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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 16, 2023  
10:00 A.M.  
REVISED AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
November 9, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the November 9, 2023 meeting of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council to order at 12:12 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 (via Zoom), Representative Terry (via Zoom), Representative Cloutier, and Representative Arata
Absent:	Representative Faulkingham
Legislative Officers:	Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate Rob Hunt, Clerk of the House Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

President Jackson convened the meeting at 12:12 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

President Jackson announced his intention to take items out of order, and hearing no objection, moved to New Business, Item 3.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #3: Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests and Consideration of Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.**

Ms. Gresser reviewed the procedures for the review of Legislative Bill Requests and the proposed protocol for deciding those requests.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approves the proposed protocol for deciding Legislative Bill Requests. Motion by Sen. Stewart. Second by Sen. Daughtry **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1, with Representative Faulkingham absent).**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on two hundred eighty three (283) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized fifty-eight (58) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session. Nine (9) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsors prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

President Jackson then returned to the printed agenda.

## **SUMMARY OF JUNE 30, 2023 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for June 30, 2023 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1, with Representative Faulkingham absent).**

## **REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES**

### **Fiscal Report**

President Jackson drew the Legislative Council's attention in the Council's meeting materials to the written fiscal report prepared by Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

### **Studies Report**

President Jackson drew the Legislative Council's attention in the Council's meeting materials to the studies report prepared by Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis.

## **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **Personnel Committee**

President Jackson reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, July 27, 2023, to consider the following matters:

#### **1. Restructuring of the Legislative Information Technology Office**

The committee resumed its review of the Legislative Information Technology Office (LIT) staffing and restructuring proposal developed to address the Legislature's increased needs for information technology resources and support, which was initially presented to the committee at its March 8, 2023 meeting. The Personnel Committee members noted that the Legislature's reliance on information technology resources and support has significantly increased as the Legislature moves to improve the efficiency of internal operations, enhance member and staff access to information, facilitate the production of and access to legislative documents, and enhance public access to,

transparency of, and participation in the legislative process. The committee approved the plan as proposed and voted to recommend approval of the proposal to the full Legislative Council. The Legislative Council has since approved by ballot the LIT staffing and restructuring proposal, so no additional Legislative Council action is required.

## **2. Planning for the 2024 Harassment Prevention Training**

The committee reviewed options for harassment prevention training for the upcoming legislative session. The committee endorsed the plan of holding lengthier, introductory trainings during the First Regular Session; and during the Second Regular Session, holding a large group review of the basic information, paired with optional small trainings for legislators, staff and lobbyists who wished to discuss topics in more depth in small group settings. The committee approved conducting an onsite training for legislators in the House Chamber, ideally on the first day of the Second Regular Session, and asked the Executive Director and the Clerk of the House to work together on details. No Legislative Council action is required.

## **3. Employee Request to Transfer Sick Leave to Another Employee**

The committee reviewed an employee's request to transfer sick leave to a sick employee in the same office. Committee members noted that the Executive Branch has a policy that allows, on a case-by-case basis, for the establishment of a catastrophic leave bank to benefit an employee that suffers a catastrophic accident or illness, and that the Legislature has such a policy in the past. The committee asked the Executive Director to research the circumstances that led to the elimination of the Legislature's policy. The committee supported the employee's request and voted to recommend approval of the request to the full Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council has since approved by ballot this employee's request to transfer sick leave to another employee, so no additional Council action is required.

## **4. Performance Evaluations**

The committee reviewed the performances of:

- Nik Rende, Director of the Office of Legislative Information Technology; and
- Peter Schleck, Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability.

The Personnel Committee voted unanimously to approve a step increase for Mr. Rende and Mr. Schleck. No Legislative Council action is required.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

#### **Legislative Council Decisions:**

**Motion:**           **That the Legislative Council accept the funds contributed for the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in**

**Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, and upon completion of appointments to the commission, authorize the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Convene.**

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross  
Date: September 28, 2023  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**Motion:** In accordance with the unanimous recommendations of the Personnel Committee, that the Legislative Council establish legislative position count in the Legislative Information Technology Office for one Information Security Administrator, one Virtual Meeting Administrator, two Senior Program Analysts and one session-only Desktop Support Administrator, and reclassify one Programmer Analyst position to one Chamber System Administrator position. And Further, the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to establish the positions by financial order, to be self-funded from available balances in FY 24 and FY 25, and to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's next supplemental budget bill.

Motion by: President Troy Jackson  
Date: October 13, 2023  
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

**Motion:** That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 93, the Legislative Council authorizes the Commission to convene.

Motion by: President Troy Jackson  
Date: October 16, 2023  
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the request presented to the Personnel Committee on July 27, 2023 from a Legislative staff member to transfer sick leave from that staff member to another employee within that same office, notwithstanding any policy to the contrary.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross  
Date: October 16, 2023  
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

**Motion:** That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 100, the Legislative Council authorizes the Blue Ribbon Commission to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross  
Date: October 4, 2023  
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

**Motion:** That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross  
Date: October 20, 2023  
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item #1: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 131st Legislature, Second Regular Session**

Ms. Gresser presented the proposed Document Service fee schedule submitted by Clerk of the House, Robert Hunt, for the Second Regular Session. The fees remain the same as the First Regular Session.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approves proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for the 131st Legislature Second Regular Session. Motion by Senator Vitelli. Second by Senator Daughtry. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2**, with Senator Stewart and Representative Faulkingham absent).

### **Item #2: Legislative Council meeting schedule for 2023**

Ms. Gresser reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Legislative Council for 2023, and suggested removing the December 2024 date, as it will follow the convening of a new Legislature..

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the 2023 Legislative Council meeting schedule, with the removal of the entry for December 2024. Motion by Senator Keim. Second by Senator Vitelli. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2**, with Senator Stewart and Representative Faulkingham absent)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

Senator Keim asked the chair about the process for considering bill requests filed after the established cloture deadline. President Jackson responded that his general preference is that after-deadline bill requests be taken up at Legislative Council meetings, but that occasionally timing concerns result in requests to the Presiding Officers to authorize the circulation of a ballot.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY</b>		
LR 2651	<b>Representative Matlack of St. George</b> Resolve, Requiring the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Modify the Deed That Conveyed Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum in Thomaston, to the Friends of Montpelier	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2721	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b> Resolve, to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Assess the Feasibility of Making Fort Gorges a State Park	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2724	<b>Representative Doudera of Camden</b> An Act to Address the Rise in Rabies Rates by Appointing Certified Rabies Vaccine Administrators	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2781	<b>Representative Paul of Winterport</b> An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2814	<b>Senator Bailey of York</b> An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Municipal Kennels by Changing the Licensing Body of Municipal Kennel Licenses from the Municipality to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2837	<b>Representative Hall of Wilton</b> An Act Regarding the Maine Milk Commission's Fees and Pricing	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2853	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Increase Milk Tier Reimbursements for Organic Dairy Farmers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2930	<b>Senator Bennett of Oxford</b> An Act to Improve Maine's Pesticide Use Disclosure Laws	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2935	<b>Representative Sheehan of Biddeford</b> An Act to Establish the Animal Law Enforcement Response Team	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2943	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food System and Forest Products Infrastructure Investment	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2951	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Protect Natural Forestry Habitat by Preventing Clear-cutting on Certain Public Lands in Allagash	<b>FAILED</b>



