

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

REP. RYAN M. FECTEAU
CHAIR

SEN. TROY D. JACKSON
VICE-CHAIR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUZANNE M. GRESSER



130TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. ELOISE A. VITELLI
SEN. MATTHEA E. DAUGHTRY
SEN. JEFFREY L. TIMBERLAKE
SEN. MATTHEW POULIOT
REP. MICHELLE DUNPHY
REP. RACHEL TALBOT ROSS
REP. KATHLEEN R.J. DILLINGHAM
REP. JOEL STETKIS

**September 22, 2022
1:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

<u>Page</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
	CALL TO ORDER	
	ROLL CALL	
1	SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 21, 2022 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	Decision
	REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OFFICE DIRECTORS	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiscal Report (Mr. Nolan)	Information
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Studies Report (Ms. Fox)	Information
	REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Appointment of Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library○ Revisions to Personnel Policies regarding parental leave time and benefits related to pregnancy and childbirth	Decision Decision
	OLD BUSINESS	
15	Item #1 Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	Information
17	Item #2 Funding of annual dues for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) for State fiscal years 2022 and 2023	Decision

NEW BUSINESS

22 **Item #1** Request from the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole for additional meetings **Decision**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

REP. RYAN M. FECTEAU
CHAIR

SEN. TROY D. JACKSON
VICE- CHAIR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUZANNE M. GRESSER



130TH MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SEN. ELOISE A. VITELLI
SEN. MATTHEA DAUGHTRY
SEN. JEFFREY L. TIMBERLAKE
SEN. MATTHEW POULIOT
REP. MICHELLE DUNPHY
REP. RACHEL TALBOT ROSS
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

Fiscal Briefing

September 22, 2022

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2023 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
August	\$417.2	\$431.8	\$14.6	3.5%	\$402.4	7.3%
FYTD	\$767.9	\$804.0	\$36.1	4.7%	\$767.9	4.7%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$14.6 million (3.5%) for the month of August and over budget by \$36.1 million (4.7%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2023 General Fund revenue through August 2022 was 4.7% greater than FY 2022 General Fund revenue through August 2021.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$13.9 million (8.0%) for the month and over budget by \$21.1 million (6.8%) for the fiscal year to date. This positive variance is largely the result of positive variances in final tax payments, estimated payments and withholding, partially offset by individual tax refunds that were greater than budgeted. Corporate income tax revenue was \$2.4 million under budget for the month and under budget by \$1.8 million (-7.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for August (July sales) was over budget for the month by \$1.7 million (0.8%) and over budget by \$8.2 million (2.0%) for the fiscal year to date. Estate tax revenue for the fiscal year to date is still over budget by \$12.2 million as a result of a large positive variance in July.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2023 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
August	\$32.6	\$32.9	\$0.3	1.0%	\$33.2	-0.8%
FYTD	\$62.8	\$62.9	\$0.1	0.2%	\$64.3	-2.2%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.3 million (1.0%) for the month of August and over budget by \$0.1 million (0.2%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2023 Highway Fund revenue through August 2022 was 2.2% less than FY 2022 Highway Fund revenue through August 2021.

Fuel taxes were under budget by \$0.9 million (-4.2%) for the month and under budget by \$1.6 million (-4.0%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget by \$0.9 million (9.2%) for the month and over budget by \$1.5 million (7.6%) for the fiscal year to date.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for August was \$4,240.7 million, a decrease from July's average of \$4,245.6 million. This decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in General Fund balances which was partially offset by increases in other fund balances. The average Highway Fund balance for August was \$33.6 million, an increase from July's average of \$30.3 million.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 (FY 2023)

