tuitioned students who are enrolled in regular school day career and technical educational programs at career and technical education centers, satellites or regions may charge only a tuition rate of up to 2/3 of the maximum tuition rate, which has no correlation to the actual cost of educating a student at a career and technical education center, satellite or region. This bill would require the calculation of the per-pupil cost to the State of funding the career and technical education system through essential programs and services and require schools with tuitioned students to pay that per-pupil cost when sending a student to a career and technical education center, satellite or region.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 414      Representative O'Neil, M

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

LR: 2145      Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth  
Title:          An Act To Strengthen the Governance of Maine's Community College and University Systems  
Comment:      This bill would add 3 nonvoting members to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Community College System and 3 nonvoting members to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System.

Potential JR 217:                      LD 1253      Representative Millett, R

LR: 2359      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education  
Comment:      This bill would create a pre-law legal education program and center at the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

LR: 2381      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          An Act To Improve Access to Transcripts and Diplomas  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit colleges and universities from withholding transcripts for nonpayment of account balances.

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

**CURRICULUM**

LR: 2375      Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland  
Title:            An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs  
Comment:      This bill would provide ongoing funds of \$2,500,000 to the Maine Community College System to expand nursing education programs.

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS**

LR: 2385      Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake  
Title:            An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers  
Comment:      This bill would amend the law relating to withdrawal of a school administrative unit from an education service center.

**SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

**SALARY**

LR: 2332      Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town  
Title:            An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay  
Comment:      This bill would allow all unorganized territory school staff to have the option to receive annualized pay.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PLANS**

LR: 2131      Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland  
Title:            An Act Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools  
Comment:      This bill would require the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive system to support school districts in seeking reimbursement for MaineCare-eligible services.

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**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**LAND USE**

**SHORELAND ZONING**

LR: 2252      Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws  
Comment:      This bill would allow exceptions to the height limitations under the shoreland zoning laws for developments located in the flood plain in order to qualify for federal flood insurance and to protect residential assets.

**TOXIC SUBSTANCES**

**TOXIC CHEMICALS**

LR: 2227      Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren  
Title:          Resolve, To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals  
Comment:      This resolve would require the Department of Environmental Protection to annually test sludge and sludge-derived compost for all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and prohibit the department from authorizing the use of sludge and sludge-derived compost containing levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances that exceed concentrations set in the department's solid waste management rules.

**WATER QUALITY**

**NONPOINT DISCHARGES**

LR: 2262      Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management for Mountain Bike Trails  
Comment:      This bill would clarify the law on storm water management for mountain bike trails and provide that the trails must be managed and constructed in accordance with best practices for the environment and recreational use.

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**ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES**

**RATES**

LR: 2295      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          An Act To Review Utility Rates  
Comment:      This bill would create a commission or study group to review utility rate billing and how to address any disproportionate impact utility rate billing has on low-income or fixed-income consumers.

**ENERGY**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2302      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          An Act To Facilitate Net Energy Generation Billing  
Comment:      This bill would ensure a positive and seamless customer experience for net energy billing customers by directing electric utilities to provide specific utility data to project sponsors within certain time frames or risk penalties for noncompliance. It would lessen utilities' control over customer data by giving customers complete ownership and control over their utility data to empower them to take full control of their utility energy spending.

LR: 2391      Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth  
Title:          An Act To Define "Discrete Electric Generating Facility"  
Comment:      This bill would define "discrete electric generating facility" for the purposes of net energy billing.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**BROADBAND SERVICES**

LR: 2293      Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc  
Title:          An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition  
Comment:      This bill would incentivize municipal broadband to lower costs for broadband and provide competition in the broadband market.

**UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**CHARTER CHANGES**

LR: 2161      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Charter of the St. Francis Water District  
Comment:      This bill would amend the charter of the St. Francis Water District.

LR: 2275      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services  
Comment:      This bill would amend the Caribou Utilities District charter to include broadband services.

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**UTILITY DISTRICTS**

**CHARTER CHANGES**

LR: 2294      Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title:            An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District to Set the Terms of Its Trustees at 3 Years

Comment:      This bill would set the terms of the trustees of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District at 3 years.

LR: 2305      Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York

Title:            An Act To Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

Comment:      This bill would repeal and replace the Ogunquit Sewer District charter to update the charter and conform it to the Standard Sewer District Enabling Act and to make it reflect current and more efficient and effective practices.