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<b>AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY</b>		
LR 2960	<b>Senator Ingwersen of York</b> An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2635	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure Improvements at the Loring Development Authority and the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2621	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Establish a Civil Rights Unit Within the Office of the Attorney General and Provide for Public Education on Issues Regarding Hate and Bias	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2670	<b>Representative Milliken of Blue Hill</b> An Act to Provide Tablet Devices for Juveniles at the Long Creek Youth Development Center	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2729	<b>Representative Campbell of Orrington</b> An Act Regarding the Equitable Reimbursement of Training Costs for Newly Trained Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Who Change Governmental Employers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2773	<b>Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Reinstate State Police Rural Patrol Services	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2786	<b>Representative Geiger of Rockland</b> An Act to Implement Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Testing Reform	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2801	<b>Representative Doudera of Camden</b> An Act Relating to Preventing Suicide by Permitting the Voluntary Waiver of Firearms Rights	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2831	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Ensure the Safe Disposition of Forfeited Firearms	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2835	<b>Representative Fay of Raymond</b> An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs	<b>PASSED</b>

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2838	<b>Representative Malon, II of Biddeford</b> An Act to Require Information on Domestic Terrorism to Be Included in the Department of Public Safety's Annual Report and Add Minimum Training Standards on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes to the Standards Established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Law Enforcement Agencies	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2840	<b>Senator Harrington of York</b> An Act to Fill All Vacant Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2857	<b>Representative Shaw of Auburn</b> An Act to Exempt Buildings Used to Cultivate Crops from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2868	<b>Representative Roeder of Bangor</b> An Act to Support Adequate Staffing in Fire Departments Through Grants	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2876	<b>Representative Roeder of Bangor</b> An Act to Offset the Cost to Public Agencies and to Municipalities for Training New Emergency Medical Services Personnel	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2878	<b>Senator Moore of Washington</b> An Act to Provide Funding for Dispatchers at the Washington County Regional Communications Center	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2883	<b>Senator Moore of Washington</b> An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Washington County Sheriff's Office	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2905	<b>Representative Salisbury of Westbrook</b> An Act Regarding the Authority to Transport Prisoners Confined in Jail and the Use of Physical Force with Respect to Prisoners and Persons Who Have Been Arrested	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2906	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Professionals	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2907	<b>Representative Hasenfus of Readfield</b> An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose	<b>PASSED</b>

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<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
LR 2908	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Provide Funding for Essential Services for Victims of Crimes	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2920	<b>Representative Stover of Boothbay</b> An Act to Create a Victim Advocate for Victims and Survivors of Operating Under the Influence Crashes	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2939	<b>Representative O'Connell of Brewer</b> Resolve, to Review Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution of Those Occurrences	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2610	<b>Senator Pouliot of Kennebec</b> An Act Regarding the Carrying Forward of School Administrative Unit Fund Balances	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2616	<b>Representative Underwood of Presque Isle</b> An Act to Require Elementary School Students to Learn Cursive Writing	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2631	<b>Senator Farrin of Somerset</b> An Act to Require Fentanyl Use Prevention Education and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2683	<b>Senator Bennett of Oxford</b> An Act Regarding Temperature Standards for School Buildings	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2710	<b>Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc</b> An Act to Help Public Schools Affected by Disasters to Apply for State Construction Funding and to Establish an Emergency School Construction Fund	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2735	<b>Senator Stewart of Aroostook</b> An Act to Align Background Checks Between the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2751	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Provide Funding Through the School Funding Formula to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2791	<b>Representative Millett of Cape Elizabeth</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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	An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Increase Postsecondary Educational Opportunities for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder	
LR 2799	<b>Representative Paul of Winterport</b> An Act to Require the Return of School Budget Surplus Funds to Their Respective Municipalities	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2800	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act to Equalize Funding for the Maine Maritime Academy	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2827	<b>Representative Kuhn of Falmouth</b> An Act to Provide Education and Training to School Personnel to Recognize and Treat Seizures	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2861	<b>Senator Ingwersen of York</b> An Act to Lower the Minimum Age Requirement for the Maine High School Equivalency Diploma	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2889	<b>Representative Gattine of Westbrook</b> An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Schools	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2901	<b>Representative Walker of Naples</b> An Act to Provide Statewide Equity in Public Education	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2918	<b>Representative Bagshaw of Windham</b> An Act to Remove the Enrollment Cap on Maine's Virtual Charter Schools	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2947	<b>Representative Collamore of Pittsfield</b> An Act to Allow Equitable Access to College Tuition Funds by Reallocating Funds from the Free Community College Program to the Maine State Grant Program	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
LR 2609	<b>Senator Curry of Waldo</b> An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2637	<b>Representative Cyrway of Albion</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
	An Act Relating to Eminent Domain for Land for Electric Transmission Lines	
LR 2649	<b>Representative Zeigler of Montville</b> An Act to Increase the Number of Commissioners on the Public Utilities Commission	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2654	<b>Senator Beebe-Center of Knox</b> An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2675	<b>Representative Reckitt of South Portland</b> An Act to Establish Protections to Prevent Children from Accessing Pornography	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2677	<b>Senator Lawrence of York</b> An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Public Advocate in Developing and Advocating for Legislation	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2719	<b>Representative Cyrway of Albion</b> An Act to Consider Alternative Transmission Technology for the Aroostook Renewable Gateway That Improves Socioeconomic Benefit Without Sacrificing Climate Change Initiatives	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2740	<b>Representative Campbell of Orrington</b> An Act to Prohibit the Use of Caller Identification Spoofing	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2743	<b>Representative Smith of Palermo</b> Resolve, Requiring a Transparent Public Hearing Regarding the Finalized Route of the Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2755	<b>Representative Runte, Jr. of York</b> An Act to Enhance Electric Utility Performance-based Ratemaking	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2780	<b>Representative Foster of Dexter</b> An Act to Continue Arrearage Management Program Availability for Low-income Residential Electricity Customers	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2783	<b>Representative Foster of Dexter</b> Resolve, to Reconsider Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2787	<b>Representative Geiger of Rockland</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
	An Act to Establish Solar-ready New Construction Requirements	
LR 2834	<b>Representative Riseman of Harrison</b> An Act to Repeal the Maine Public Utility Financing Bank Act	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2844	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Require Feasibility Studies for Energy Transmission Projects	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2855	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Expand the Availability of Heat Pump Rebates in Certain Areas of the State	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2863	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act Regarding Fair Service for All Electricity Supply Customers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2864	<b>Representative Arford of Brunswick</b> An Act to Enhance Transparency and Informed Decision Making for Subscribers of Maine Community Solar Farms	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2865	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act to Ensure That Community Solar Subscriptions Benefit Low-income Customers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2866	<b>Representative Zeigler of Montville</b> An Act to Align Maine Law Regarding Energy Portfolios with Those of the New England Independent System Operator	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2873	<b>Representative Strout of Harrington</b> Resolve, to Protect Maine's Right to Energy Independence by Requiring the State to Bid on Lobster Management Area 1	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2896	<b>Senator Reny of Lincoln</b> An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2897	<b>Representative Geiger of Rockland</b> An Act to Enhance Regulatory Decision Making Regarding Energy	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2914	<b>Senator Keim of Oxford</b> Resolve, to Require Legislative Approval of Increased Costs to Ratepayers of the Transmission Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
LR 2915	<b>Senator Keim of Oxford</b> An Act to Prohibit the Use of Eminent Domain to Take Land Needed for Any Project Approved Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2924	<b>Representative Foster of Dexter</b> An Act Regarding Energy Infrastructure Development	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2953	<b>Senator LaFountain of Kennebec</b> An Act to Protect Maine Landowners by Requiring the Examination of Alternative Pathways for Energy Transmission Lines	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
LR 2634	<b>Representative Craven of Lewiston</b> An Act to Reclassify a Section of the Androscoggin River to Class B	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2686	<b>Representative Soboleski of Phillips</b> An Act Regarding the Disposal of Wind Turbine Blades	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2715	<b>Representative Dunphy of Embden</b> An Act to Authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to Issue Stop-work Orders	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2798	<b>Representative Dill of Old Town</b> An Act Regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2826	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Protect Maine's Supply Chain and Consumers by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking for Certain Emissions Standards	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2839	<b>Representative Hepler of Woolwich</b> An Act Regarding Responsibility for Actions Intended to Increase the Use of Reusable and Refillable Beverage Containers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2849	<b>Representative Bell of Yarmouth</b> An Act to Strengthen Storm Water Infrastructure	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2867	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act to Allow the Reuse of Food Containers by More than One Customer	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2898	<b>Senator Nangle of Cumberland</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
	An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund	
LR 2899	<b>Senator Nangle of Cumberland</b> An Act Regarding Municipal Shoreland Zoning Enforcement	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
LR 2611	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Restore Access to the MaineCare Program for Certain Residents	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2625	<b>Senator Libby of Cumberland</b> An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2630	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Strengthen Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Standards by Establishing a Family Advocacy Program for Military Families	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2632	<b>Representative Craven of Lewiston</b> An Act to Create an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator Position Within the Department of Health and Human Services	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2633	<b>Representative Craven of Lewiston</b> An Act to Establish a Dementia Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Types of Dementia	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2656	<b>Representative Fredericks of Sanford</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to Reestablish a One-to-one Syringe Exchange Requirement	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2671	<b>Representative Milliken of Blue Hill</b> An Act to Provide MaineCare Coverage to All Residents of County Jails and Their Dependents	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2673	<b>Representative Mathieson of Kittery</b> An Act Regarding Continuance of MaineCare Coverage for up to 12 Months for Juveniles Detained in the Long Creek Youth Development Center	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2674	<b>Representative Mathieson of Kittery</b> An Act to Create an Independent Child Advocate Ombudsman Service	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2687	<b>Representative Simmons of Waldoboro</b>	<b>FAILED</b>



