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April 27, 2023  
1:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

<b>Page</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	
1	<b>SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Decision</b>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fiscal Report (Mr. Nolan)</li></ul>	<b>Information</b>
	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
12	Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	<b>Information</b>
	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
* 14	Item #1: Consideration of Requests for After Deadline Bill and Joint Resolutions	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>
	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS</b>	
	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
March 23, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the March 23, 2023 meeting of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council to order at 2:41 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross (arrived after start of meeting), Representative Terry (arrived after start of meeting), Representative Cloutier, Representative Faulkingham and Representative Arata

Legislative Officers: Michelle Dunphy, Assistant Clerk of the House  
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

President Jackson convened the meeting at 2:41 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for February 16, 2023, be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Stewart. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1, with Speaker Talbot Ross absent).**

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS

### Fiscal Report

Christopher Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the fiscal report found in the agenda packet.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### Personnel Committee

With permission of the chair of the Personnel Committee, President Jackson, Ms. Gresser provided the following oral summary for the Legislative Council:

The Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 to consider the following matters:

1. The committee received an update from Ms. Gresser and Ms. Goldsmith on the status of the 2022-23 Harassment Prevention Training for staff, supervisors, legislators and lobbyists.
2. The committee reviewed a proposal to restructure the Legislative Information Technology Office to respond to the Legislature's increased needs for Information Technology resources and support. The committee requested additional detail from the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, and the Executive Director, and deferred action on the proposal pending receipt of the additional information. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.
3. The committee evaluated the performances of:
  - Danielle Fox, Director of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis;
  - Christopher Nolan, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review;
  - Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes; and
  - Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director.

The Personnel Committee voted unanimously to approve a step increase for Ms. Fox and Mr. Nolan. Mr. Charbonneau and Ms. Gresser are not eligible for step increases at this time. No Legislative Council action is required.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

#### **LR 2479     An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage**

Submitted by:     Representative Kelly Murphy  
 Date:                 February 17, 2023  
 Vote:                 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Representative Terry and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

**LR 2484                    An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government**

Submitted by:     Representative Holly Stover  
 Date:                March 7, 2023  
 Vote:                7-0-0-3 Passed (with Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart, and Representative Arata recorded as absent)

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on sixteen (16) after deadline bill requests and eight (8) request to introduce Joint Resolutions. Of the after deadline bill requests, the Legislative Council accepted twelve (12) requests, rejected three (3) requests, and tabled one request. The Legislative Council rejected eight (8) Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council's action on the requests is attached to this meeting summary.

**Item #2:     Adoption of the Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature**

Ms. Gresser reviewed the Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature and explained that this policy is required under the Joint Rules.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept the Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature. Motion by Senator Vitelli. Second by Representative Terry. **Motion passed (7-0-0-3**, with President Jackson, Senator Stewart and Representative Arata absent).

**Item #3:     Request from the State YMCA to hold the Youth and Government Program at the State House**

Ms. Gresser explained that the Director of the Maine YMCA Youth and Government Program has requested permission from the Legislative Council to hold the annual Youth and Government Program the State House Complex from Friday, November 10, 2023 through Sunday, November 12, 2023.

Motion: That, the Legislative Council approve the Maine YMCA Youth in Government Program's request to hold the 2023 Youth in Government Program in legislative space in the State House Complex from November 10, 2023 to November 12, 2023. Motion by Senator Keim. Second by Representative Terry.  
**Motion passed (7-0-0-3**, with President Jackson, Senator Stewart and Representative Arata absent).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

**131st First Special Session  
Maine State Legislature  
Legislative Council Actions Taken  
On Requests to Introduce  
Legislation and Joint Resolutions  
at Legislative Council Meeting Held on March 23, 2023**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR: Sen. Anne Beebe-Center**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2512	An Act to Implement Innovative Systems to Provide Lobster Harvesters and Other Marine Resources Harvesters with Greater Access to Areas Where Fishing Has Been Restricted Due to Federal Right Whale Regulations	<b>Tabled</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Art Bell**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2493	An Act to Impose a Moratorium on New Point Source Discharge Licenses on the Lower Presumpscot River	<b>Passed</b>

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

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2487	An Act to Require Greater Disclosure by Railroad Companies of Hazardous Material Being Transported in Maine	<b>No action taken</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Russell Black**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2499	An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aircraft to Aid in the Recovery of Wounded and Deceased Wildlife	<b>No action taken</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2507	An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms	<b>Passed</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Anne P. Graham**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2506	An Act to Allow Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care	<b>Passed</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Nicole Grohoski**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2440	An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water District	<b>Passed</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Stacey Guerin**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2489	Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge	<b>Passed</b>