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**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**AFFORDABLE**

LR: 2451      Sponsor: Representative Evans, R of Dover-Foxcroft  
Title:          An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine  
Comment:      This bill would require the Office of Affordable Health Care to conduct an analysis and provide a report to the Legislature on the effects of policies aimed at improving health care affordability and coverage, including effects on premium and cost-sharing affordability in individual and small group coverage and on enrollment in comprehensive health coverage.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2273      Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor  
Title:          An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs  
Comment:      This bill would allow pharmacists to dispense an emergency supply of a chronic maintenance drug, such as insulin, an inhaler for asthma, an epinephrine autoinjector, blood pressure medication, a blood thinner, mental health medication or HIV maintenance medication, to a patient without a prescription if the pharmacist is unable to obtain authorization to refill the prescription from a health care provider and the pharmacist has a record of the prescription in the name of the patient and the amount of the most recent prescription or the standard quantity or unit of use package dispensed of the drug. This bill would exclude opioids and controlled substances. Insurance companies would be required to cover this emergency supply.

**INSURANCE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

LR: 2323      Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities  
Comment:      This bill would require health insurers to cover adult children with disabilities who are unable to sustain themselves through employment through their parents' health insurance coverage without an age limit.

LR: 2363      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds  
Comment:      This bill would require health insurance carriers and their pharmacy benefits managers to include cost-sharing amounts paid on behalf of an insured when calculating the insured's contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum, deductible or copayment when a drug does not have a generic equivalent or was obtained through prior authorization, step therapy or an exceptions process.

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**INSURANCE**

**PROPERTY**

LR: 2396      Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York  
Title:          An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed  
Comment:      This bill would require insurance companies to provide that a designated beneficiary on a transfer on death deed under the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act can be added to a homeowner's policy insuring the property as an additional insured and that there is a 30-day cancellation period following the grantor's death to allow the beneficiary to obtain the beneficiary's own policy.

**INSURANCE PRACTICES**

**MANDATED COVERAGE**

LR: 2298      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives  
Comment:      This bill would require all health care plans to cover all contraceptive prescription medications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**DELIVERY**

LR: 2317      Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville  
Title:          An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies  
Comment:      This bill would waive, during a public health emergency, mental health and substance use treatment licensing rules that require documentation of written informed consent from a client.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CHILD)**

LR: 2119      Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

Title:            An Act To Reform Maine's Child Welfare System, Strengthen Oversight and Protect Vulnerable Children

Comment:      This bill would make changes to the ombudsman program for child welfare services provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, including making the program into an independent nonprofit organization, requiring the program to oversee the development and implementation of child welfare practice and policy, making the ombudsman an appointee of the Governor subject to review and confirmation by the Legislature, setting the term and powers of the ombudsman and requiring certain communications between the department and the ombudsman.

LR: 2133      Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

Title:            An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman by Providing for Increased Staffing

Comment:      This bill would add additional staff members to the office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman.

LR: 2232      Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

Title:            An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services

Comment:      This bill would enhance reporting requirements of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to the Legislature's government oversight committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LR: 2278      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin

Title:            An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services

Comment:      This bill would support improvements in child protective services.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

LR: 2399      Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay

Title:            An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources

Comment:      This bill would provide additional resources to the office of the child welfare services ombudsman to enhance the capacity of that office to improve child welfare practices through both the review of individual cases and the provision of information on the rights and responsibilities of families, service providers and other participants in the child welfare system.

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**ELDERLY**

**LONG-TERM CARE**

- LR: 2398      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographical Access to Long-term Care Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services  
Comment:      This bill would require that long-term care workers be equitably distributed across geographical areas. It would require, at minimum, that a caseworker be available for over-the-phone or face-to-face meetings to provide services in every county in the State.
- LR: 2425      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          Resolve, To Assist Long-term Care Facilities  
Comment:      This resolve would support ongoing assistance to long-term care facilities during their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT  
ADMINISTRATION**

- LR: 2279      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Improve the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services  
Comment:      This bill would improve the Department of Health and Human Services' report required pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 485.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT  
POWERS**

- LR: 2437      Sponsor: Representative Zager, S of Portland  
Title:          Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State  
Comment:      This resolve would establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State to determine the legislative, administrative or other steps that the State should take to capitalize on the potential and avoid the hazards of genome-editing technology.
- Potential JR 217:                      LD 1601      Representative Zager, S
- LR: 2439      Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford  
Title:          An Act To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Clarify and Amend the Rules Related to Micropigmentation Practitioners  
Comment:      This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to reevaluate training and board certification requirements for engaging in micropigmentation in the State.

