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**130<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Legislative Council**

**February 24, 2022**

**REVISED AGENDA**

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	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF THE JANUARY 27, 2022 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Decision</b>
	<b>REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS</b>	
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<b>14</b>	Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	<b>Information</b>
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	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>❖16</b>	Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>

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|     | Item #2: | Establishment of position in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review to correlate with Legislative Council-approved funding  | <b>Decision</b>   |
| ❖20 | Item #3: | Funding of dues shortfalls for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) in State fiscal years 2022 and 2023 | <b>Decision</b>   |
| 26  | Item #4: | Acceptance of the Annual Report of the Washington County Development Authority   | <b>Acceptance</b> |

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
January 27, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker Fecteau called the January 27, 2022 meeting of the 130<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council to order at 1:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators:	President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Timberlake and Senator Pouliot
Representatives:	Speaker Fecteau, Representative Dunphy, Representative Talbot Ross, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis
Legislative Officers:	Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy Analysis Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology Jackie Little, Human Resources Director

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 1:40 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for November 18, 2021 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Jackson. Second by Senator Timberlake. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

Speaker Fecteau expressed his intention to take items on the agenda out of order, without objection. The Speaker then moved to New Business, Item #1.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #1: Consideration of After-Deadline Bill Requests and Joint Resolutions

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on twenty-nine (29) after-deadline bill requests and one Joint Resolution. With respect to the after-deadline bill requests, the Legislative Council approved twelve (12) requests, rejected nine (9) requests, and tabled eight (8) requests. The Legislative Council rejected one Joint Resolution. The Legislative Council's action on the requests is attached.

Upon conclusion of New Business Item #1, Speaker Fecteau returned to the agenda.

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

### Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the following report.

#### 1. General Fund Revenue Update

##### Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
December	\$295.4	\$380.0	\$84.6	28.6%	\$319.0	19.1%
FYTD	\$2,367.6	\$2,458.0	\$90.4	3.8%	\$2,043.8	20.3%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$84.6 million for the month of December and over budget by \$90.4 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. **These positive variances now reflect the December 2021 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted General Fund revenue by \$443.2 million for FY 2022.**

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$38.3 million for the month and by \$38.3 million (3.7%) for the fiscal year to date. This positive variance for the month was largely the result of a positive variance in individual income tax withholding. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$36.2 million for the month and by \$36.2 million (23.2%) for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for December (November sales) was over budget by \$7.3 million for the month and by \$7.3 million (0.7%) for the fiscal year to date.

#### 2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

##### Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
December	\$23.8	\$24.9	\$1.0	4.3%	\$23.9	3.9%
FYTD	\$178.0	\$180.4	\$2.3	1.3%	\$172.8	4.4%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.0 million for the month of December and by \$2.3 million (1.3%) for the fiscal year to date. **These positive variances now reflect the December 2021 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted Highway Fund revenue by \$4.0 million for FY 2022.**

Fuel taxes were over budget by \$0.8 million for the month and over budget by \$0.8 million (0.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were above budget by \$0.1 million for the month and over budget by \$0.5 million (1.1%) for the fiscal year to date.

### 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for December was 3,642.2 million, a decrease from November's average of \$3,832.3 million. The net decrease was largely the result of decreases in Other Special Revenue Funds balances partially offset by increases in General Fund balances. The average Highway Fund balance in December was \$20.8 million, a decrease from November's average of \$45.1 million, the result of the annual payment to the Local Road Assistance program being made in December.

### 4. Economic and Revenue Forecast Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> to review and update the economic forecast for its February 1<sup>st</sup> report. The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will then meet in late February to review and update the revenue forecast for its March 1<sup>st</sup> report.

### Studies Report

Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the studies report included in the agenda packet.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #2: Acceptance of the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee and place it on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Representative Stetkis. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

### Item #3: Acceptance of the Report of the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept the Report of the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security and place it on file. Motion by Representative Talbot Ross. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

### Items ##4-9: Acceptance of reports

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept each of the reports set forth under Items ##4-9 and place them on file. Motion by Representative Stetkis. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

### Item #10. Introduction and remarks from Matthew Clancy, Chief of Bureau of Capitol Police

Chief Clancy introduced himself to the members of the Legislative Council, and informed the Legislative Council that, in his new role as the Chief of Capitol Police, he was performing an initial assessment of the Bureau of Capitol Police, including but not limited to a review of the mission, responsibilities, practices, policies, personnel, training, equipment, and facilities. Chief Clancy indicated that after completion of his assessment, he would share his observations with the Council, along with any recommendations regarding any proposed refinements or enhancements to the security of the campus.

Prior entering into Executive Session to receive a briefing from Chief Clancy on security, the Speaker returned to the agenda for the following item:

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **Personnel Committee**

The Speaker reported that the Personnel Committee had met on December 20, 2021 to consider the following matters:

1. Merit Increases for the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House

The committee voted to approve step increases for both the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

2. Step Increases for Constitutional Officers

The committee reviewed and approved step increases for the three eligible Constitutional Officers.