Updated 9/19/22

August 2022 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2023 Budgeted Totals
	August '22 Budget	August '22 Actual	August '22 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	215,453,575	217,191,774	1,738,199	418,915,309	427,070,179	8,154,870	1.9%	6.5%	2,114,622,487
Service Provider Tax	4,233,334	4,231,707	(1,627)	8,466,665	8,298,564	(168,101)	-2.0%	-2.9%	50,000,000
Individual Income Tax	174,525,931	188,487,691	13,961,760	308,286,014	329,363,397	21,077,383	6.8%	5.7%	2,054,227,867
Corporate Income Tax	4,000,000	1,608,630	(2,391,370)	23,500,000	21,662,090	(1,837,910)	-7.8%	-11.1%	335,688,199
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	13,862,333	14,900,305	1,037,972	25,788,348	28,233,924	2,445,576	9.5%	-3.3%	151,740,000
Insurance Companies Tax	254,160	24,516	(229,644)	1,283,906	866,339	(417,567)	-32.5%	-57.2%	88,800,000
Estate Tax	2,000,000	2,093,408	93,408	4,000,000	16,187,114	12,187,114	304.7%	2165.4%	24,150,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	10,522,512	12,109,388	1,586,876	19,548,795	18,553,678	(995,117)	-5.1%	-4.2%	154,467,985
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	995,969	(486,894)	(1,482,863)	2,027,628	1,160,191	(867,437)	-42.8%	-61.2%	11,914,639
Income from Investments	504,217	1,442,719	938,502	504,217	1,442,706	938,489	186.1%	139.2%	8,166,254
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,615,385	4,164,540	(450,846)	10,384,616	13,882,026	3,497,410	33.7%	11.4%	60,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(5,000)	0	5,000	(10,000)	0	10,000	100.0%	100.0%	(81,040,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(18,047,758)	(18,743,721)	(695,963)	(41,120,622)	(46,589,073)	(5,468,451)	-13.3%	-18.6%	(233,343,625)
Other Revenue *	4,245,545	4,752,431	506,886	(13,691,444)	(16,146,509)	(2,455,065)	-17.9%	-209.5%	19,161,761
Totals	417,160,203	431,776,492	14,616,289	767,883,432	803,984,625	36,101,193	4.7%	4.7%	4,758,555,567

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

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana sales taxes of \$1.7 million for August and \$3.1 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana excise taxes of \$0.9 million for August and \$2.1 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 (FY 2023)

Updated 9/19/22

August 2022 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2023 Budgeted Totals
	August '22 Budget	August '22 Actual	August '22 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	14,813,169
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,195,883	1,208,540	(987,343)	2,329,216	1,410,891	(918,325)	-39.4%	-17.5%	29,474,801
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,719,345	3,627,421	1,908,076	3,254,888	3,907,038	652,150	20.0%	-12.9%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	322,152	790,938	468,786	949,278	2,443,693	1,494,415	157.4%	111.3%	11,013,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	(63,947)	(63,947)	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,115,581	2,235,850	120,269	4,231,162	3,700,250	(530,912)	-12.5%	-11.3%	25,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	38,201	42,781	4,580	340,936	118,399	(222,537)	-65.3%	-11.6%	1,104,564
- Racino Revenue	883,457	1,143,926	260,469	1,691,185	2,041,918	350,733	20.7%	9.9%	8,986,666
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	310,948	806,798	495,850	957,017	806,798	(150,219)	-15.7%	33.2%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	2,182,791	1,497,451	(685,340)	4,102,959	2,850,708	(1,252,251)	-30.5%	-16.0%	15,994,284
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	754,154	755,682	1,528	1,692,154	1,337,930	(354,224)	-20.9%	-28.2%	14,310,477
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	10,522,512	12,109,388	1,586,876	19,548,795	18,553,678	(995,117)	-5.1%	-4.2%	154,467,985
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,903	300	(1,603)	3,545	5,280	1,735	48.9%	-16.6%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	0	5,832	5,832	0	13,008	13,008	N/A	N/A	0
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,313,025	1,521,796	(791,229)	4,734,296	3,274,733	(1,459,563)	-30.8%	-39.5%	26,436,802
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	7,700,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(12,730,517)	(13,782,509)	(1,051,992)	-8.3%	-56.9%	(21,504,900)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(411,720)	0	411,720	(830,400)	0	830,400	100.0%	100.0%	(1,405,537)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(8,373,234)	(10,187,151)	(1,813,917)	-21.7%	-145.9%	(14,174,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,342,337	3,224,504	882,167	3,504,866	4,530,130	1,025,264	29.3%	4.3%	22,080,896
Subtotal - Other Revenue	4,245,545	4,752,431	506,886	(13,691,444)	(16,146,509)	(2,455,065)	-17.9%	-209.5%	19,161,761
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreak	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(5,000)	0	5,000	(10,000)	0	10,000	100.0%	100.0%	(17,800,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	100.0%	(63,240,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(5,000)	0	5,000	(10,000)	0	10,000	100.0%	100.0%	(81,040,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	2,560,785	2,404,902	(155,883)	5,183,913	3,787,649	(1,396,264)	-26.9%	-7.6%	21,516,535

Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 (FY 2023)

Updated 9/19/22

August 2022 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	August '22 Budget	August '22 Actual	August '22 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2023 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Change from Prior Year		
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	19,381,067	18,818,050	(563,017)	36,880,560	35,600,948	(1,279,612)	-3.5%	-1.9%	204,095,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,301,108	3,879,372	(421,736)	8,205,427	7,733,245	(472,182)	-5.8%	-11.2%	50,084,998
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,734,262)	(1,667,013)	67,249	(3,301,627)	(3,191,006)	110,621	3.4%	2.5%	(18,680,713)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(484,663)	(470,583)	14,080	(922,272)	(896,958)	25,314	2.7%	1.2%	(5,103,802)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	21,463,250	20,559,826	(903,424)	40,862,088	39,246,229	(1,615,859)	-4.0%	-3.9%	230,395,483
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	6,833,292	6,753,076	(80,216)	13,474,998	13,402,744	(72,254)	-0.5%	0.3%	69,162,203
- License Plate Fees	476,899	561,736	84,837	825,041	956,001	130,960	15.9%	-2.3%	3,661,097
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	680,384	1,233,839	553,455	1,453,311	2,298,635	845,324	58.2%	22.3%	12,134,523
- Title Fees	1,485,288	1,512,412	27,124	2,820,988	2,896,535	75,547	2.7%	2.6%	14,325,795
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	836,944	1,201,632	364,688	1,654,917	2,225,253	570,336	34.5%	9.7%	9,410,348
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	0	(12,730)	(12,730)	N/A	N/A	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	10,312,807	11,262,695	949,888	20,229,255	21,766,437	1,537,182	7.6%	3.3%	92,175,912
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	260,560	68,733	(191,827)	504,873	174,642	(330,231)	-65.4%	-71.7%	3,202,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	112,799	126,613	13,814	254,628	290,314	35,686	14.0%	-14.3%	1,267,454
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	50,534	240,501	189,967	101,068	240,501	139,433	138.0%	123.4%	606,412
Interest Earnings	18,430	25,970	7,540	36,862	25,970	(10,892)	-29.5%	-4.7%	221,169
Other Highway Fund Revenue	389,196	665,147	275,951	782,037	1,130,381	348,344	44.5%	-10.2%	11,304,465
Totals	32,607,576	32,949,485	341,909	62,770,811	62,874,474	103,663	0.2%	-2.2%	339,173,395

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-SECOND REGULAR SESSION
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
September 22, 2022

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings <i>held to date</i>	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned					
LD 842 Commission to Examine the Reinstatement of Parole Resolve 2021 c. 126	Sam Prawer Julia MacDonald	Four meetings authorized <i>September 8, 2022 @ 1:00</i>	12/1/22	Sen. Hickman Rep. (Charlotte) Warren	Request submitted for 2 additional meetings
LD 1995 Part KK (Emergency) Commission to Develop a Paid Family Medical Leave Benefits Program PL. 2021 c. 635 Part KK	Colleen McCarthyReid Anna Broome Luke Lazure	Six meetings authorized <i>May 31, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.</i> <i>October 3, 2022 @ 2 p.m. (remote)</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Daughtry Rep. Cloutier	Preliminary actuarial report received mid-August
LD 629 (Emergency) Task Force to Study the Process for Bringing Criminal Cases in Situations of Violence Against Healthcare Workers Resolve 2021 c. 173	Lynne Caswell Anna Broome	Four meetings authorized <i>August 3, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>September 13, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>September 27, 2022 @ 9:00a.m.</i> <i>October 13, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Claxton Rep. (Anne) Perry	
LD 1569 Commission to Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of Maine Resolve 2021 c. 185	Julia MacDonald Dan Tartakoff Michael Russo	Four meetings authorized <i>September 12, 2022 @ 12:00p.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Chipman Rep. Gramlich	
LD 1824 (Emergency) Commission to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representations to Families in the Child Protection System Resolve 2021 c. 181	Janet Stocco Sam Senft Lucia Nixon	Four meetings authorized <i>August 1, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>August 22, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>October 3, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>October 17, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Bailey Rep. Stover	
LD 1946 (Emergency) Commission to Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel Resolve 2021 c. 182	Sam Senft Jane Orbeton	Four meetings authorized <i>September 7, 2022 @ 11:00a.m.</i> <i>September 21, 2022 @ 11:00a.m.</i> <i>October 5, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.</i> <i>October 19, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Carney Rep. Harnett	