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT  
PROCEDURES**

LR: 2307      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice of Nursing Home Closures  
Comment:      This bill would require, within 2 business days of receipt of notice from a nursing facility of that facility's closure, the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notice of the pending closure to all hospitals that are located in the same county and, if in an adjacent county, within 25 miles of the closing nursing facility.

**HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL  
NURSES**

LR: 2329      Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Address Burnout among Nurses and improve Patient Care  
Comment:      This bill would help to reduce burnout among nurses and improve patient care.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
CHILDREN**

LR: 2144      Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants  
Comment:      This bill would require testing for cytomegalovirus of newborn infants who do not pass a newborn hearing test. It would also require information on the risks of cytomegalovirus to be provided to pregnant women.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
DELIVERY**

LR: 2170      Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19  
Comment:      Public Law 2021, chapter 28, Part D, section 1 governs the permitted delegation of COVID-19 vaccine administration at point-of-dispensing vaccine sites for immunizations against COVID-19, but the law was effective only during the state of emergency declared by the Governor as of March 15, 2020 and the renewals of that declaration. This bill would expand the applicability of that law so that it applies beyond a declared state of emergency.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2147      Senator Keim, L  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2148      Senator Timberlake, J  
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Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2150      Senator Pouliot, M  
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**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**DELIVERY**

LR: 2386      Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell  
Title:          An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care  
Comment:      This bill would prohibit barriers to health care that create unreasonably difficult or hazardous conditions hindering access to health care and perpetuating disparities among those seeking health care.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PLANNING**

LR: 2355      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care  
Comment:      This bill would stabilize state funding of federally qualified health centers for the next fiscal year, require a rebasing of each facility and allow for future adjustments for changes in scope, for various reasons. It would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with the federally qualified health centers to develop alternative payment models.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

LR: 2335      Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin  
Title:          An Act To Establish the 340B Drug Pricing Nondiscrimination Act  
Comment:      This bill would protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, which has provided financial help to hospitals serving vulnerable communities to manage rising prescription drug costs.

**MEDICAID**

**MAINECARE**

LR: 2418      Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake  
Title:          An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule  
Comment:      The bill would require providers serving adults with developmental disabilities and autism to comply with new rules for the Medicaid home and community-based services waiver spending plans for enhanced federal medical assistance percentages using funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act, as many rural providers are finding the updates and the assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services inconsistent.

LR: 2429      Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Make MaineCare Rules Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings Major Substantive Rules

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**MAINECARE**

Comment: This bill would make a proposed MaineCare Benefits Manual rule pertaining to global home and community-based services waiver programs and person-centered planning and settings a major substantive rule.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**DELIVERY**

LR: 2352 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care

Comment: This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to respond to the current need to divert individuals who are suffering from acute mental health crises and languishing in the county jail system awaiting trial or in hospital emergency departments.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS**

LR: 2492 Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham

Title: An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services

Comment: This bill would require an immediate wage increase for all employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services of \$3.00 per hour.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**SAFE DRINKING WATER**

LR: 2210 Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond

Title: An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

Comment: This bill would provide funding to the Maine State Housing Authority's arsenic abatement program for the treatment of contaminated private drinking water wells.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1570 Representative Gramlich, L

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**INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND  
BUSINESS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING**

LR: 2347      Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland  
Title:            An Act To Establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation  
Comment:      This bill would establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation.

**FINANCE AUTHORITY  
PROGRAMS**

LR: 2431      Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot  
Title:            An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives  
Comment:      This bill would authorize \$5,000,000 for a state fund to provide public service student loan forgiveness programs for local and county police officers, firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and public health workers, to be administered in a manner similar to the Finance Authority of Maine's program for teachers. It would authorize an additional \$5,000,000 to provide no-interest home mortgages targeted solely to the same group of public servants, which would remain no-interest loans as long as recipients continued in their public service employment.

LR: 2453      Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond  
Title:            An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce and Keep Maine Farms Healthy through a Scholarship Program  
Comment:      This bill would create a program similar to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program in order to increase the veterinary workforce in the State.