3. Performance Evaluation and Step Increases

The committee voted to approve step increases for the following nonpartisan office directors:

- Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
- Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
- Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
- John Melendez-Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
- Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #11. Executive Session—Security briefing**

**Motion:** That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of receiving information related to security plans. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0)**

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 4:10 p.m. At the conclusion of the executive session, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session and reconvene its regular meeting, and the Speaker turned the gavel over to Senator Vitelli to adjourn the regular meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

**130th Maine State Legislature  
Legislative Council Actions Taken on  
Requests to Introduce Legislation  
Second Regular Session**

**January 27, 2022**

**Session(s): R2**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS  
AND REQUESTS FOR JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**SUBMITTED  
BY:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

LR #

Title

Action

2523

An Act To Allow Electric-powered School Buses To Have  
Distinctively Colored Bumpers, Wheels and Rub Rails

PASSED

2571

An Act To Ensure Release of Relevant Background  
Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law  
Enforcement and Corrections Officers

TABLED

**SUBMITTED  
BY:**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE**

LR #

Title

Action

2560

An Act To Impose Certain Restrictions on the Participation in  
Net Energy Billing by Certain Customers

TABLED

**SPONSOR:**

**Rep. John Andrews**

LR #

Title

Action

2550

An Act To Amend the School Bus Driver Qualification  
Requirements

FAILED

**SPONSOR:**

**Sen. Richard A. Bennett**

LR #

Title

Action

2574

An Act To Retroactively Approve by a Two-thirds Vote of the  
Legislature the Lease of Certain Public Lands by the  
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau  
of Public Lands

TABLED

**SPONSOR:**

**Sen. Russell Black**

LR #

Title

Action



2580	Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Approve the Construction of an Extension of a Telecommunications Tower on Bald Mountain in the Town of Rangeley	PASSED
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**SPONSOR: Sen. Cathy Breen**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2604	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Gray Water District	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Heidi Eileen Brooks**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2603	An Act To Expand Access to Life-saving Medications	TABLED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Chris Caiazzo**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2579	An Act To Improve Testing Requirements for Adult Use Marijuana	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Nathan Michael Carlow**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2533	Resolve, Authorizing Maine School Administrative District 6 To Lease a Former Administrative Office Building in the Town of Buxton	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Ned Claxton**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2590	An Act To Require Suicide Prevention Barriers on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Scott Wynn Cyrway**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2540	An Act To Combat Violence, Disorder and Looting and Protect Law Enforcement Officers	FAILED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Paul Davis**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2543	An Act To Require the Payment of Child Support by Intoxicated Drivers Who Cause the Death of a Parent	FAILED

2549	An Act To Create a Graduated Civil Penalty Scale for Cultivating and Selling Medical and Adult Use Marijuana without a License	FAILED
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**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2566	An Act To Place a Moratorium on Revaluations of Property by Municipalities	FAILED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Sen. Brad Farrin**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2583	Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Christian Camps and Conferences for a Parcel of Property Located in Somerset County	PASSED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Spkr. Ryan Michael Fecteau**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2567	An Act To Prevent Discovery in Connection with a Protection from Abuse Action	PASSED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Raegan French LaRochelle**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2548	An Act To Provide Additional Funding for the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program	PASSED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. John L. Martin**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2542	An Act To Ensure Fairness of Representation in Insurance Disputes	PASSED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. David H. McCrea**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2539	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Renew a Lease of Certain Lands in Aroostook State Park to the Federal Aviation Administration	PASSED

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Stephen W. Moriarty**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2564	An Act To Exempt from Sales Tax Testing Kits for COVID-19	FAILED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Tim Roche**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2544	An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Shelley Rudnicki**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2541	An Act To Provide Alternative Meat To Compensate Hunters Who Have Tagged Deer from the "Do Not Eat" Advisory Area	FAILED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2531	An Act To Require Certain Public Health Rules To Be Adopted as Major Substantive Rules	TABLED

**SPONSOR: Rep. James E. Thorne**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2522	An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax Paid on Social Security Benefits	TABLED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Joseph F. Underwood**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2526	An Act To Increase the Property Tax Exemption	FAILED

2545	An Act To Allow Movement of Overlimit Vehicles on Any Day of the Week	FAILED
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**SPONSOR: Rep. Dustin Michael White**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2529	An Act To Allow Side-by-side All-terrain Vehicles To Use All-terrain Vehicle Trails	TABLED

2532	An Act To Keep Children in School	TABLED
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## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**SPONSOR:**

**Rep. John Andrews**

LR #

2321

Title

Joint Resolution, Urging Congress and Maine's Delegation to Congress To Oppose Changes to Tax Compliance Policies Proposed at the Federal Level and the Potential Invasion of Privacy Caused by Those Changes

Action

FAILED

# Fiscal Briefing

February 24, 2022

*Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

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

**Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
January	\$449.4	\$492.4	\$43.0	9.6%	\$447.1	10.1%
FYTD	\$2,817.0	\$2,950.4	\$133.4	4.7%	\$2,490.9	18.4%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$43.0 million for the month of January and over budget by \$133.4 million (4.7%) for the fiscal year to date.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$19.9 million for the month and by \$58.3 million (4.5%) for the fiscal year to date. This positive variance for the month was largely the result of a positive variance in individual income tax estimated payments and for the fiscal year to date, is a combination of positive variances in the individual income tax withholding and estimated payment lines. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$11.5 million for the month and by \$47.6 million (29.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for January (December sales) was over budget by \$3.2 million for the month and by \$10.5 million (0.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Estate tax revenue was over budget by \$3.7 million for January and by \$6.3 million (26.1%) for the fiscal year to date.

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

**Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
January	\$27.4	\$28.1	\$0.7	2.5%	\$26.6	5.6%
FYTD	\$205.5	\$208.5	\$3.0	1.5%	\$199.4	4.5%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.7 million for the month of January and over budget by \$3.0 million (1.5%) for the fiscal year to date.