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<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
	An Act to Require Drug Testing of Clients of Drug Treatment Facilities	
LR 2711	<b>Representative Graham of North Yarmouth</b> An Act to Create and Support a Youth Crisis Receiving Center	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2714	<b>Representative Mastraccio of Sanford</b> An Act to Support Shelters for the Unhoused	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2730	<b>Senator Baldacci of Penobscot</b> An Act to Provide Dental Managed Care	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2738	<b>Representative Madigan of Waterville</b> An Act to Equalize MaineCare Members' Health Care Rights Regarding Transportation	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2753	<b>Representative Craven of Lewiston</b> An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2754	<b>Representative Kuhn of Falmouth</b> An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products Through Vending Machines	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2767	<b>Representative Madigan of Waterville</b> An Act to Improve Funding for Homeless Shelters	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2782	<b>Representative Cloutier of Lewiston</b> An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Unless Mandated by the Federal Government	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2789	<b>Representative Perry of Calais</b> An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2820	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> An Act to Strengthen Long-term Care for the People of Maine by Ensuring Adequate Nursing Personnel	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2825	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Ensure Sustainable Reimbursement for Child Care Providers and to Support the Expansion of Child Care Services	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2845	<b>Senator Bennett of Oxford</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service and Housing Providers	
LR 2847	<b>Representative Dhalac of South Portland</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	An Act to Improve Equity in Health Care Access by Reimbursing Community Health Workers Through MaineCare	
LR 2854	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
	An Act to Make Background Checks Efficient and Consistent for All Child Care Workers	
LR 2860	<b>Senator Brenner of Cumberland</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	Resolve, to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State	
LR 2870	<b>Representative Roeder of Bangor</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
	An Act to Increase Oversight by the Department of Health and Human Services over Benefits Owed to Foster Children	
LR 2879	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	An Act to Establish Sanctioned Areas for Emergency Encampments in Certain Municipalities	
LR 2910	<b>Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
	An Act to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Nearby Communities	
LR 2911	<b>Representative Graham of North Yarmouth</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Child Welfare System	
LR 2913	<b>Senator Keim of Oxford</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Alleviate the Crisis in the Offices of Regional Child Protective Services	
LR 2916	<b>Senator LaFountain of Kennebec</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	An Act to Establish a Mobile Geropsychiatric Team Pilot Project	
LR 2917	<b>Representative Moonen of Portland</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
	An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	
LR 2927	<b>Senator Bennett of Oxford</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	An Act to Ensure Compliance by the Department of Health and Human Services with Federal Rules and Regulations	