**LICENSING  
COUNSELORS**

LR: 2233      Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell  
Title:            An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce  
Comment:      This bill would have the State join the interstate Counseling Compact to help the State provide the highest quality of clinical counseling more expeditiously, protect consumers and provide flexibility for veterans' spouses and others who want to practice in the State so that they may join the local clinical counseling workforce, all while preserving the State's regulatory authority.

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**JUDICIARY**

**COURTS**

**FAMILY DIVISION**

LR: 2285      Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot  
Title:          An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process  
Comment:      This bill would increase the number of family law magistrates from 8 to 24 over a 2-year period and increase related staffing, authorize family law magistrates to decide all interim family issues regardless of whether both parents consent and authorize family law magistrates to conduct and declare all pretrial and interim matters, except the final prehearing conference, in child protection cases under the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 19-A and 22. It would also increase child protection, mental health and domestic violence training requirements for all family law magistrates and require the training to be held annually.

**CRIMES**

**DRUG RELATED**

LR: 2476      Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln  
Title:          An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws  
Comment:      This bill would strengthen the State's Good Samaritan laws by exempting from criminal liability everyone in the location of a call reporting a drug-related medical emergency and exempting all nonviolent offenses from criminal liability for everyone at the scene of a drug overdose. It would also add pre-pretrial and bail violation exemptions and add a mitigating factor and affirmative defense at trial for all other criminal charges.

**CRIMINAL HISTORIES**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS**

LR: 2508      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:          Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee  
Comment:      This resolve would require the Criminal Records Review Committee to report to the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature, at which time the committee could recommend any necessary legislation.

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**OTHER**

LR: 2502      Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland  
Title:          An Act To Facilitate Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine  
Comment:      This bill would bring diverse stakeholders together, including all levels of law enforcement, to address any barriers including funding local costs of infrastructure, training, software and hardware and any other related challenges for racial profiling data collection by law enforcement in order to implement Public Law 2021, chapter 460.

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

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**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

LR: 2455      Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick  
Title:          An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partnership  
Comment:      This bill would provide consistency in the laws regarding domestic partnership by changing the definition of "domestic partner."

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

LR: 2142      Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston  
Title:          An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem  
Comment:      This bill would provide funding for guardians ad litem to represent the best interests of children in each county.

**FREEDOM OF ACCESS**

**PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS**

LR: 2382      Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act  
Comment:      This bill would amend the law on remote participation in public meetings in Maine's Freedom of Access Act to remove the requirement that a remote meeting policy adopted by a public body must include an expectation that members of the body be physically present. It also would permit a public body to limit public attendance solely to remote methods in certain circumstances. It also changes the public bodies to which the remote meeting provisions apply.

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS**

LR: 2440      Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Strengthen the Maine Civil Rights Act  
Comment:      This bill would establish the Maine Juneteenth Act in order to establish a state cause of action for enforcing rights of the citizens of Maine, regardless of race or color, with a preponderance of evidence standard in response to the United States Supreme Court decision Comcast Corp. v. National Association of African American-Owned Media (2020).

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**DISCRIMINATION**

LR: 2402      Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland  
Title:          An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes

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**HUMAN RIGHTS**

**DISCRIMINATION**

Comment: Maine's statutes include numerous nondiscrimination provisions outside of the Maine Human Rights Act. The language in these provisions predates or has not been amended to maintain consistency with the language and protected classes established by the Maine Human Rights Act. This bill would update Maine's nondiscrimination statutes to make them consistent with the Maine Human Rights Act.

LR: 2498 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues

Comment: This resolve would extend the 2-year pilot program to receive, review and investigate incidents and complaints of harassment due to a person's housing status and other reports of interference with a person's access to public accommodations.

**PROBATE**

**PROCEEDINGS**

LR: 2414 Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner

Title: An Act Clarifying the Right to Legal Representation for Individuals Subject to Guardianship

Comment: This bill would clarify that individuals subject to guardianship retain the right to engage counsel of their choosing without interference from others.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 480 Representative Cardone, B

LR: 2462 Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes

Comment: This bill would eliminate the requirement that name change announcements be published.

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**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**COMPENSATION**

**HAZARD PAY**

LR: 2416      Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook  
Title:          An Act To Support Health Care Workers by Providing Hazard Reimbursements and Hazard Pay  
Comment:      This bill would provide hazard reimbursements and hazard pay to health care workers.

**EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

**LEAVE**

LR: 2403      Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth  
Title:          An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave  
Comment:      This bill would provide that disputes regarding earned paid leave involving an employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement are subject to the dispute resolution process in the collective bargaining agreement.  
Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 1338      Representative Millett, R

**HOUSING**

**ZONING AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS**

LR: 2299      Sponsor: Speaker Fecteau, R of Biddeford  
Title:          An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions  
Comment:      This bill would implement the recommendations developed by the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions established by Resolve 2021, chapter 59.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2339      Senator Hickman, C  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2378      Representative Bickford, B

LR: 2339      Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage through Changes to Zoning Laws  
Comment:      This bill would advance equity in zoning laws by affirmatively furthering fair housing, promoting housing choice and economic diversity in housing, addressing disparities in housing, preventing towns from discriminating on the basis of income source or level and preventing unreasonable fee charges. It would legalize accessory apartments, limit parking requirements, require training for planning and zoning commissioners and create a study commission.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2299      Speaker Fecteau, R  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2378      Representative Bickford, B

LR: 2378      Sponsor: Representative Bickford, B of Auburn  
Title:          An Act To Create Affordable Agriculture Homesteads

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**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**HOUSING**

**ZONING AND LAND USE RESTRICTIONS**

Comment: This bill would promote agricultural and residential development by prohibiting a municipality from establishing an income requirement as a condition for residential construction; from establishing minimum land requirements for agricultural zones that exceed twice the minimum land per lot requirements in the most restrictive residential zones; and from establishing conditions for any residence in an agricultural zone more restrictive than those of the state agriculture land use tax reimbursement program.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2299 Speaker Fecteau, R

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2339 Senator Hickman, C

**LABOR RELATIONS**

**WORKFORCE EDUCATION**

LR: 2356 Sponsor: Speaker Fecteau, R of Biddeford

Title: An Act To Promote Labor Education

Comment: This bill would expand lifelong labor education programming available to the State's workforce through the University of Maine System. It would increase support for the University of Maine's Bureau of Labor Education to implement programming, educational forums and research for workers in the State and explore the development of a community-facing labor education center.

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

LR: 2164 Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

Title: An Act Regarding the Retirement of Law Enforcement Officers

Comment: This bill would allow law enforcement officers to retire after 25 years, including law enforcement officers who work for the State, a county or a municipality.

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**SPECIAL PLANS**

LR: 2123 Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec

Title: An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Comment: This bill would allow staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General to elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. Under that plan, a person may retire at 55 years of age with 10 years of creditable service or may retire before 55 years of age with 25 years of creditable service and at a reduced benefit.

LR: 2288 Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland

Title: An Act To Address Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Department of Public Safety Computer Crimes Unit

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**LABOR AND HOUSING**

**STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**SPECIAL PLANS**

Comment: This bill would address Department of Public Safety employee retention concerns by moving employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and computer crimes unit within the department who currently have split retirements due to legislative changes associated with Public Law 2021, chapter 474. The bill would fulfill the original intention of Legislative Document 1101, which became chapter 474, and help retain these skilled employees. The bill would provide one-time funding to the department to fund the unfunded actuarial liability costs of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2154 Senator Pouliot, M

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2287 President Jackson, T

LR: 2290 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Address Inequality in Retirement for Department of Corrections Supervisors

Comment: This bill would provide one-time funding to include under the service retirement benefit changes made by Public Law 2021, chapter 401 those Department of Corrections supervisors in the 1998 Special Plan who were employed prior to January 1, 2000 but were left out of the changes made by chapter 401.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION**

**PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2438 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford

Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation

Comment: This bill would clarify the ability of an individual involved in a workers' compensation settlement, agreement or payout to use medical marijuana during the period the individual is incapacitated and unable to work.

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**MARINE RESOURCES**

**LOBSTERS**

**FISHING RESTRICTIONS**

LR: 2158      Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington  
Title:          An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September  
Comment:      This bill would change the legal start time for the lobster fishery to 4:00 a.m. in the month of September.

**LOBSTERS**

**INDUSTRY**

LR: 2313      Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay  
Title:          An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Lobster Industry  
Comment:      This bill would create a state grant program to help offset losses to individuals and businesses that are affected by the federal moratorium on lobstering and fishing in federal waters beginning October 1, 2021.

Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2270      Representative Alley, R  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2289      President Jackson, T  
Closely Related Legislator Req:      LR 2463      Representative Faulkingham, B

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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**COUNTIES**

**BOUNDARIES**

LR: 2441      Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo

Title:          An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay

Comment:      This bill would clarify the boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay.