Fuel taxes were under budget by \$0.2 million for the month but over budget by \$0.6 million (0.4%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were above budget by \$1.0 million for the month and over budget by \$1.6 million (2.8%) for the fiscal year to date.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for January was \$3,811.2 million, an increase from December's average of 3,642.2 million. The net increase was largely the result of increases in General Fund balances and Independent Agency balances. The average Highway Fund balance in January was \$20.0 million a decrease from December's average of \$20.8 million.

## 4. Revenue Forecast Meeting

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) is scheduled to meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> to review and update the revenue forecast for its March 1<sup>st</sup> report.

**General Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)**

Updated 2/18/22

**January 2022 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	January '22 Budget	January '22 Actual	January '22 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2022 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax <sup>1</sup>	177,344,373	180,504,820	3,160,447	1,272,353,226	1,282,850,443	10,497,217	0.8%	21.4%	2,014,656,922
Service Provider Tax	4,188,559	4,319,847	131,288	29,319,915	29,650,276	330,361	1.1%	-6.6%	51,000,000
Individual Income Tax	251,888,192	271,827,777	19,939,585	1,290,401,361	1,348,673,802	58,272,441	4.5%	14.3%	2,048,250,000
Corporate Income Tax	4,000,000	15,457,197	11,457,197	160,118,088	207,729,457	47,611,369	29.7%	56.6%	255,033,737
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax <sup>2</sup>	10,399,358	12,283,006	1,883,648	88,813,365	90,679,882	1,866,517	2.1%	5.0%	150,745,000
Insurance Companies Tax	29,562	35,025	5,463	14,031,772	15,866,713	1,834,941	13.1%	7.9%	88,250,000
Estate Tax	1,600,000	5,297,539	3,697,539	24,195,156	30,499,835	6,304,679	26.1%	98.1%	31,950,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	11,626,466	14,395,778	2,769,312	84,916,199	87,695,417	2,779,218	3.3%	6.8%	150,101,084
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,084,291	(2,837)	(1,087,128)	4,433,739	3,019,632	(1,414,107)	-31.9%	-33.3%	9,889,346
Income from Investments	426,433	683,606	257,173	3,171,633	3,582,545	410,912	13.0%	23.9%	5,227,906
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,903,789	5,233,306	329,517	38,567,245	41,189,686	2,622,441	6.8%	-7.7%	65,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(7,458,517)	(4,566,652)	2,891,865	(65,502,153)	(64,030,272)	1,471,881	2.2%	4.6%	(76,150,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(14,487,023)	(18,349,785)	(3,862,762)	(126,956,993)	(130,568,439)	(3,611,446)	-2.8%	-50.4%	(203,301,782)
Other Revenue *	3,827,043	5,274,027	1,446,984	(858,818)	3,557,503	4,416,321	514.2%	149.0%	31,675,053
<b>Totals</b>	<b>449,372,526</b>	<b>492,392,653</b>	<b>43,020,127</b>	<b>2,817,003,735</b>	<b>2,950,396,482</b>	<b>133,392,747</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>4,622,327,266</b>

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

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana sales taxes of \$1.1 million for January and \$6.4 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana excise taxes of \$0.4 million for January and \$3.7 million for the fiscal year to date.

**General Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)**

Updated 2/18/22

**January 2022 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2022 Budgeted Totals
	January '22 Budget	January '22 Actual	January '22 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	13,331,852	12,528,743	(803,109)	-6.0%	-0.2%	14,813,169
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,075,023	3,772,132	1,697,109	15,625,072	17,298,245	1,673,173	10.7%	46.2%	26,407,356
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,683,151	1,112,380	(570,771)	13,335,703	13,065,640	(270,063)	-2.0%	-2.4%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	404,777	580,447	175,670	2,316,659	3,078,289	761,630	32.9%	-28.2%	10,438,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	100.0%	6,200,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,728,916	2,857,655	128,739	15,922,402	15,391,135	(531,267)	-3.3%	0.6%	26,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	(32,123)	6,675	38,798	778,245	817,043	38,798	5.0%	-65.1%	1,251,059
- Racino Revenue	767,164	812,157	44,993	4,488,562	6,074,947	1,586,385	35.3%	74.0%	8,344,985
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	410,227	488,796	78,569	2,046,649	2,015,289	(31,360)	-1.5%	0.2%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	2,256,590	3,264,635	1,008,045	10,234,296	11,447,730	1,213,434	11.9%	5.9%	15,994,284
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	1,332,741	1,500,901	168,160	6,836,759	5,978,357	(858,402)	-12.6%	-4.4%	13,117,207
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>11,626,466</b>	<b>14,395,778</b>	<b>2,769,312</b>	<b>84,916,199</b>	<b>87,695,417</b>	<b>2,779,218</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>150,101,084</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,057	706	(351)	13,076	16,588	3,512	26.9%	-48.8%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	0
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,326,580	2,764,037	437,457	15,419,457	18,195,558	2,776,101	18.0%	10.1%	25,918,434
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	9,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(15,473,162)	(15,473,162)	0	0.0%	9.4%	(15,476,762)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(60,091)	0	60,091	(4,038,189)	(4,335,131)	(296,942)	-7.4%	42.8%	(4,673,418)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(7,391,785)	(7,391,785)	0	0.0%	25.4%	(7,391,785)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,559,497	2,509,284	949,787	10,611,785	12,545,435	1,933,650	18.2%	17.0%	24,070,084
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>3,827,043</b>	<b>5,274,027</b>	<b>1,446,984</b>	<b>(858,818)</b>	<b>3,557,503</b>	<b>4,416,321</b>	<b>514.2%</b>	<b>149.0%</b>	<b>31,675,053</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	601	601	N/A	-54.0%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(5,749,717)	(4,365,965)	1,383,752	(9,721,353)	(5,898,589)	3,822,764	39.3%	55.5%	(19,100,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(1,708,800)	(200,687)	1,508,113	(55,780,800)	(58,132,284)	(2,351,484)	-4.2%	-7.9%	(57,050,000)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(7,458,517)</b>	<b>(4,566,652)</b>	<b>2,891,865</b>	<b>(65,502,153)</b>	<b>(64,030,272)</b>	<b>1,471,881</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>(76,150,000)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>2,756,415</b>	<b>3,862,391</b>	<b>1,105,976</b>	<b>10,052,444</b>	<b>10,113,147</b>	<b>60,703</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>	<b>21,476,288</b>