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LR 2928	<b>Senator Beebe-Center of Knox</b> An Act to Provide That Persons with Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injuries Are Subject to the Same Eligibility Standards for Certain Medical Programs	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2932	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b> An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Enforcing Moratoria on Emergency Shelters	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2940	<b>Representative Rana of Bangor</b> An Act to Prohibit Clearing of Unhoused Encampments Without Providing Proper Housing Options	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2941	<b>Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach</b> An Act to Support Clinicians in Adverse Childhood Experience and Resiliency Assessments	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2967	<b>Representative Rana of Bangor</b> An Act to Prohibit Clearing Encampments of Unhoused Individuals	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>		
LR 2612	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Improve Access to Over-the-counter Contraceptives	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2646	<b>Senator Baldacci of Penobscot</b> An Act Authorizing Granting Limited Provisional Licenses to Medical School Graduates	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2676	<b>Representative Milliken of Blue Hill</b> An Act to Mitigate Some of the Risk Involved in Long-term House Rentals	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2722	<b>Representative Cloutier of Lewiston</b> An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2756	<b>Representative Arford of Brunswick</b> An Act to Expand Access to Federally Approved Over-the-counter Contraceptives	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2771	<b>Senator Baldacci of Penobscot</b> An Act to Create an Affordable Public Health Insurance Option	<b>FAILED</b>

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LR 2790	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Improve Patient Access and Savings from Generic and Biosimilar Prescription Drugs	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2794	<b>Senator Hickman of Kennebec</b> An Act to Protect Residents of the State from Unfair Use of Credit Scores in Insurance Pricing	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2795	<b>Senator Tipping of Penobscot</b> An Act to Require Hospitals to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2796	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Protect Patients from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2797	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2836	<b>Representative Perry of Calais</b> An Act to Prohibit Property and Casualty Insurance Companies Licensed in This State from Denying Policyholders in This State Insurance on Their Residences in This State Because of a Loss Sustained to a 2nd Home Located in Another State	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2850	<b>Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Payroll Processors	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2872	<b>Representative Perry of Calais</b> An Act to Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies from Covering Towing and Storage Charges for Certain Vehicles	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2874	<b>Representative Crafts of Newcastle</b> An Act to Enact the Interstate Counseling Compact to Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2880	<b>Representative Morris of Turner</b> An Act to Join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2881	<b>Representative Morris of Turner</b> An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	<b>PASSED</b>

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LR 2884	<b>Representative Morris of Turner</b> An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Policies to Provide Coverage for Towing and Storing Certain Motor Vehicles	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2904	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Ensure Access to Non-opioid Medication for Pain Relief	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2948	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by the Federal Shutdown	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2961	<b>Representative Perry of Bangor</b> An Act Concerning Health Care Cost Fairness Relating to Pharmacy Benefits Managers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2965	<b>Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc</b> An Act to Improve Maine Residents' Oral Health by Strengthening the Dental Hygienist Workforce	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE</b>		
LR 2619	<b>Senator Black of Franklin</b> An Act to Allow the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Locate Wounded or Deceased Wildlife	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2623	<b>Representative Boyer, Jr. of Poland</b> An Act to Designate the Landlocked Atlantic Salmon as a State Heritage Fish	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2647	<b>Senator Lawrence of York</b> An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Reimburse Volunteers of the So-called Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs Program for Gas Expenses	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2672	<b>Representative Landry of Farmington</b> An Act to Provide Additional Moose Hunting Opportunities for Maine Youth Experiencing Critical Illnesses	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2816	<b>Senator Black of Franklin</b> An Act Regarding the Issuance of Permits to Hunt Bear Using Bait on State Land	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2933	<b>Representative Hasenfus of Readfield</b>	<b>PASSED</b>

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	An Act to Enhance Protections for and Better Address Invasive Aquatic Plant Infestations in Maine Lakes	
<b>INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS</b>		
LR 2636	<b>Senator Stewart of Aroostook</b> An Act to Establish the Maine-Irish Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Country of Ireland	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2716	<b>Representative Ankeles of Brunswick</b> An Act Regarding the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2744	<b>Representative Doudera of Camden</b> An Act to Require Continuing Education for Maine Architects	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2746	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> An Act to Protect Consumers by Requiring Vendors to Disclose All Fees Related to Purchasing a Concert Ticket	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2818	<b>Representative Perry of Calais</b> An Act to Update the Maine Self-service Storage Act	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2858	<b>Senator Curry of Waldo</b> An Act to Provide Additional Funds to Increase the Impact of the Maine Development Foundation	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2919	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> Resolve, to Provide Additional Options for Plumbing Inspections in the Unorganized Territory	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2931	<b>Representative Kuhn of Falmouth</b> Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Artificial Intelligence	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2949	<b>Representative Collamore of Pittsfield</b> An Act to Utilize Career and Technical Education Centers in the Development of the Electrician Workforce	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>JUDICIARY</b>		
LR 2615	<b>Representative Smith of Palermo</b> An Act to Restrict the Sale or Transfer of Fetal Remains	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>JUDICIARY</b>		
LR 2620	<b>Senator Pouliot of Kennebec</b> An Act to Change the Statute of Limitations for a Wrongful Death Action	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2641	<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b> An Act Regarding the Fees Charged for Keeping Pets	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2648	<b>Senator Stewart of Aroostook</b> An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction in Juvenile Matters with the United States Department of Defense	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2650	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b> An Act to Prevent Homelessness During Repairs for Breach of the Covenant of Habitability	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2708	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Attorney-Client E-mail Communications for Residents of Jails and Correctional Facilities	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2717	<b>Representative Ankeles of Brunswick</b> An Act to Protect Distressed Mortgage Holders from Fraud	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2731	<b>Representative Hymes of Waldo</b> An Act to Ensure Just Compensation When Eminent Domain Is Declared	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2747	<b>Representative Cray of Palmyra</b> An Act Regarding the Detention of Juveniles	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2774	<b>Representative Andrews of Paris</b> An Act to Provide Certainty in Interpretation of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act for Maine Tribes	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2792	<b>Representative Poirier of Skowhegan</b> An Act to Provide State Recognition for the Kineo Tribe of Malecites	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2809	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act to Allow Maine Tribes to Benefit from Federal Laws	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2810	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Remove the Statute of Limitations for Sexual Assault, Child Molestation and Felony Sex Crimes	<b>FAILED</b>

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<b>JUDICIARY</b>		
LR 2817	<b>Senator Black of Franklin</b> An Act to Allow Detention of Juveniles for Certain Acts	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2832	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Support Maine's Public Safety Response to Domestic Violence and Stalking	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2925	<b>Representative Sayre of Kennebunk</b> An Act to Permit Maine Citizens to Prohibit Data Brokers from Holding or Selling Their Personal Data	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2936	<b>Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach</b> An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of Juvenile Diversion Programs	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2957	<b>Senator Rafferty of York</b> An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2958	<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b> An Act to Address Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2959	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Advance Equality for Wabanaki Nations	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2964	<b>Representative Collamore of Pittsfield</b> An Act to Ensure Closure in Divorce Proceedings in Certain Cases	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>LABOR AND HOUSING</b>		
LR 2617	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Enact a Farm Worker Bill of Rights	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2644	<b>Representative Drinkwater of Milford</b> An Act to Pay Agricultural Workers the State Minimum Wage	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2645	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b> An Act to Update Child Labor Laws to Allow Individuals Who Appeared in Monetized Online Videos as Minors to Seek Deletion of Content and to Require Trust Accounts to Be Established for Such Minors	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2752	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> An Act to Create Workforce Housing to Promote Economic Development in Maine	<b>FAILED</b>