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**TAXATION**

**INCOME TAX  
CREDITS**

LR: 2143      Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo  
Title:          An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program  
Comment:      This bill would make changes to the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program. It would clarify program goals, adjust reporting requirements, update data collection and improve the program evaluation process.

**INCOME TAX  
EXEMPTIONS**

LR: 2484      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Pass-through Entity Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations  
Comment:      This bill would clarify that certain out-of-state spirits manufacturers and suppliers that sell spirits to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations may not be liable for income tax or pass-through entity withholding tax liability based on their compliance with requirements imposed by the bureau in relation to fulfillment of orders and requests of the bureau, including with respect to shipment, storage and sale of spirits.

**INCOME TAX  
PROVISIONS REVISED**

LR: 2271      Sponsor: Representative Evans, R of Dover-Foxcroft  
Title:          An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forestry Sector through Tax Incentives  
Comment:      This bill would provide tax incentives to businesses that process raw timber and that increase the number of their employees.

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

**PARTS**

LR: 2260      Sponsor: Senator Dill, J of Penobscot

Title:          An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters

Comment:      This bill would change the record-keeping requirements for the sales of used catalytic converters.

Closely Related Carryover Req:      LD 796      Senator Timberlake, J

**ROADS**

**BRIDGES**

LR: 2231      Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis

Title:          Resolve, To Name Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

Comment:      This resolve would name 3 bridges in the Town of Milo for veterans who died in the Vietnam War, Henry "Butch" Heal, James Ellison and Wayne Sangillo.

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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**ALCOHOL AND LOTTERY BUREAU**

- LR: 2226      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          An Act To Create a Framework for Maine's Spirits Contract  
Comment:      This bill would set broad parameters around the State's next spirits contract and its bidding terms, as well as industry members affected by the contract, such as agency retailers and distilleries based in the State.
- LR: 2511      Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec  
Title:          An Act To Streamline and Restructure the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations  
Comment:      This bill would streamline and restructure the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**LIQUOR SALES**

- LR: 2132      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          An Act To Make Permanent the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91  
Comment:      This bill would make permanent the authorization of take-out sales of liquor by restaurants and other qualified on-premises entities. It would also make permanent the authorization for distilleries to use spirits not manufactured by the distillery to mix into cocktails sold for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

**ELECTIONS**

**BALLOTS**

- LR: 2401      Sponsor: Representative Pierce, T of Falmouth  
Title:          An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices  
Comment:      This bill would specify that the municipal clerk must retain possession, custody and control over the sealed containers of ballots for statewide elections unless the law expressly authorizes them to be transferred and secured by another entity. The bill would also require those entitled to obtain original ballots for inspection to keep those ballots in their sole custody in a secure location, with any inspection subject to oversight by an appropriate official. This bill would specify that the municipal clerk may not transfer possession, custody or control of a voting machine or voting device to any person except as authorized by the Secretary of State.

**ELECTIONS**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE**

- LR: 2373      Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock  
Title:          An Act Regarding Contributing to Candidates and Political Action Committees

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Comment: This bill would allow a corporation, membership organization or labor or other organization to contribute the paid staff time of its employees and independent contractors to a separate segregated fund. The bill would also allow a ballot question committee to make contributions to a candidate or leadership political action committee up to the applicable limits as long as the funds for the contributions are not derived from a business entity.

**GAMBLING**

**RAFFLES**

LR: 2326 Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook

Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to Online Raffle Tickets To Reflect the True Intent of Those Laws

Comment: This bill would make technical changes to a law passed in the First Special Session of the 130th Legislature regarding online raffle tickets.

**MARIJUANA**

**ADULT USE**

LR: 2301 Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford

Title: An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana

Comment: This bill would authorize an adult use marijuana store to sell marijuana products off the store's premises at an agricultural fair or festival. It would direct the office of marijuana policy within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to develop rules to implement this policy. It would allow a licensee and a licensee's employees to transport adult use marijuana and adult use marijuana products between the marijuana store and the temporary off-premises retail location. It would require a municipal officer from the municipality where the agricultural fair or festival is to occur to approve the application for sale of marijuana at the fair or festival. It would require an individual license to be obtained by an adult use marijuana store for each location at which the marijuana store wishes to engage in off-premises sales.