**Highway Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)**

Updated 2/18/22

**January 2022 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2022 Budgeted Totals
	January '22 Budget	January '22 Actual	January '22 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	16,324,343	15,549,604	(774,739)	122,028,452	120,501,824	(1,526,628)	-1.3%	7.5%	200,950,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,733,156	4,278,202	545,046	28,249,983	30,406,049	2,156,066	7.6%	5.0%	46,898,199
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,465,891)	(1,493,922)	(28,031)	(11,036,345)	(11,093,585)	(57,240)	-0.5%	-7.0%	(18,211,727)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(408,223)	(388,849)	19,374	(3,051,564)	(3,013,902)	37,662	1.2%	-7.0%	(5,025,156)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	18,183,385	17,945,036	(238,349)	136,190,526	136,800,387	609,861	0.4%	7.0%	224,611,316
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,760,310	5,274,805	(485,505)	40,698,568	39,981,282	(717,286)	-1.8%	-7.2%	69,162,203
- License Plate Fees	88,520	1,965	(86,555)	2,044,919	2,277,353	232,434	11.4%	4.1%	3,652,523
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	724,152	1,995,627	1,271,475	6,925,977	8,197,452	1,271,475	18.4%	16.4%	11,384,523
- Title Fees	987,596	1,073,890	86,294	8,254,939	8,783,181	528,242	6.4%	-5.4%	14,325,795
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	668,327	923,225	254,898	6,638,062	6,831,367	193,305	2.9%	7.4%	10,191,878
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(8,600,837)	(8,522,460)	78,377	0.9%	5.8%	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,228,905	9,269,512	1,040,607	55,961,628	57,548,174	1,586,546	2.8%	-2.3%	92,198,868
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	395,088	198,945	(196,144)	2,092,194	1,848,025	(244,170)	-11.7%	22.0%	3,015,291
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	95,689	101,795	6,106	773,339	930,280	156,941	20.3%	0.6%	1,267,454
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	50,534	73,062	22,528	353,738	717,713	363,975	102.9%	14.2%	606,412
Interest Earnings	8,800	8,882	82	88,952	111,439	22,487	25.3%	-14.0%	146,248
Other Highway Fund Revenue	464,324	504,673	40,349	10,001,193	10,499,037	497,844	5.0%	10.6%	12,908,725
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,426,725</b>	<b>28,101,904</b>	<b>675,179</b>	<b>205,461,570</b>	<b>208,455,056</b>	<b>2,993,486</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>334,754,314</b>



**Legislative Council Actions  
Taken by Ballot Since the  
January 27, 2022 Council Meeting**

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**

**LR 2606      An Act To Help Maine Residents with High Electricity Costs**

Submitted by: President Troy Jackson  
Date: January 28, 2022  
Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent)

**LR 2612      An Act Regarding the Reapportionment of the Knox County Budget Committee Districts**

Submitted by: Representative Michelle Dunphy  
Date: February 2, 2022  
Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Senator Daughtry and Representative Dillingham recorded as absent)

**LR 2636      An Act to Fund and Support Veterans Homes in Caribou and Machias**

Submitted by: President Troy Jackson  
Date: February 15, 2022  
Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Senator Pouliot and Representative Dillingham recorded as absent)

**LR 2609      An Act to Allow the Annexation of Certain Lands by Columbia Falls**

Submitted by: Senator Marianne Moore  
Date: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Representatives Dillingham and Stetkis recorded as absent.)

**LR 2638      An Act To Update the Designation of Vietnam War Remembrance Day**

Submitted by: Senator Craig Hickman  
Date: February 16, 2022  
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senators Timberlake and Pouliot and Representatives Dillingham and Stetkis recorded as absent.)

**Legislative Council  
Tabled Bill Requests  
From October 25, 2021 and November 18, 2021**

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Sherm H. Hutchins**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2338	An Act To Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings	Tabled 11/18/21

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2353	An Act Regarding Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Procedures and Outcomes in State Correctional Facilities	Tabled 10/25/21

**130th Maine State Legislature  
Legislative Council  
Requests to Introduce Legislation**

As of: 2/18/2022

**Session(s): R2**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**(submitted by the Judicial Branch)**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2613	An Act To Amend the Judicial Districts and Divisions for York County	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Russell Black**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2631	An Act To Allow Excess Electricity To Be Purchased at Wholesale Rates	

2639	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Keep Open a Call Center in Wilton	
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**SPONSOR: Rep. Anne C. Perry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2623	An Act To Require the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance To Offer Health Care Providers and Insurers Liaison Services	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2614	An Act To Establish the Maine Statewide Council on Community Integration, Migration and Emergency Management	