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LR 2769	<b>Representative Lemelin of Chelsea</b> An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Earned Paid Leave	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2784	<b>Representative Geiger of Rockland</b> An Act to Change the Minimum Wage to a Living Wage	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2803	<b>Senator Pouliot of Kennebec</b> An Act to Increase Housing Options in Maine	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2813	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Encourage Business Growth and Improve Employment Benefits by Implementing a Voluntary Paid Medical Leave Program	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2823	<b>Representative Malon, II of Biddeford</b> An Act to Ensure That Manufactured Housing May Be Built on Lots Where Single-family Dwellings Are Allowed	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2851	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act to Improve Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2869	<b>Representative Roeder of Bangor</b> An Act to Strengthen Firefighters' Collective Bargaining Rights	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2871	<b>Representative Crafts of Newcastle</b> An Act to Create the Central Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Authority	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2891	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Include Farm Workers in the Laws Establishing Minimum Wage Rates and Overtime Restrictions	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2892	<b>Representative Landry of Farmington</b> An Act to Exclude Seasonal Volunteer Ski Patrollers and Seasonal Volunteer Ski Ambassadors and Hosts at Ski Areas from the Minimum Wage Laws	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2912	<b>Senator Tipping of Penobscot</b> An Act to Improve Maine's Labor Laws by Changing the Laws Governing Collective Bargaining Elections for Certain Public Employees	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2921	<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b> An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	<b>FAILED</b>

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LR 2937	<b>Representative Greenwood of Wales</b> An Act to Create Equity Between Certain Members of the Judicial Branch and the Executive Branch Regarding Maine State Retirement	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2938	<b>Representative Golek of Harpswell</b> An Act to Improve the Housing Voucher System	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2946	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Create the Commission of Inquiry on Labor and Land Justice	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2956	<b>Senator Carney of Cumberland</b> An Act to Enhance Employer and Employee Harmony on Certain State-assisted Projects	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2962	<b>Senator Tipping of Penobscot</b> An Act to Assist First-time Home Buyers by Increasing Assistance Available from the Maine State Housing Authority	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2966	<b>Senator Nangle of Cumberland</b> An Act to Remove Barriers to Heating Assistance for Low-income and Moderate-income Maine Residents	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>MARINE RESOURCES</b>		
LR 2785	<b>Senator Moore of Washington</b> An Act to Authorize Medical Waivers for Menhaden Fishing Licenses	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
LR 2640	<b>Representative Hepler of Woolwich</b> An Act to Repeal the Law Relating to Payments from the Town of Georgetown for MacMahan Island	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2642	<b>Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Eliminate State Agency Review of Program Evaluation Reports Prior to Release of Reports to the Government Oversight Committee	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2643	<b>Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Repeal the Law Requiring Initiation of Agency Routine Technical Rule-making Proceedings upon Receipt of a Petition of 150 Voters	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2655	<b>Senator Beebe-Center of Knox</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

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	An Act to Eliminate Certain Reporting Requirements for Special Districts	
LR 2669	<b>Representative Sachs of Freeport</b> Resolve, to Add Legislators to the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2685	<b>Representative Soboleski of Phillips</b> An Act to Move Patriot's Day to Election Day	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2727	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> Resolve, to Initiate the Procedures to Request the United States Congress's Joint Committee on the Library to Replace 2 Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2733	<b>Representative Montell of Gardiner</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to Improve the Health of Persons Working in or Visiting the State House by Increasing the Building's Air Exchange Rate to 20 Percent	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2734	<b>Representative Montell of Gardiner</b> Resolve, to Protect Legislators, Legislative Workers and the Public from Exposure to Harmful Substances	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2737	<b>Representative Madigan of Waterville</b> An Act to Require Compensation for Persons with Lived Experience Participating in Legislative and State Studies and Commissions	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2739	<b>Representative Madigan of Waterville</b> An Act to Require Health Care and Substance Use Disorder Legislation to Be Supported by Relevant Data and Analysis	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2742	<b>Representative Davis, Jr. of East Machias</b> Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Conduct an Environmental Assessment of Certain Real Property in Machiasport	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2745	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> Resolve, to Increase Participation in the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2793	<b>Representative Andrews of Paris</b> An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training	<b>PASSED</b>

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LR 2828	<b>Representative Walker of Naples</b> An Act to Assist Municipalities to Maintain Safe Public Ways	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2843	<b>Representative Riseman of Harrison</b> An Act to Repeal Reporting Requirements for Special Districts Regarding Outstanding Debt	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2882	<b>Senator Grohoski of Hancock</b> An Act to Ensure Determinations Made by the State Are Free from Unethical, Unsafe or Illegal Interference by Artificial Intelligence	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2887	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Improve Public Sector Workers' Rights	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2890	<b>Representative Gattine of Westbrook</b> An Act to Address Chronic Understaffing of State Positions	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2942	<b>Representative Rana of Bangor</b> An Act to Standardize Municipal Public Health Policies	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2955	<b>Representative Greenwood of Wales</b> An Act to Establish the Process for the Selection of Delegates for a Convention Called Under Article V of the United States Constitution	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2622	<b>Senator Libby of Cumberland</b> An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Certain Recreational Vehicles	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2653	<b>Senator Reny of Lincoln</b> An Act to Clarify the Property Tax Exemption for Air Pollution Control Facilities	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2694	<b>Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin</b> An Act Regarding the Poverty Abatement Timeline	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2709	<b>Representative Bridgeo of Augusta</b> An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Create Lakefront Protection Improvement Districts	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2713	<b>Senator LaFountain of Kennebec</b> An Act to Assist Disabled Veterans in Applying for Excise Tax Exemptions	<b>PASSED</b>

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LR 2718	<b>Representative Ankeles of Brunswick</b> An Act Regarding the Property Value Reassessment Process	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2725	<b>Representative Lanigan of Sanford</b> An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax for Maine Seniors	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2726	<b>Representative Lanigan of Sanford</b> An Act to Eliminate the Taxation on Certain Senior Housing	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2728	<b>Representative Jackson of Oxford</b> An Act to Amend the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2736	<b>Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc</b> An Act to Support Child Care Workers by Exempting Child Care Worker Subsidies from State Income Tax	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2750	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Align Maine Tax Exemption Standards for Religious Organizations with Federal Standards	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2768	<b>Representative Bridgeo of Augusta</b> An Act Regarding Certain Disabled Veterans and the Property Tax Fairness Credit	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2770	<b>Senator Baldacci of Penobscot</b> An Act to Refund Gasoline Taxes Paid by Nonprofit Transportation Providers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2772	<b>Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Accelerate the Production of Housing and Strengthen the Maine Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2779	<b>Senator Black of Franklin</b> An Act to Reestablish the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2788	<b>Representative Hepler of Woolwich</b> An Act Regarding Excise Taxes on Antique Automobiles	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2811	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Income Tax	<b>FAILED</b>