**MARIJUANA**

**FACILITIES**

LR: 2503 Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland

Title: An Act To Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Certain Convictions for Drug Offenses

Comment: This bill would specify that disqualifying drug offenses for licensure to work in the adult use and medical marijuana industries do not include an offense for which the sentence, including any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release, was completed 10 or more years earlier or an offense that consisted of conduct that would have been permitted under current law.

**MARIJUANA**

**REGULATORY BUREAU**

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**MARIJUANA**

**REGULATORY BUREAU**

LR: 2460      Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln

Title:            An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Programs

Comment:      This bill would provide that major substantive rules provisionally adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy and submitted for legislative review may not be finally adopted by the department unless legislation authorizing final adoption of those rules is enacted into law.

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**Sponsor: Senator Bailey, D of York**

LR: 2396

Title: An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed

**Sponsor: Senator Baldacci, J of Penobscot**

LR: 2285

Title: An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

LR: 2431

Title: An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives

**Sponsor: Representative Berry, S of Bowdoinham**

LR: 2492

Title: An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services

**Sponsor: Representative Bickford, B of Auburn**

LR: 2378

Title: An Act To Create Affordable Agriculture Homesteads

**Sponsor: Senator Breen, C of Cumberland**

LR: 2144

Title: An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants

LR: 2510

Title: An Act To Protect School Officials from Harassment and Abuse

**Sponsor: Representative Brennan, M of Portland**

LR: 2131

Title: An Act Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools

**Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland**

LR: 2252

Title: An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws

LR: 2329

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**Sponsor: Senator Brenner, S of Cumberland**

Title: An Act To Address Burnout among Nurses and improve Patient Care

**Sponsor: Senator Carney, A of Cumberland**

LR: 2402

Title: An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes

**Sponsor: Senator Claxton, N of Androscoggin**

LR: 2278

Title: An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services

LR: 2279

Title: An Act To Improve the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive  
Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services

LR: 2335

Title: An Act To Establish the 340B Drug Pricing Nondiscrimination Act

LR: 2355

Title: An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care

**Sponsor: Representative Collings, B of Portland**

LR: 2457

Title: An Act To Review State Lands or Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or  
Other Significance to the Wabanaki Tribes

**Sponsor: Representative Craven, M of Lewiston**

LR: 2142

Title: An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

LR: 2429

Title: An Act To Make MaineCare Rules Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based  
Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings Major  
Substantive Rules

**Sponsor: Senator Curry, C of Waldo**

LR: 2119

Title: An Act To Reform Maine's Child Welfare System, Strengthen Oversight and Protect  
Vulnerable Children

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Title: An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program

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Title: An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay

LR: 2456

Title: An Act To Build More Sustainable Rural Ambulance Services

**Sponsor: Senator Daughtry, M of Cumberland**

LR: 2262

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management for Mountain Bike Trails

LR: 2347

Title: An Act To Establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation

LR: 2375

Title: An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs

**Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr., P of Piscataquis**

LR: 2164

Title: An Act Regarding the Retirement of Law Enforcement Officers

LR: 2231

Title: Resolve, To Name Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War

**Sponsor: Senator Diamond, B of Cumberland**

LR: 2133

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman by Providing for Increased Staffing

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Title: An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Deaths

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Title: An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services

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**Sponsor: Representative Dillingham, K of Oxford**

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Title: An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana

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Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation

LR: 2439

Title: An Act To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Clarify and Amend the Rules Related to Micropigmentation Practitioners

**Sponsor: Representative Dunphy, M of Old Town**

LR: 2332

Title: An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay

**Sponsor: Representative Evans, R of Dover-Foxcroft**

LR: 2271

Title: An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forestry Sector through Tax Incentives

LR: 2451

Title: An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine

**Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond**

LR: 2210

Title: An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families

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**Sponsor: Representative Fay, J of Raymond**

Title: An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce and Keep Maine Farms Healthy through a Scholarship Program

**Sponsor: Speaker Fecteau, R of Biddeford**

LR: 2299

Title: An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

LR: 2356

Title: An Act To Promote Labor Education

**Sponsor: Representative Gramlich, L of Old Orchard Beach**

LR: 2505

Title: An Act To Strengthen Child Sexual Abuse Laws and the Sex Offender Registry Protocol

**Sponsor: Representative Grohoski, N of Ellsworth**

LR: 2391

Title: An Act To Define "Discrete Electric Generating Facility"