**Session(s): R2**

**TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**(submitted by Office of Public Advocate)**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2560	An Act To Impose Certain Restrictions on the Participation in Net Energy Billing by Certain Customers	Tabled 01/27/22

**(submitted by Department of Public Safety)**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2571	An Act To Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers	Tabled 01/27/22

**SPONSOR: Sen. Richard A. Bennett**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2574	An Act To Retroactively Approve by a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature the Lease of Certain Public Lands by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Public Lands	Tabled 01/27/22

**SPONSOR: Rep. Heidi Eileen Brooks**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2603	An Act To Expand Access to Life-saving Medications	Tabled 01/27/22

**SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2531	An Act To Require Certain Public Health Rules To Be Adopted as Major Substantive Rules	Tabled 01/27/22

**SPONSOR: Rep. James E. Thorne**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2522	An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax Paid on Social Security Benefits	Tabled 01/27/22

**SPONSOR:**                    **Rep. Dustin Michael White**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2529	An Act To Allow Side-by-side All-terrain Vehicles To Use All-terrain Vehicle Trails	Tabled 01/27/22
2532	An Act To Keep Children in School	Tabled 01/27/22

**130th Maine State Legislature  
Addendum  
Legislative Council  
Requests to Introduce Legislation  
Second Regular Session**

**Actions Taken After February 18, 2022**

**SPONSOR:     Sen. Trey Stewart**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2643	Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Aroostook Technologies, Inc. for a Parcel of Land in Township 11, Range 4, WELS	

**Commission on Interstate Cooperation  
01030A005301**

**Annual Dues Payment History**

SFY	CSG				NCSL				Total			
	Request	Incr. over previous year's request	Amount Paid	Difference	Request	Incr. over previous year's request	Amount Paid	Difference	Request	Amount Paid	Difference	
2010	\$ 89,236		\$ 89,236	\$ -	\$ 122,079		\$ 122,079	\$ -	\$ 211,315	\$ 211,315	\$ -	
2011	\$ 92,806	4.0%	\$ 92,806	\$ -	\$ 126,751	3.8%	\$ 126,751	\$ -	\$ 219,557	\$ 219,557	\$ -	
2012	\$ 96,518	4.0%	\$ 83,525	\$ 12,993	\$ 126,767	0.0%	\$ 114,090	\$ 12,677	\$ 223,285	\$ 197,615	\$ 25,670	Note 1
2013	\$ 97,247	0.8%	\$ 83,525	\$ 13,722	\$ 126,767	0.0%	\$ 114,090	\$ 12,677	\$ 224,014	\$ 197,615	\$ 26,399	
2014	\$ 97,245	0.0%	\$ 97,245	\$ -	\$ 126,921	0.1%	\$ 126,921	\$ -	\$ 224,166	\$ 224,166	\$ -	Note 2
2015	\$ 97,258	0.0%	\$ 97,258	\$ -	\$ 126,921	0.0%	\$ 126,921	\$ -	\$ 224,179	\$ 224,179	\$ -	Note 3
2016	\$ 97,246	0.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 9,440	\$ 129,247	1.8%	\$ 121,751	\$ 7,496	\$ 226,493	\$ 209,557	\$ 16,936	Note 4
2017	\$ 101,162	4.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 13,356	\$ 131,618	1.8%	\$ 131,618	\$ -	\$ 232,780	\$ 219,424	\$ 13,356	Note 5
2018	\$ 105,198	4.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 17,392	\$ 133,613	1.5%	\$ 121,751	\$ 11,862	\$ 238,811	\$ 209,557	\$ 29,254	
2019	\$ 109,438	4.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 21,632	\$ 135,617	1.5%	\$ 121,751	\$ 13,866	\$ 245,055	\$ 209,557	\$ 35,498	
2020	\$ 113,812	4.0%	\$ 113,812	\$ -	\$ 139,797	3.1%	\$ 139,797	\$ -	\$ 253,609	\$ 253,609	\$ -	Note 6
2021	\$ 118,369	4.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 30,563	\$ 139,797	0.0%	\$ 121,751	\$ 18,046	\$ 258,166	\$ 209,557	\$ 48,609	
2022	\$ 118,369	0.0%	\$ 87,806	\$ 30,563	\$ 143,991	3.0%	\$ 121,751	\$ 22,240	\$ 262,360	\$ 209,557	\$ 52,803	
2023	\$ 123,177	4.1%			\$ 145,853	1.3%			\$ 269,030	\$ 209,557	\$ 59,473	

Note 1 PL 2011, c. 380 reduced funding for dues beginning in FY 12 from \$219,557 to \$197,615, a reduction of \$21,942.

Note 2 On July 25, 2013 the Legislative Council approved the payment of the FY 14 annual dues in full.

Note 3 On July 24, 2014 the Legislative Council approved the payment of the FY 15 annual dues in full.

Note 4 On the recommendation of the Budget Subcommittee, on May 29, 2015 the Legislative Council voted to reduce the annual payment to each agency by \$5,000 beginning in FY 16 to provide \$10,000 for the Comm. on Uniform State Laws.

Note 5 On April 27, 2017 the Legislative Council voted to authorize the payment of the FY 17 NCSL dues in full.

Note 6 On May 23, 2019 the Legislative Council voted to authorize the transfer of \$44,052 from unspent balances to pay NCSL & CSG dues in full.



## The Council of State Governments

May 14, 2021

Ms. Suzanne Gresser  
Executive Director  
Maine State Legislature  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Gresser:

On behalf of The Council of State Governments (CSG) and its national and regional officers, I am proud to share that our organization continues to advocate for and provide valued services to the states and territories, including Maine.