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2821	<b>Senator Keim of Oxford</b> An Act to Allow Disabled Veterans to Receive an Excise Tax Exemption Regardless of Whether They Have Disabled Veterans Registration Plates	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2833	<b>Representative Malon, II of Biddeford</b> An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Land Value Taxation	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2842	<b>Representative Russell of Verona Island</b> An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2846	<b>Senator Brakey of Androscoggin</b> An Act to Address Inflation by Eliminating the Sales Tax on Gold and Silver Coinage and Bullion, Establishing Home Energy Savings Accounts, Increasing the Personal Needs Allowance for Seniors in Residential Care and Nursing Facilities and Requesting an Audit of the Federal Reserve	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2848	<b>Representative Terry of Gorham</b> An Act to Amend the Recapture Penalty Imposed Under the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2852	<b>Representative Lemelin of Chelsea</b> An Act to Exempt Motor Vehicles of Active Duty Service Members Stationed Out-of-state from Excise Tax	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2856	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Provide Investment Incentives to Keep the Portland Sea Dogs in the State	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2859	<b>Representative White of Waterville</b> An Act to Provide a Sales Tax Exemption to Incorporated Nonprofit Member Organizations to Promote Career and Technical Education	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2900	<b>Representative Russell of Verona Island</b> An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Municipal Property Tax Deferral Programs	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2902	<b>Representative Terry of Gorham</b> An Act to Enhance the State Child Tax Credit by Establishing the Working Families Child Tax Credit Fund	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2909	<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b> An Act to Establish an Employer Commuter Benefits Law	<b>FAILED</b>

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>TAXATION</b>		
LR 2922	<b>Representative Perry of Bangor</b> An Act to Decrease Property Taxes Through the Property Tax Deferral Program and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to Municipalities	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2926	<b>Senator Guerin of Penobscot</b> An Act to Allow Nonprofit Organizations with Multiple Purposes to Receive Maine Tax Benefits	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2929	<b>Senator Pierce of Cumberland</b> An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2945	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act to Remove the Exemption from Sales and Use Tax for Automobiles Purchased for Use as Rentals	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2950	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2963	<b>Senator Tipping of Penobscot</b> An Act to Assist Residents of the State Who Have High Rents	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
LR 2614	<b>Representative Strout of Harrington</b> Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in the Town of Roque Bluffs	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2639	<b>Representative Hepler of Woolwich</b> Resolve, Designating Route 127 in Arrowsic as the Private Merwin A. Delano Memorial Highway	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2822	<b>Senator Stewart of Aroostook</b> An Act to Require Flame-retardant Seats on School Buses Manufactured After 2024	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2824	<b>Representative Malon, II of Biddeford</b> Resolve, to Rename the Bridge Connecting Main Street in Biddeford to Main Street in Saco the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2885	<b>Representative Morris of Turner</b> An Act to Enhance Legislative Oversight of Rules Regulating Electric Vehicles	<b>FAILED</b>

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		<b>Action</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
LR 2934	<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b> An Act to Allow the Secretary of State to Issue General Issuance License Plates	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2952	<b>Representative Greenwood of Wales</b> An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Issue a Gadsden Flag License Plate	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2954	<b>Representative Carlow of Buxton</b> An Act Authorizing the Secretary of State to Issue Commemorative License Plates in Honor of America's Semiquincentennial	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2613	<b>President Jackson of Aroostook</b> An Act to Strengthen Maine Veterans' Homes with Increased and Ongoing Funding	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2618	<b>Representative Osher of Orono</b> An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training Camps	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2624	<b>Representative Light Lookner of Portland</b> An Act to Ban Paramilitary Training Camps	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2626	<b>Senator Baldacci of Penobscot</b> An Act to Prohibit Paramilitary Training by Unauthorized Persons	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2628	<b>Representative Boyer, Jr. of Poland</b> An Act to Remove the Universal Symbol Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2638	<b>Senator Daughtry of Cumberland</b> An Act to Update the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Allowed in a Municipality	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2741	<b>Senator Farrin of Somerset</b> An Act to Provide Funding For Maine Veterans' Homes to Support Ongoing Operations	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2812	<b>Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor</b> An Act to Prohibit Noncitizen Participation in the Cannabis Industry	<b>FAILED</b>



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		<b>Action</b>
<b>VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS</b>		
LR 2841	<b>Representative Collings of Portland</b> An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of an Off-track Betting Facility to Receive Funding When the Facility Is Sold or Relocates	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2862	<b>Representative Andrews of Paris</b> An Act to Combat Racketeering by Foreign Organizations in Maine Cannabis Markets	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2875	<b>Representative Cloutier of Lewiston</b> An Act to Provide Greater Parity in Campaign Financing by Including Child Care as an Allowable Expense	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2877	<b>Senator Hickman of Kennebec</b> An Act to Increase Transparency in State Government by Expanding the Definition of "Lobbying" to Include Influencing the Procurement of Goods and Services and to Include Supporting or Opposing the Adoption of a Rule of a Department or Agency of the State	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2903	<b>Representative Soboleski of Phillips</b> An Act to Provide Investigative Authority to the Maine State Police, Sheriffs and Local Police Regarding Maine's Recreational Cannabis Laws and Ordinances to Ensure Proper Enforcement	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2944	<b>Speaker Talbot Ross of Portland</b> An Act Regarding Quality of Care for Maine's Veterans	<b>PASSED</b>

Total number of bills accepted: 58

Total number of bills tabled: 0

Total number of bills screened: 283

# Fiscal Briefing

November 16, 2023

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

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

**Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$361.7	\$399.8	\$38.1	10.5%	\$426.0	-6.1%
FYTD	\$1,704.6	\$1,769.3	\$64.7	3.8%	\$1,832.5	-3.4%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$38.1 million (10.5%) for the month of October and by \$64.7 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2024 General Fund revenue through October was 3.4% less than FY 2023 General Fund revenue through October of 2022, largely because of the automotive sales tax transfers totaling \$107.5 million from the General Fund to the Highway Fund made in July and October pursuant to PL 2023, c. 189, Part I. Without these transfers, General Fund revenue through October would be 2.4% greater than FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$21.0 million (11.7%) for the month and over budget by \$10.8 million (1.3%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax final payments (October 16th was the deadline for 2022 extended filers) and withholding payments exceeded budget, while estimated payments were under budget for the month and the fiscal year to date. Corporate income tax revenue was \$8.5 million (85.2%) above budget for October and \$7.5 million (6.5%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for October (September sales) was 9.1 million (4.5%) above budget for the month and \$47.9 million (5.8%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Other Revenues for the fiscal year to date include the second (\$53.5 million) of two FY 2023 automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund which had a cumulative \$107.5 million negative FY 2024 impact on the General Fund.