**Sponsor: Representative Harnett, T of Gardiner**

LR: 2382

Title: An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act

LR: 2414

Title: An Act Clarifying the Right to Legal Representation for Individuals Subject to Guardianship

**Sponsor: Representative Hepler, A of Woolwich**

LR: 2316

Title: An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Infested with Browntail Moths

**Sponsor: Senator Hickman, C of Kennebec**

LR: 2121

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Maine National Guard To Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

LR: 2123

Title: An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

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Title: An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage through Changes to Zoning Laws

LR: 2440

Title: An Act To Strengthen the Maine Civil Rights Act

LR: 2511

Title: An Act To Streamline and Restructure the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations

**Sponsor: President Jackson, T of Aroostook**

LR: 2160

Title: An Act To Establish a Disaster Relief Fund for Potato Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions

LR: 2161

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the St. Francis Water District

LR: 2167

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of the Legislature in Sustaining Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry and To Promote Healthy Rivers

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Title: An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services

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Title: An Act To Address Inequality in Retirement for Department of Corrections Supervisors

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Title: An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives

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Title: An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to Online Raffle Tickets To Reflect the True Intent of Those Laws

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Title: An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

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Title: An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographical Access to Long-term Care Caseworkers in the Department of Health and Human Services

LR: 2416

Title: An Act To Support Health Care Workers by Providing Hazard Reimbursements and Hazard Pay

LR: 2425

Title: Resolve, To Assist Long-term Care Facilities

**Sponsor: Senator Lawrence, M of York**

LR: 2305

Title: An Act To Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

**Sponsor: Senator Luchini, L of Hancock**

LR: 2132

Title: An Act To Make Permanent the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91

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Title: An Act To Create a Framework for Maine's Spirits Contract

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**Sponsor: Representative Madigan, C of Waterville**

LR: 2317

Title: An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies

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**Sponsor: Representative Martin, J of Eagle Lake**

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Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers

LR: 2418

Title: An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule

**Sponsor: Representative Mason, R of Lisbon**

LR: 2276

Title: An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms

**Sponsor: Senator Maxmin, C of Lincoln**

LR: 2357

Title: An Act To Improve the Calculation of Payments from Schools That Send Tuition Students to Career and Technical Education Programs

LR: 2460

Title: An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Programs

LR: 2476

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws

**Sponsor: Representative McCreight, J of Harpswell**

LR: 2233

Title: An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce

LR: 2386

Title: An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care

**Sponsor: Representative McDonald, G of Stonington**

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Title: An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September

**Sponsor: Representative Millett, R of Cape Elizabeth**

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Title: An Act To Strengthen the Governance of Maine's Community College and University Systems

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Title: An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities

LR: 2403

Title: An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave

**Sponsor: Representative Pierce, T of Falmouth**

LR: 2401

Title: An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices

**Sponsor: Representative Pluecker, B of Warren**

LR: 2227

Title: Resolve, To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals

**Sponsor: Representative Roberts, T of South Berwick**

LR: 2455

Title: An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partnership

**Sponsor: Representative Roeder, A of Bangor**

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Title: An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs

**Sponsor: Senator Sanborn, H of Cumberland**

LR: 2170

Title: An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19

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Title: An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds

**Sponsor: Representative Sheehan, E of Biddeford**

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Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes

**Sponsor: Representative Stover, H of Boothbay**

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Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District to Set the Terms of Its Trustees at 3 Years

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Title: An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Lobster Industry

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Title: An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources

**Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross, R of Portland**

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Title: An Act To Establish the Provision of Emergency Medical Services as an Essential Service

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Title: An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care

LR: 2498

Title: Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues

LR: 2502

Title: An Act To Facilitate Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine

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Title: An Act To Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Certain Convictions for Drug Offenses

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Title: Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee

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**Sponsor: Representative Theriault, T of China**

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Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program

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Title: An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters Using the Maine Length of Service Award Program

**Sponsor: Senator Vitelli, E of Sagadahoc**

LR: 2293

Title: An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition

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Title: An Act To Review Utility Rates

LR: 2302

Title: An Act To Facilitate Net Energy Generation Billing

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Title: An Act To Improve Access to Transcripts and Diplomas

**Sponsor: Representative White, B of Waterville**

LR: 2346

Title: An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime

**Sponsor: Representative Zager, S of Portland**

LR: 2437

Title: Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

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