CSG was founded in 1933, the worst year of the Great Depression, and today remains steadfast in its mission to work for state officials to champion excellence and advance the common good. As America's largest association serving state officials and the only national nonpartisan organization of elected and appointed state leaders in all three branches of government, CSG continues to deliver critical technical assistance, policy analysis, signature convenings and distinguished leadership development opportunities for state officials.

I have included the invoice for Maine's annual dues to CSG in the amount of \$118,369.00.

This amount, for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), is established by the CSG Executive Committee based on a formula approved by representatives of the states. Due to continued challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, this amount remains the same as fiscal year 2021. Your dues constitute your state's investment to support the work of CSG at both the national and regional levels as well as the work of the CSG Justice Center.

Should you have any questions about this invoice or suggestions for areas of focus that CSG should pursue to best serve your state, please feel free to contact me at [dadkins@csg.org](mailto:dadkins@csg.org) or (859) 244-8000. You may also contact your region's director, David Biette at [dbiette@csg.org](mailto:dbiette@csg.org) or (646) 383-5711.

Thank you for your continued investment in CSG. Together, as a community of the states, CSG helps us achieve more than any one state could achieve alone.

Sincerely yours,

David Adkins  
Executive Director/CEO

C: Senate President Troy Jackson, Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Senator Nate Libby, Representative Michelle Dunphy, Ms. Jackie Little

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**Martha R. Wigton**  
Director  
House Budget & Research  
Office  
Georgia  
Staff Chair, NCSL

**Tim Storey**  
Executive Director

June 18, 2021

Dear Suzanne,

It has been a year like no other, to say the least. Congratulations on your leadership through these challenging times and numerous critical decisions. NCSL was with you every step of the way, providing timely research, 50-state data, connections, and innovative ideas. Now more than ever, we believe that strong states are the backbone of American democracy.

Enclosed is Maine's FY 2022 NCSL dues invoice. This past year, NCSL has increased our services for you, your staff, and members during a time when collaboration was needed most. We are honored to be your professional legislative organization and national staff support and are incredibly grateful that you continue to invest in NCSL.

NCSL continues to scrutinize our operating budget, led by the dedicated group of legislators and staff who sit on the NCSL Executive Committee.

As always, NCSL is fully committed to your success and to Maine's as everyone gets back on track. Please contact me with any questions or if you have ideas about how NCSL can support you, your members, and the legislative staff. Sincerely, thank you for your support.

With appreciation,

Tim Storey  
Executive Director  
NCSL



## The Council of State Governments

November 1, 2021

Ms. Suzanne Gresser  
Executive Director  
Maine State Legislature  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Gresser:

I am writing to share important information regarding Maine's Fiscal Year 2023 dues payment for The Council of State Governments (CSG) and CSG East. Please note this is not an invoice; the invoice for CSG dues will be sent in May 2022. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with the information necessary for your state's FY23 budget planning process.

CSG was created by the states in 1933 and has delivered exceptional value to all state governments. With the support of your state, we will continue to provide nonpartisan, regional and national programming on priority public policy issues of state officials.

Through the CSG Executive Committee, the states themselves determine the amount paid by each state based on an approved formula that includes a base amount plus a population-based component. Each year, 60% of Maine's dues are allocated directly to support CSG East and the remaining 40% support CSG national programs.

On behalf of the CSG regional and national leadership, thank you for your continued investment in the work of CSG. Should you need additional information, you can reach me on my cell at (859) 859-559-3915 or by email at dadkins@csg.org or David Biette, the director of CSG East, at (703) 304-2853 or dbiette@csg.org.

### **Maine 2023 CSG Dues**

Total Amount: \$123,177.00  
Time Period: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023  
CSG National Programs and Services  
CSG Justice Center  
CSG East  
CSG Eastern Regional Conference

Sincerely,

David Adkins  
Executive Director/CEO

C: Senate President Troy Jackson, Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Senator Nate Libby, Representative Michelle Dunphy

**From:** Arturo Perez [<mailto:arturo.perez@ncsl.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 18, 2022 5:26 PM  
**To:** Gresser, Suzanne <[suzanne.gresser@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:suzanne.gresser@legislature.maine.gov)>  
**Subject:** NCSL Maine Dues Letter and Invoice Amount for FY 2023

**This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.**

Suzanne,

Hope all is well in Maine this legislative session. I want to thank Maine for being such a great partner to NCSL. I've included NCSL's FY 2023 dues invoice here and a note from Tim Storey, our CEO, below. Please let me know if you need additional information or have any questions.

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Dear Suzanne,

State legislatures remain the backbone of a strong American democracy. The work you and your colleagues do is a testament to that. Thank you for all that you do and the sacrifices you make in service to your state.

As always, NCSL stands ready to help you and your staff make the thousands of critical legislative decisions that you make every year with informative and unbiased research. And of course, NCSL can provide professional development, expert testimony and networking connections with other states. Just say the word and let us know what we can do to make you more effective.

Enclosed is NCSL's FY 2023 dues statement for Maine. Along with the other legislatures, your support allows NCSL to provide your state with top-level services and products. Thank you for continuing to contribute to the important work we do in your service. We are honored to be your professional legislative association and national staff support.

As you do in your own state, NCSL continually scrutinizes its operating budget, led by the dedicated group of legislative leaders, legislators and legislative staff who serve on the NCSL Executive Committee. We will gladly share the specifics of the operating budget if you would like more detail.