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-SECOND REGULAR SESSION
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
September 22, 2022

LD 1988 (Emergency) Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State PL. 2021 c. 749	Hillary Risler Dan Tartakoff	Six meetings authorized <i>September 1, 2022 @ 12:30 p.m.</i> <i>September 15, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.</i>	12/7/22	Sen. Curry Rep. Talbot Ross	
LD 2008 (Emergency) Committee to Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder Resolve 2021 c. 183	Lindsay Laxon Dan Tartakoff	Four meetings authorized <i>September 16, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Carney Rep. Madigan	
LD 680 (Emergency) Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System Resolve 2021 c. 174	Steve Langlin Hillary Risler	Four meetings authorized	11/2/22	Sen. Rafferty Rep. McCrea	
LD 1240 Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals Resolve 2021 c. 184	Karen Nadeau Steve Langlin	Six meetings authorized <i>September 13, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>September 23, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Hickman Rep. Roeder	
LD 1771 Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State Resolve 2021 c. 177	Rachel Olson Janet Stocco	Four meetings authorized <i>August 17, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.,</i> <i>September 7, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>September 21, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>October 19, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.</i>	11/2/22	Sen. Claxton Rep. Zager	
Ongoing statutory studies					
Right to Know (Advisory Committee) T 1 §411	Colleen McCarthyReid Rachel Olson Lindsay Laxon Jane Orbeton	No fewer than 4 meetings <i>September 15, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>October 13, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>October 27, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>November 17, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>December 1, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.</i>			
Marijuana Advisory Commission T 28-B c. 1 sub c. 9	Sam Prawer Rachel Olsen			Sen. Miramant Rep. Pierce	

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-SECOND REGULAR SESSION
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
September 22, 2022

Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force T. 20-A c. 437	Lynne Caswell	Four meetings authorized (per calendar year)		Sen. Rafferty Rep. Gere	Gubernatorial appointments pending (4).
Other studies (staffed by department/agency – Council approved assistance by OPLA/OFPR)					
LD 1995 (Emergency) Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination PL. 2021 c. 695 Part XX	Department - staffed with assistance from OPLA and OFPR as needed	9 meetings authorized		Sen. Brenner Rep. Fay	To date, no Legislative Council staff assistance requested

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing Committees or subcommittees			
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Jane Orbeton Daniel Tartakoff		
Education and Cultural Affairs	Hillary Risler	One meeting authorized <i>June 16, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.</i>	UMS briefings and DOE/MEPRI updates (time permitting)
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff	Four authorized meetings October, 3 2022	
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Daniel Tartakoff		
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	Three authorized meetings <i>June 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>September 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.</i>	OCFS issues/briefings
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthy	Two authorized meetings <i>April 28, 2022</i>	Anthem/MaineHealth
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Julia MacDonald		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Rachel Olson	One authorized meeting <i>July 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.</i>	
Judiciary	Peggy Reinsch Janet Stocco		
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin		
Marine Resources	Lynne Caswell		
State and Local Government	Lynne Caswell		
Taxation	Julie Jones	Two authorized meetings	
Transportation	Samuel Praver Karen Nadeau		

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Veteran and Legal Affairs	Janet Stocco Samuel Prawer		
---------------------------	-------------------------------	--	--