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

**Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$84.1	\$86.4	\$2.3	2.7%	\$30.6	182.2%
FYTD	\$223.5	\$246.6	\$23.1	10.3%	\$121.3	103.3%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$2.3 million (2.7%) for the month of October and \$23.1 million (10.3%) for the fiscal year to date. FY 2024 Highway Fund revenue through October was more than twice FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022 largely because of the sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund totaling \$107.5 million. Without these transfers, Highway Fund revenue through October would be 14.6% greater than FY 2023 revenue through October of 2022.

Fuel tax revenue was \$0.1 million (0.6%) under budget for the month of October but over budget by \$7.9 million (11.1%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were under budget by \$4.0 million (45.2%) for the month but over budget by \$2.2 million (6.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Other Highway Fund revenue for the fiscal year through October included the positive Highway Fund impact of the automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for October was \$4,208.6 million, an increase of \$40.8 million from September's average. Increases in Highway Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds (interest accruing to the GF) and Independent Agency Funds balances were partially offset by decreases in balances in the General Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds (retaining interest) and Other State Funds. The average Highway Fund balance for October was \$82.1 million, an increase of \$39.9 million from September's balance of \$42.1 million (largely the result of the automotive sales tax transfer from the General Fund made in October).

#### **4. Economic and Revenue Forecast - Meetings**

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on October 23rd to review and update the economic forecast for its November 1<sup>st</sup> report. The CEFC made relatively minor changes to its April 2023 forecast. Of particular note, the CEFC forecast for the growth in personal income was revised upward from 5.2% to 5.9% for calendar year 2023 but downward for calendar years 2024 through 2027 and the forecast for growth in wage and salary income, the largest component of personal income, was revised upward from 6.0% to 7.5% for calendar year 2023 but was unchanged for calendar years 2024 through 2027. The CEFC also revised its forecast for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) downward for calendar years 2023 through 2027 and made no changes in its wage and salary employment forecast.

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to review and update the revenue forecast for its December 1<sup>st</sup> report. The RFC will incorporate the revised CEFC forecast, updated revenue collections for FY 2024 and other updated information since its May 2023 forecast.

**General Fund Revenue**  
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**October 2024 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				% Change from Prior Year	FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %		
Sales and Use Tax <sup>1</sup>	201,957,888	211,048,543	9,090,655	831,031,451	878,910,791	47,879,340	5.8%	3.6%	2,190,029,171
Service Provider Tax	4,353,243	4,575,669	222,426	17,025,922	17,855,209	829,287	4.9%	-0.5%	49,212,224
Individual Income Tax	179,782,254	200,819,122	21,036,868	799,044,613	809,807,875	10,763,262	1.3%	2.9%	2,394,473,715
Corporate Income Tax	9,925,617	18,385,611	8,459,994	114,815,689	122,275,352	7,459,663	6.5%	-6.8%	355,623,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax <sup>2</sup>	13,555,342	14,003,194	447,852	55,131,852	56,363,036	1,231,184	2.2%	6.4%	156,701,546
Insurance Companies Tax	9,239,091	10,409,205	1,170,114	10,769,535	11,391,964	622,429	5.8%	2.6%	114,490,000
Estate Tax	2,109,502	373,468	(1,736,034)	8,522,488	3,399,514	(5,122,974)	-60.1%	-84.1%	25,400,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	22,628,228	24,987,597	2,359,369	51,303,351	55,189,534	3,886,183	7.6%	9.4%	147,038,629
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	778,545	967,468	188,923	4,750,631	3,678,436	(1,072,195)	-22.6%	39.9%	16,293,650
Income from Investments	2,120,373	4,918,488	2,798,115	6,329,989	14,487,880	8,157,891	128.9%	202.2%	26,939,649
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,905,660	1,967,191	(2,938,469)	22,075,472	23,689,054	1,613,582	7.3%	-1.5%	65,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(229,034)	(424,425)	(195,391)	(229,034)	(3,647,768)	(3,418,734)	-1492.7%	-135.3%	(84,490,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(28,895,422)	(29,259,769)	(364,347)	(91,767,668)	(95,610,429)	(3,842,761)	-4.2%	0.9%	(252,841,376)
Other Revenue *	(60,579,168)	(63,002,611)	(2,423,443)	(124,221,348)	(128,487,800)	(4,266,452)	-3.4%	-499.0%	(93,691,677)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>361,652,119</b>	<b>399,768,752</b>	<b>38,116,633</b>	<b>1,704,582,943</b>	<b>1,769,302,648</b>	<b>64,719,705</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>5,110,178,531</b>

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

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$2.2 million for October and \$8.2 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.2 million for October and \$5.1 million for the fiscal year to date.