NCSL is committed to the success of the states. Please contact me with any questions or if you have ideas about how NCSL can better serve you and your members.

With gratitude,



Tim Storey  
Chief Executive Officer  
NCSL

Sent by:

**Arturo Pérez**

National Conference of State Legislatures

Director of State Services

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January 20, 2022

Honorable Janet T. Mills  
Governor  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Ms. Susanne Gresser  
Executive Director of the Maine Legislature  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Honorable Chip Curry  
Honorable Tiffany Roberts  
Joint Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and  
Business c/o Legislative Information Office  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor Mills, Ms. Gresser, Senator Curry and Representative Roberts:

Pursuant to MRSA Title 5, Chapter 383, Article 2-A, Section 13083-F, the Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) is pleased to submit the 2020-2021 Annual Report to the Legislature on behalf of the Washington County Development Authority (WCDA).

SCEC is a nonprofit organization that works to create jobs and prosperity in Washington County; we are also the economic development arm of Washington County government. We provide staff support for the WCDA and are partnering with the Authority in its effort to redevelop the former U.S. Navy base in Cutler.

The former U.S. Navy Base in Cutler is comprised of roughly 20 acres and five commercial buildings comprising 75,000 square feet. The Authority is working to bring these facilities back into productive use. In 2021, the WCDA procured by competitive bid the services of Roof Systems of Maine to repair and improve drainage from the warehouse roof. The Authority was also awarded a grant of \$500,000 from the U.S. EPA Brownfields Program to clean up contamination at the former recreation building.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Rudelitch, Esq.  
Executive Director  
Enclosure: 2020-2021 Annual Report



# Washington County Development Authority

ANNUAL REPORT October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

## Introduction

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 5 of Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 383, Subchapter 3, Article 2-A, the Washington County Development Authority is required to submit an annual report to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business and economic development matters. The report must be submitted no later than 120 days after the close of the authority's fiscal year. The Authority's fiscal year ended on September 30, 2021.

Section 13083-F of 5 MRSA requires that the annual report of the Authority include:

- A. A description of the authority's operations and activities;
- B. An accounting of the authority's receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year;
- C. A listing of all property transactions pursuant to section 13083-D;
- D. A statement of the authority's proposed and projected activities for the ensuing year; and
- E. Recommendations regarding further actions that may be suitable for achieving the purposes of this article.

## History of the Authority

The Washington County Development Authority was established by the Second Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature as Chapter 568 of the Laws of Maine 2001. The Authority was established in response to the need to create a state entity that could take title to the former Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station in Cutler, Maine from the United States Navy. Since that time, the legislation was amended to broaden the scope of the authority's mission to allow the authority to provide financial and technical assistance to any governmental entity and nonprofit located within Washington County in support of community and economic development projects. Representation was expanded to include all municipalities in Washington County, including the unorganized territories.

For the reporting period, the Authority was comprised of the following members: Elizabeth "Betsy" Fitzgerald (Machiasport), Renee Gray (Addison), Julie Jordan (Jonesport), Ron McAlpine (Crawford), Lewis Pinkham (Milbridge), and Lani Reynolds (Northfield). The DECD Appointee seat is currently vacant.

For this time period, the following officers were elected: Betsy Fitzgerald (Chair), Lewis Pinkham (Vice Chair), and Lani Reynolds (Treasurer). For the reporting period Heron Weston has not participated in the Authority, nor has he given a resignation. For this reporting period, the WCDA set monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month at 1:00 pm at Sunrise County Economic Council and now holds its meetings virtually hosted by SCEC.

The Authority can have up to 13 voting members. At this point, there are seven Trustees.

### **Operations and Activities**

The WCDA Trustees scheduled 11 regular meetings from October 2020 to September 2021. Major items of discussion during the course of the report period included the following subjects:

The Washington County Development Authority continues to contract with Sunrise County Economic Council to provide administrative services.

The Authority continues to use support from the Washington County Council of Governments Brownfields Program to evaluate the structures hazardous materials and degradation to the buildings under previous ownership. The Authority has been contacted by several individuals/entities interested in utilizing the Recreation Building for various purposes. An environmental engineer's report has identified lead paint and some PCBs in the building. An EPA Clean Up Grant in the amount of \$500,000 has been awarded to the authority and work will start on the Recreation Building in 2022. The Authority is now waiting to hear whether an additional EPA grant for cleanup of the Administration Building will be awarded. The building has been secured until repairs can be made. In addition, the Authority is still awaiting work from the U.S. Navy regarding cleanup of hazardous materials at the Rec Building.

During the year, the Authority had continued to manage the commercial buildings at the de-commissioned Cutler Base. The WCDA continues to lease space to Look's Gourmet Food Company, Inc and Crafted Downeast, LLC. The Authority contracted by competitive bid with Roof Systems of Maine and to repair the Warehouse roof and improve the drainage at the Warehouse. The work was completed in October 2021 at a total cost of \$23,065.50.

### **Receipts and Expenditures**

See attached Financial Statement

### **Property Transactions:**

The WCDA obtained no new property this year.

### **Proposed and Projected Activities**

The Authority intends to continue its work to redevelop the former Cutler Navy Base as resources are slowly becoming available for certain areas of the base, however, there continues to be a lack of resources for the base as a whole. The Authority received an EPA Grant of \$500,000 for the clean-up of hazardous materials and degradation of the Recreation Building. Work on the Recreational Building will commence in 2022. Also, the Authority anticipates a retrofit of the abutting building to the Warehouse into large freezers for a Warehouse tenant. Sunrise County Economic Council and Washington County Government have provided what staff support they can, but the Authority's Trustees are handling much of the day-to-day management of the property as volunteers. The Authority's sole source of income is rent, which has been entirely used for the maintenance and repair of the property. In short, the redevelopment effort is hobbled by the lack of resources.

