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130TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
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REP. KATHLEEN R.J. DILLINGHAM
REP. JOEL STETKIS

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
April 21, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the April 21, 2022 meeting of the 130th Legislative Council to order at 2:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson (arrived after commencement of meeting), Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Dunphy, Representative Dillingham, and Representative Talbot Ross

Absent: Senator Timberlake, Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 2:27 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 3, 2022 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for the March 3, 2022 meeting be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Talbot Ross, Second by Representative Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0-4**, with President Jackson, Senator Timberlake, Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

None

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2671 An Act To Allow County and Regional Communication Centers to Request Polygraph Examinations for Employees and Applicants for Employment

Submitted by: Representative Rachael Talbot Ross
Date: March 11, 2022
Vote: 7-1-0-2 Passed (with Representative Stetkis opposed and Senator Timberlake and Senator Pouliot recorded as absent)

LR 2666 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services, A Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

Submitted by: Department of Health and Human Services
Date: March 10, 2022
Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (With Senator Pouliot, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent)

LR 2670 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Appliance Efficiency Standards, as Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality

Submitted by: Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality
Date: March 16, 2022
Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (With Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent)

LR 2676 An Act Regarding Taxation of Energy Storage Facilities and Equipment

Submitted by: Representative Maureen Terry
Date: March 17, 2022
Vote: 7-1-0-2 Passed (With Senator Timberlake opposed, Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent)

LR 2677 An Act To Allow Outdoor Stadiums To Sell Distilled Spirits

Submitted by: Representative Michelle Dunphy
Date: March 18, 2022
Vote: 7-2-0-1 Passed (With Senator Timberlake and Representative Stetkis opposed and Senator and Pouliot recorded as absent)

LR 2647 An Act To Raise the Indebtedness Limit of the Eagle Lake Water and Sewer District

Submitted by: Representative John Martin

Date: February 28, 2022
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (With Senator Pouliot, Representatives Talbot Ross, Dillingham and Stetkis recorded as absent)

LR 2681 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States and the United States House of Representatives to Enact the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021.

Submitted by: Senator Kimberley Rosen
Date: March 22, 2022
Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (With Senators Timberlake and Pouliot and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

The Legislative Council voted to approve the suggested protocol found in the council packet on page 5 (Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Senator Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0-4**, with President Jackson, Senator Timberlake, Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis absent).

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the legislative study requests in accordance with the approved protocol. The Legislative Council's actions on the legislative studies are included on the attached list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Legislative Council
Action Taken on Legislative Studies
April 21, 2022

JSO HP 1521	Joint Order, Establishing the Task Force on Early Childhood in Maine	Task Force on Early Childhood in Maine	Tabled
LD 629	Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers	Task Force To Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence against Health Care Workers	Approved as Amended
LD 680	Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Approved
LD 966	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses To Enable the Implementation of the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy	Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine's Working Families and Small Businesses	Tabled
LD 1005	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Strategies To Assist Working-class Families in Building Wealth and Achieving Upward Mobility	Commission To Study Strategies To Assist Working-class Families in Building Wealth and Achieving Upward Mobility	Tabled
LD 1073	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures	Commission To Research Effective Strategies and Efficiencies of Legislatures	Tabled
LD 1240	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals	Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals	Approved as Amended
LD 1246	Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities	Commission to Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities	Tabled
LD 1303	Resolve, To Require the Revisor of Statutes To Compile a List of Mandatory Minimum Sentences Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes		Tabled
LD 1447	Resolve, To Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates	Law Enforcement Training and Qualifications Study Committee	Tabled
LD 1569	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of Maine	Commission To Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of Maine	Approved as Amended

LD 1771	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	Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State	Approved as Amended
LD 1818	Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee	Criminal Records Review Committee	Tabled
LD 1824	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System	Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System	Approved
LD 1941	Resolve, Establishing the Working Group To Review and Recommend Improvements to the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit	Working Group To Review and Recommend Improvements to the Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit	Tabled
LD 1946	Resolve, Establishing the Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel	Committee To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel	Approved
LD 1950	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch	The Commission To Evaluate the Incorporation of the Probate Court into the Judicial Branch	Tabled
LD 1952	Resolve, To Reestablish the Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Commission To Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Tabled
LD 1988	An Act To Establish That the Provision of Emergency Medical Services by an Ambulance Service Is an Essential Service and To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Approved
LD 1997	Resolve, To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security	Committee To Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security	Tabled
LD 2008	Resolve, To Establish the Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	Committee To Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder	Approved as Amended
LD 2009	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	Full Evaluation Review Task Force	Tabled