2500	An Act to Classify Maine Meat and Poultry Inspectors as Essential Workers	<b>Passed</b>
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**SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2492	An Act to Help Fund the Preservation of the Historic Christ Church Bell Tower in the Town of Gardiner	<b>No action taken</b>

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2496	An Act to Ensure That a Teacher Who Participates in the Prevention of Dangerous Behavior Is Protected Under a Bargaining Agreement	<b>Passed</b>

2508	An Act to Develop and Implement Innovative Systems to Provide Lobster Harvesters and Other Marine Resources Harvesters with Greater Access to Areas Where Fishing Has Been Restricted Due to Federal Right Whale Regulations	<b>Moved out</b>
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2513	An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Eligible Customer" Pursuant to Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund	<b>Passed</b>
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**SPONSOR: Sen. James D. Libby**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2490	Resolve, to Provide Winter Energy Relief Payments to Individuals Who Did Not File a Tax Return	<b>Fails</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Teresa S. Pierce**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2505	An Act to Regulate Hemp-derived Synthetic or Artificial Cannabinoids	<b>Passed</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2494	An Act to Ensure Access to State Services in Northern Maine	<b>Moved out</b>
2504	An Act to Ensure Access to Critical Orthodontic Care in Northern Maine	<b>Passed</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Maureen F. Terry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2509	An Act to Ensure the Equitable Treatment of Pension Income	<b>Passed</b>

#### **LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES**

**SPONSOR:**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2502	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	<b>Passed</b>

#### **JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**SPONSOR: Rep. John Andrews**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1266	JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO OPEN UP DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION	<b>Moved out</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Donna Bailey**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2400	JOINT RESOLUTION URGING MAINE'S FEDERAL DELEGATION TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO FIX THE DELAYS IN POSTAL DELIVERY IN MAINE	<b>Moved out</b>



**SPONSOR: Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
803	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO LEAD A GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR	<b>Moved out</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2038	JOINT RESOLUTION TO URGE THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL COMMISSIONER TO REINSTATE PETE ROSE AND TO INDUCT HIM INTO THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME	<b>Moved out</b>

**SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2349	JOINT RESOLUTION, URGING MAINE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUBMIT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE FOOD SUPPLY FROM PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS	<b>Moved out</b>

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
579	JOINT RESOLUTION, URGING CONGRESS TO ACT QUICKLY TO PROVIDE HEATING ASSISTANCE TO MAINE PEOPLE	<b>Moved out</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Laurel Libby**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2224	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005	<b>Fails</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Sophia Bailey Warren**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2486	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION CREATING A CARBON CASH-BACK PROGRAM	<b>Moved out</b>

# Fiscal Briefing

April 27, 2023

*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
March	\$256.3	\$363.8	\$107.6	42.0%	\$328.7	10.7%
FYTD	\$3,518.8	\$3,704.2	\$185.4	5.3%	\$3,502.2	5.8%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$107.6 million (42.0%) for the month of March and over budget by \$185.4 million (5.3%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2023 General Fund revenue through March 2023 was 5.8% greater than FY 2022 General Fund revenue through March 2022.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$84.6 million for the month and by \$138.4 million (9.1%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive variance for the month was primarily the result of withholding payments, including a significant one-time payment of approximately \$52 million, exceeding budgeted levels by \$84.2 million. Corporate income tax revenue was \$8.8 million above budget for March and \$30.1 million (14.0%) for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for March (February sales) was \$9.1 million above budget for the month and \$15.7 million (1.0%) above budget for the fiscal year to date.

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

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
March	\$25.0	\$26.8	\$1.8	7.1%	\$26.9	-0.2%
FYTD	\$255.0	\$262.7	\$7.7	3.0%	\$261.7	0.4%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.8 million (7.1%) for the month of March and over budget by \$7.7 million (3.0%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2023 Highway Fund revenue through March 2023 was 0.4% greater than FY 2022 Highway Fund revenue through March 2022.