With continued support from the Washington County Council of Governments' Brownfield Program, the Authority plans to attempt to raise funds to pay for needed clean up and renovation to some of its property.

The Authority is seeking new tenants to fill vacant commercial space in the base and continues to look for funding to repair former structures.

#### **Recommendations**

1. The Authority has no requests or recommendations from the Legislature at this time.

#### Attachments:

Financial reports: WCDA Annual Income Statement

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy Fitzgerald". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "B" and "F".

Betsy Fitzgerald, Chair



## Washington County Development Authority

McGuire Seasonal Services	10/6/2020	\$466.66	
Jessiman rent (for October)	10/6/2020		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	10/13/2020		\$1,700.00
	10/14/2020		\$176.40
Versant Power	10/14/2020	\$112.35	
Schoodic Ins. Services	10/23/2020	\$1,036.18	
Look's Oct-Nov rent	10/23/2020		\$8,800.00
		Expenses	Income
Jessiman rent (for Nov)	11/2/2020		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	11/2/2020		\$1,200.00
Hanscom's Construction	11/2/2020	\$2,004.55	
Versant Power	11/10/2020	\$112.35	
McGuire Seasonal Services	11/10/2020	\$466.66	
SCEC	11/24/2020	\$240.00	
Look's December rent	11/30/2020		\$4,400.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	12/1/2020		\$1,200.00
Jessiman's rent (for Dec)	12/1/2020		\$125.00
	12/8/2020	\$112.35	
McGuire Seasonal Services	12/8/2020	\$1,000.00	
Balance 12/31/2020			\$97,925.49
Beginning Balance 2021			\$97,925.49
		Expenses	Income
McGuire Seasonal Services	1/11/2021	\$1,000.00	
Crafted Downeast LLC	1/11/2021		\$1,200.00
Jessiman's rent (for Jan)	1/11/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC (new)	1/11/2021		\$500.00
	1/20/2021		\$115.17
		Expenses	Income
Look;s January rent	2/5/2020		\$4,400.00
Jessiman's rent (for Feb)			\$125.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	2/5/2021	\$1,000.00	
Crafted Downeast LLC	2/8/2021		\$800.00
Versant Power	2/16/2021	\$128.31	
Look's March rent	3/4/2021		\$4,400.00
Jessiman's February rent	2/26/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	2/26/2021		\$800.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	4/8/2021	\$1,000.00	
		Expenses	Income
Look's April rent	4/5/2021		\$4,400.00
Jessiman rent for April	3/25/2021		\$125.00

Crafted Downeast LLC	4/1/2021		\$800.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	3/8/2021	\$1,000.00	
Versant Power	3/16/2021	\$128.31	
McGuire Seasonal Services	4/8/2021	\$1,000.00	
Versant Power	4/12/2021	\$128.31	
SCEC	4/15/2021	\$760.00	
Jessiman rent for May	4/26/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	4/30/2021		\$800.00
		Expenses	Income
Jessiman rent for June	5/24/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	5/26/2021		\$800.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	5/24/2021	\$466.66	
Look' May rent	5/54/2021		\$4,400.00
Look's June rent	5/26/2021		\$4,400.00
Versant Power	6/10/2021	\$128.31	
McGuire Seasonal Services	6/10/2021	\$466.66	
Crafted Downeast LLC	6/24/2021		\$800.00
Jessiman July rent	6/24/2021		\$125.00
Look's July rent	6/30/2021		\$4,400.00
		Expenses	Income
Versant Power	7/15/2021	\$127.99	
MMG Insurance	7/30/2021	\$554.00	
Jessiman August rent	7/30/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	7/30/2021		\$800.00
Look's August rent	7/30/2021		\$4,400.00
		Expenses	Income
MaineToday Media	8/9/2021	\$195.80	
McGuire Seasonal Services	8/9/2021	\$466.66	
Betsy Fitzgerald	8/18/2021	\$453.00	
Postmaster	8/26/2021	\$55.00	
		Expenses	Income
	8/31/2021		\$4,400.00
Jessiman September rent	8/31/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	9/7/2021		\$900.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	9/15/2021	\$466.66	
Versant Power	9/15/2021	\$126.93	
Roof Systems of Maine	9/27/2021	\$17,845.00	
Schoodic Ins. Services	9/27/2021	\$905.37	
Look's October rent	9/30/2021		\$4,400.00
Jessiman October rent	9/30/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	9/30/2021		\$900.00
Versant Power	10/13/2021	\$123.96	
McGuire Seasonal Services	10/13/2021	\$466.66	

Roof Systems of Maine	10/18/2021	\$5,220.50	
		Expenses	Income
Versant Power	11/10/2021	\$123.13	
McGuire Seasonal Services	11/12/2021	\$1,000.00	
Jessiman Nov.rent	11/10/2021		\$125.00
Crafted Downeast LLC	11/18/2021		\$1,800.00
Look'sDecember rent	12/2/2021		\$4,400.00
Jessiman December rent	11/30/2021		\$125.00
McGuire Seasonal Services	12/6/2021	\$1,000.00	
Jessiman rent	12/27/2021		\$125.00
Look's January rent	12/31/2021		\$4,400.00
Balance	10/29/2021		\$118,036.60