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
April 21, 2022 Council Meeting**

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That, the Legislative Council approve the Maine YMCA Youth in Government Program's request to hold the 2022 Youth in Government Program in legislative space in the State House Complex from November 10, 2022 to November 13, 2022.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson
Date: April 22, 2022
Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (with Senator Pouliot and Representatives Dillingham and Stetkis recorded as absent)

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorizes the reimbursement to contributors of those amounts they contributed to, net of the pro rata share of the amounts expended by, the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security established by both Resolves 2019, c. 82, and Public Law 2021, c. 405.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson
Date: June 7, 2022
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the funds contributed for the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers, and further authorize the Task Force to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson
Date: June 9, 2022
Vote: 8-0-0-3 Passed (With Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent.)

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept funds totaling \$4,000 contributed for the Committee to Study Court-ordered Treatment for Substance Use Disorder, and further authorize the Committee to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson
Date: July 1, 2022
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (With President Jackson, Senator Pouliot, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis recorded as absent.)

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept funds totaling \$3,250 contributed for the Advisory Panel to Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State, and upon completion of appointments to the panel and following the general effective date, further authorize the Advisory Panel to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson
Date: August 1, 2022
Vote: 7-2-0-1 Passed (With Senator Pouliot and Representative Stetkis opposed and Representative Dillingham recorded as absent.)

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept funds totaling \$2,250 contributed for the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Land Use Regulations and Short-term Rentals and further authorize the Commission to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Ryan Fecteau Second: President Troy Jackson

Date: August 22, 2022

Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (With Senator Pouliot, Representative Stetkis and Representative Dillingham recorded as absent.)

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:



Robin Vos
Assembly Speaker
Wisconsin
President, NCSL

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

From: Arturo Perez [<mailto:arturo.perez@ncsl.org>]
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Gresser, Suzanne <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.

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

303.856.1493 (o) | 720.401.0186 (m)



Disclaimer

The information contained in this communication from the sender is confidential. It is intended solely for use by the recipient and others authorized to receive it. If you are not the recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking action in relation of the contents of this information is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful.

This email has been scanned for viruses and malware, and may have been automatically archived by **Mimecast Ltd**, an innovator in Software as a Service (SaaS) for business. Providing a **safer** and **more useful** place for your human generated data. Specializing in; Security, archiving and compliance. To find out more [Click Here](#).



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 or (859) 244-8000. You may also contact your region's director, David Biette at 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

Gov. Laura Kelly, KS, *National President*
Sen. Joan Ballweg, WI, *National Chair*
Sen. Sam Hunt, WA, *National Chair-Elect*
Rep. Julia Howard, NC, *National Vice Chair*
Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, NH, *National Immediate Past Chair*

Hon. Ted Arnott, Speaker, Ontario, Canada, *CSG East Chair*
Speaker Cameron Sexton, TN, *CSG South Chair*
Sen. Gary Cammack, SD, *CSG Midwest Chair*
Rep. Clark Kauffman, ID, *CSG West Chair*
Justice Michael P. Boggs, GA, *CSG Justice Center Board Chair*



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



STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE
COMMISSION TO EXAMINE REESTABLISHING PAROLE

TO: Senator Troy Jackson, President of the Senate, Chair
Representative Ryan Fecteau, Speaker of the House, Vice-Chair
Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Craig Hickman ^{SP}
Representative Charlotte Warren ^{SP}
Chairs, Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole

DATE: September 15, 2022

RE: **Request for Additional Meetings**

Please accept this request to approve additional meetings for the Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole.

Upon passage of Public Law 2021, chapter 126, *Resolve, To Create the Commission To Examine Reestablishing Parole*, the commission was approved to meet a total of four times and required to submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 1, 2022. Following discussions about planning the commission's work, it has become clear that the complexity of the issues under review will require more than four meetings for the commission to complete its work and provide recommendations. For that reason, the commission is requesting approval for an additional two meetings. The commission is not requesting an extension of its reporting deadline at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

cc: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Members, Commission to Examine Reestablishing Parole
Danielle Fox, OPLA Director