Fuel tax revenue was \$1.2 million greater than budgeted levels for the month of March and was \$1.6 million (1.0%) greater than budget for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees exceeded budgeted levels by \$0.3 million for the month and by \$5.5 million (7.6%) for the fiscal year to date.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for March was \$3,805.9 million, a decrease of \$328.0 million from February's average of \$4,133.9 million. The decrease was the result of decreases in General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds balances. The average Highway Fund balance for March was \$25.2 million, an increase of \$5.6 million from February's average of \$19.6 million.

## 4. Economic and Revenue Forecast Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on March 31, 2023 to review and update the economic forecast and released its [April 1<sup>st</sup> report](#). The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> to review and update the revenue forecast for its May 1<sup>st</sup> report.

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

Updated 4/11/22

**March 2023 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2023 Budgeted Totals
	March '23 Budget	March '23 Actual	March '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax <sup>1</sup>	131,491,411	140,573,865	9,082,454	1,642,219,795	1,657,939,299	15,719,504	1.0%	7.6%	2,135,122,179
Service Provider Tax	3,728,444	4,559,207	830,763	37,668,898	38,914,476	1,245,578	3.3%	3.8%	50,051,352
Individual Income Tax	46,844,745	131,486,259	84,641,514	1,529,144,307	1,667,540,787	138,396,480	9.1%	7.4%	2,293,227,867
Corporate Income Tax	20,000,000	28,832,098	8,832,098	215,229,819	245,349,554	30,119,735	14.0%	9.0%	335,688,199
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax <sup>2</sup>	12,140,530	10,574,043	(1,566,487)	113,571,589	112,851,812	(719,777)	-0.6%	0.9%	153,052,320
Insurance Companies Tax	17,636,979	22,957,846	5,320,867	35,697,797	42,207,753	6,509,956	18.2%	6.5%	103,700,000
Estate Tax	2,350,000	2,715,602	365,602	30,487,083	25,073,839	(5,413,244)	-17.8%	-25.6%	37,400,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	20,077,464	20,905,606	828,142	114,731,400	112,751,545	(1,979,855)	-1.7%	-3.8%	153,494,063
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,388,551	1,849,225	460,674	8,590,204	7,270,064	(1,320,140)	-15.4%	48.8%	10,532,292
Income from Investments	2,598,185	3,209,366	611,181	16,550,922	19,791,068	3,240,146	19.6%	303.5%	25,352,599
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,807,693	5,356,396	548,703	46,875,006	54,750,339	7,875,333	16.8%	2.2%	62,500,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(1,878,489)	(2,760,530)	(882,041)	(75,650,831)	(79,096,648)	(3,445,817)	-4.6%	-11.6%	(80,610,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(8,877,983)	(10,549,283)	(1,671,300)	(188,955,087)	(193,059,986)	(4,104,899)	-2.2%	-19.4%	(249,471,176)
Other Revenue *	3,946,367	4,101,604	155,237	(7,354,267)	(8,078,237)	(723,970)	-9.8%	-165.4%	11,214,274
<b>Totals</b>	<b>256,253,897</b>	<b>363,811,303</b>	<b>107,557,406</b>	<b>3,518,806,635</b>	<b>3,704,205,663</b>	<b>185,399,028</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>5,041,253,969</b>

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

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$1.2 million for March and \$13.4 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.0 million for March and \$9.7 million for the fiscal year to date.

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

Updated 4/11/22

**March 2023 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2023 Budgeted Totals
	March '23 Budget	March '23 Actual	March '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	12,591,194	12,442,999	(148,195)	-1.2%	-0.7%	14,813,169
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,030,546	1,074,566	(955,980)	19,073,314	16,706,331	(2,366,983)	-12.4%	-20.1%	25,691,346
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,501,590	1,955,595	454,005	16,552,961	16,513,411	(39,550)	-0.2%	-1.3%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	1,584,866	2,366,857	781,991	6,594,074	7,434,311	840,237	12.7%	25.4%	12,544,234
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	6,636,096	7,054,525	418,429	5,540,000	6,008,429	468,429	8.5%	-11.5%	5,700,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,107,051	2,605,150	498,099	19,895,839	20,481,410	585,571	2.9%	1.1%	26,216,990
- Milk Handling Fee	50,263	80,969	30,706	540,770	645,564	104,794	19.4%	-36.2%	872,523
- Racino Revenue	1,092,024	914,219	(177,806)	7,595,038	8,243,663	648,625	8.5%	7.5%	10,513,564
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	124,375	150,787	26,412	2,476,485	2,229,514	(246,971)	-10.0%	-12.4%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	651,056	459,497	(191,559)	12,051,725	12,267,513	215,788	1.8%	-2.8%	15,994,284
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	4,299,597	4,243,442	(56,155)	11,820,000	9,778,400	(2,041,600)	-17.3%	-4.9%	14,494,568
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>20,077,464</b>	<b>20,905,606</b>	<b>828,142</b>	<b>114,731,400</b>	<b>112,751,545</b>	<b>(1,979,855)</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>153,494,063</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	5,482	11,596	6,114	18,775	41,940	23,165	123.4%	146.9%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	2,713	4,865	2,152	41,866	44,830	2,964	7.1%	-13.8%	50,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,288,731	1,750,307	461,576	13,536,560	14,713,209	1,176,649	8.7%	-38.5%	18,342,179
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	7,700,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(22,154,921)	(22,154,921)	0	0.0%	-43.2%	(22,390,264)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	108,501	0	(108,501)	976,516	0	(976,516)	-100.0%	100.0%	(354,616)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(14,767,001)	(14,767,001)	0	0.0%	-99.8%	(14,954,564)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,540,940	2,334,836	(206,104)	14,993,938	14,043,706	(950,232)	-6.3%	-9.7%	22,793,039
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>3,946,367</b>	<b>4,101,604</b>	<b>155,237</b>	<b>(7,354,267)</b>	<b>(8,078,237)</b>	<b>(723,970)</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>-165.4%</b>	<b>11,214,274</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	130	130	0	2,585	2,585	N/A	-66.6%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(1,761,800)	(2,764,274)	(1,002,474)	(14,042,053)	(16,252,327)	(2,210,274)	-15.7%	-30.5%	(19,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(116,689)	3,614	120,303	(61,608,778)	(62,846,906)	(1,238,128)	-2.0%	-7.6%	(61,610,000)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(1,878,489)</b>	<b>(2,760,530)</b>	<b>(882,041)</b>	<b>(75,650,831)</b>	<b>(79,096,648)</b>	<b>(3,445,817)</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>(80,610,000)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>856,371</b>	<b>688,743</b>	<b>(167,628)</b>	<b>15,194,871</b>	<b>15,244,942</b>	<b>50,071</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>21,511,715</b>

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

Updated 4/11/23

**March 2023 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	March '23 Budget	March '23 Actual	March '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2023 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year		
Fuel Taxes:										
- Gasoline Tax	13,534,354	14,436,231	901,877	147,844,134	148,907,964	1,063,830	0.7%	-0.2%	200,525,746	
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,662,525	3,877,733	215,208	37,263,580	37,431,384	167,804	0.5%	-2.6%	50,253,103	
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,385,428)	(1,346,472)	38,956	(14,036,147)	(13,703,883)	332,264	2.4%	0.7%	(18,432,321)	
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(365,324)	(361,007)	4,317	(3,812,866)	(3,730,426)	82,440	2.2%	0.1%	(5,014,544)	
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	15,446,127	16,606,485	1,160,358	167,258,701	168,905,039	1,646,338	1.0%	-0.7%	227,331,984	
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:										
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	7,201,864	6,715,304	(486,560)	50,960,304	52,110,878	1,150,574	2.3%	0.8%	69,162,203	
- License Plate Fees	421,482	472,898	51,416	2,690,439	3,069,082	378,643	14.1%	0.4%	3,661,097	
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	2,042,346	2,727,226	684,880	11,501,189	14,061,848	2,560,659	22.3%	7.5%	13,134,523	
- Title Fees	1,448,484	1,524,539	76,055	10,876,515	11,458,918	582,403	5.4%	3.4%	14,325,795	
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	932,924	1,238,612	305,688	8,221,012	9,367,154	1,146,142	13.9%	5.4%	10,232,973	
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(3,228,169)	(3,588,730)	(360,561)	(11,902,245)	(12,238,365)	(336,120)	-2.8%	-2.1%	(16,518,054)	
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,818,931	9,089,849	270,918	72,347,214	77,829,515	5,482,301	7.6%	2.7%	93,998,537	
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	175,553	212,274	36,721	2,487,418	2,009,348	(478,070)	-19.2%	-3.7%	3,202,500	
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	94,230	162,392	68,162	937,932	1,168,288	230,356	24.6%	0.5%	1,267,454	
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	50,534	116,228	65,694	454,806	903,715	448,909	98.7%	0.6%	606,412	
Interest Earnings	38,510	38,866	356	226,116	323,438	97,322	43.0%	151.5%	341,649	
Other Highway Fund Revenue	425,243	595,661	170,418	11,302,790	11,602,368	299,578	2.7%	1.3%	13,025,283	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,049,128</b>	<b>26,821,755</b>	<b>1,772,627</b>	<b>255,014,977</b>	<b>262,741,710</b>	<b>7,726,733</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>339,773,819</b>	

**Legislative Council Actions  
Taken by Ballot Since the  
March 23, 2023 Council Meeting**

**Legislative Council Decisions:**

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accepts the baseline legislative budget set forth in Part A of the Governor’s proposed 2024-2025 biennial budget with the following changes:

**Establish one legislative position count for one Legislative Aide position as authorized by the Legislative Council at its January 5, 2023 meeting.**

**Reduce funding for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for consultant services by \$85,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 only, in accordance with the recommendation of the Government Oversight Committee.**

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross

Date: March 29, 2023

Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Senator Harold “Trey” Stewart III recorded as absent)

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**

**LR 2517 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District**

Submitted by: Representative David Woodsome

Date: April 20, 2023

Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross recorded as absent)

**LR 2548 An Act to Provide Critical Matching Funds for Day Care Services on the Northern Maine Community College Campus**

Submitted by: Senator Trey Stewart

Date: April 24, 2023

Vote: 8-0-0-2 Passed (with Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross and Senator Matthea Daughtry recorded as absent)

**LR 2543 An Act to Amend the Definition of “Educational Institution” to Include “Single-Sex Educational Institutions”**

Submitted by: Representative Matt Moonen

Date: April 24, 2023

Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Sen. Trey Stewart, Sen. Lisa Keim, Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham, and Rep. Amy Arata recorded as absent)

**LR 2549      An Act to Remove the Confidentiality of the Transportation of Hazardous Materials**

Submitted by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross  
Date: April 25, 2023  
Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Sen. Lisa Keim recorded as absent)

**LR 2541      Act to Provide the Mi'kmaq Revenue for Sales Occurring on Mi'kmaq Nation Land**

Submitted by: Representative Perry  
Date: April 25, 2023  
Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (with Sen. Trey Stewart, Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross, and Rep. Amy Arata recorded as absent)

**131st Maine State Legislature  
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As of: 4/25/2023

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

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

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2487	An Act to Require Greater Disclosure by Railroad Companies of Hazardous Material Being Transported in Maine	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Russell Black**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2499	An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aircraft to Aid in the Recovery of Wounded and Deceased Wildlife	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Stacy Fielding Brenner**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2528	An Act to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State Office Buildings	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Margaret M. Craven**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2536	An Act to Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Ann Fredericks**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2525	An Act to Eliminate the Aircraft Excise Tax	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2492	An Act to Help Fund the Preservation of the Historic Christ Church Bell Tower in the Town of Gardiner	



**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2518	An Act to Protect Access to Maine's Intertidal Zone	
2544	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center	
2545	An Act to Extend the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Lisa Keim**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2534	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Adjustments for Sudden and Severe Disruption of Municipal Valuation	
2552	An Act to Ensure That All Persons Responsible for a Minor Are Involved in the Decision of Allowing Contact with a Sex Offender	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Mark W. Lawrence**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2535	An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program to Reimburse Volunteers for Gasoline Expenses	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Sheila Ann Lyman**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2553	An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Anne C. Perry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2538	An Act to Prohibit a Property and Casualty Insurance Company Licensed in the State from Refusing to Insure a Residence in the State Because of a Loss Sustained to a Residence in Another State	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Tracy Lynn Quint**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2555	An Act to Protect Lives by Including Compounds, Mixtures or Substances of Methamphetamines to the Crimes of Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs	

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Lynne A. Williams

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2537	An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates	

**JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Morgan Rielly

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2531	JOINT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ARREST OF WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTER EVAN GERSHKOVICH AND MEMORIALIZING THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HIS RELEASE	

**TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR:** Sen. Anne Beebe-Center

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2512	An Act to Implement Innovative Systems to Provide Lobster Harvesters and Other Marine Resources Harvesters with Greater Access to Areas Where Fishing Has Been Restricted Due to Federal Right Whale Regulations	Tabled 03/23/23

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**Actions Taken After April 26, 2023**

**SPONSOR:**     **Rep. Erin R. Sheehan**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2560	An Act to Establish the Animal Law Response Team	