**General Fund Revenue**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024)**

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**October 2024 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	12,589,369	13,365,675	776,306	12,589,369	13,365,675	776,306	6.2%	7.4%	14,881,051
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,921,145	2,361,506	(559,639)	6,152,399	5,804,082	(348,317)	-5.7%	-20.5%	21,713,714
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,424,067	1,930,379	506,312	7,585,891	7,174,215	(411,676)	-5.4%	33.7%	22,094,397
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	288,790	382,182	93,392	2,567,552	3,371,035	803,483	31.3%	-0.2%	11,413,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	79,317	79,317	0	84,984	84,984	N/A	108.1%	6,300,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,115,581	1,956,550	(159,031)	8,462,324	7,844,510	(617,814)	-7.3%	-6.3%	25,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	148,833	214,052	65,219	426,354	656,200	229,846	53.9%	142.3%	882,965
- Racino Revenue	928,101	1,081,554	153,453	3,712,404	4,186,123	473,719	12.8%	6.9%	11,307,295
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	167,474	94,088	(73,386)	1,328,149	1,169,440	(158,709)	-11.9%	9.5%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,434,214	2,707,848	1,273,634	6,056,586	8,760,517	2,703,931	44.6%	27.4%	15,998,184
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	610,654	814,445	203,791	2,422,323	2,772,753	350,430	14.5%	9.9%	11,970,823
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>22,628,228</b>	<b>24,987,597</b>	<b>2,359,369</b>	<b>51,303,351</b>	<b>55,189,534</b>	<b>3,886,183</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>147,038,629</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,814	8,434	6,620	7,006,066	7,033,151	27,085	0.4%	35794.4%	7,028,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	5,039	11,146	6,107	23,652	25,387	1,735	7.3%	6.3%	57,221
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,394,420	2,038,050	(356,370)	9,120,338	7,177,552	(1,942,786)	-21.3%	14.3%	26,436,801
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	(8,731,282)	(8,702,703)	28,579	(23,893,939)	(23,457,942)	435,997	1.8%	-27.8%	(23,893,939)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(963,378)	(361,760)	601,618	(5,170,648)	(4,750,279)	420,369	8.1%	N/A	(7,320,857)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	(4,584,476)	(4,522,124)	62,352	(15,702,880)	(15,151,926)	550,954	3.5%	18.4%	(15,702,880)
- Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	(50,006,825)	(53,454,923)	(3,448,098)	(101,861,600)	(107,527,334)	(5,665,734)	-5.6%	-479.4%	(101,861,600)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,305,520	1,981,270	675,750	6,257,663	8,163,591	1,905,928	30.5%	-10.8%	15,365,077
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>(60,579,168)</b>	<b>(63,002,611)</b>	<b>(2,423,443)</b>	<b>(124,221,348)</b>	<b>(128,487,800)</b>	<b>(4,266,452)</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>-499.0%</b>	<b>(93,691,677)</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreak	0	0	0	0	424	424	N/A	-14.7%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(229,034)	(417,771)	(188,737)	(229,034)	(3,644,971)	(3,415,937)	-1491.5%	-139.9%	(17,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(6,654)	(6,654)	0	(3,221)	(3,221)	N/A	89.6%	(67,490,000)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(229,034)</b>	<b>(424,425)</b>	<b>(195,391)</b>	<b>(229,034)</b>	<b>(3,647,768)</b>	<b>(3,418,734)</b>	<b>-1492.7%</b>	<b>-135.3%</b>	<b>(84,490,000)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>1,690,870</b>	<b>2,893,176</b>	<b>1,202,306</b>	<b>7,682,730</b>	<b>10,208,003</b>	<b>2,525,273</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>54.1%</b>	<b>21,518,623</b>

**Highway Fund Revenue  
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**October 2024 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	October '23 Budget	October '23 Actual	October '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				% Change from Prior Year	FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance		
<b>Fuel Taxes:</b>									
- Gasoline Tax	17,986,868	15,863,726	(2,123,142)	67,408,297	71,681,207	4,272,910	6.3%	-0.3%	203,864,446
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,061,161	5,447,177	1,386,016	15,073,474	16,433,986	1,360,512	9.0%	-4.9%	49,579,729
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,311,924)	(1,568,565)	743,359	(9,053,440)	(6,474,200)	2,579,240	28.5%	1.3%	(25,474,293)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(449,797)	(569,389)	(119,592)	(1,685,680)	(1,965,217)	(279,537)	-16.6%	-8.9%	(5,098,038)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,286,308	19,172,949	(113,359)	71,742,651	79,675,777	7,933,126	11.1%	-1.4%	222,871,844
<b>Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:</b>									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,584,447	5,264,264	(320,183)	23,819,308	24,432,246	612,938	2.6%	-3.7%	69,019,954
- License Plate Fees	74,008	435,052	361,044	1,352,257	1,863,734	511,477	37.8%	22.4%	3,662,986
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	1,115,414	1,510,278	394,864	3,702,754	4,123,862	421,108	11.4%	-13.2%	14,134,523
- Title Fees	1,341,486	1,279,726	(61,760)	5,244,754	5,196,341	(48,413)	-0.9%	-7.5%	14,279,501
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	764,322	976,714	212,392	3,358,307	3,954,198	595,891	17.7%	-8.6%	9,658,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	(4,603,020)	(4,603,020)	(4,701,820)	(4,603,020)	98,800	2.1%	-4.1%	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,879,677	4,863,013	(4,016,664)	32,775,560	34,967,361	2,191,801	6.7%	-5.0%	94,237,008
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	265,215	33,117	(232,098)	1,060,860	556,765	(504,096)	-47.5%	36.0%	3,182,600
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	110,169	56,507	(53,662)	481,246	392,657	(88,589)	-18.4%	-33.3%	1,429,470
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	57,293	82,100	24,807	244,648	363,552	118,904	48.6%	-18.9%	606,512
Interest Earnings	40,173	122,838	82,665	291,897	370,721	78,824	27.0%	239.2%	613,276
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	50,006,825	53,456,007	3,449,182	101,861,600	107,534,228	5,672,628	5.6%	98295.8%	101,861,600
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,000,000	8,364,754	3,364,754	13,000,000	21,163,538	8,163,538	62.8%	19265.0%	53,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	411,402	208,257	(203,145)	2,032,091	1,596,315	(435,776)	-21.4%	-26.6%	11,911,265
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84,057,062</b>	<b>86,359,543</b>	<b>2,302,481</b>	<b>223,490,553</b>	<b>246,620,915</b>	<b>23,130,362</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>103.3%</b>	<b>489,713,575</b>



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senator Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate, Chair  
Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House, Vice-Chair  
Members, Legislative Council

**FROM:** Danielle Fox, Director

**DATE:** November 16, 2023

**RE:** Update on interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select Committees

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Attached is an updated report on the 15 interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select Committees as of November 14, 2023. Most studies have received all membership appointments and have either begun to hold meetings or are in the process of planning their initial meeting.

The following interim studies are still pending membership appointments.

1. Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education
2. Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients
3. Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group to Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost and Access to Driver Education (staffed by Secretary of State)
4. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force
5. Cannabis Advisory Commission
6. Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Patients (per authorizing legislation, this is a member representing Disability Rights Maine and the appointment is made Commissioner of DHHS)

There is one pending request to the Legislative Council from Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients. Pursuant to the authorizing legislation, a request has been submitted by the chairs to hold a meeting on December 1, 2023 with a majority (but not all) of appointments having been made.

I am happy to answer questions or provide additional information you may find helpful.

Danielle D. Fox, Director  
Room 215 Cross State Office Building

**131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 2023**  
**November 16, 2023 Legislative Council Meeting**

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
<b>Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned</b>					
<b>LD 915</b> <b>Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 98</a>	Anna Broome Luke Lazure  Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Multi-year 1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 2. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m., COB Rm 209 (HHS)	11/6/2024	Sen. Duson Rep. Craven	13 Members Appointments complete
<b>LD 937</b> <b>Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 93</a>	Eli Murphy Karen Nadeau  Kristin Brawn Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized 1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 202 (LBHS) 2. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 3. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 1:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 5.	1/15/2024	Sen. Bailey Rep. Mathieson	13 Members Appointments complete
<b>LD 976</b> <b>Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 97</a>	Elena Roig Steve Langlin  Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Ingwersen Rep Madigan	Pending one agency appointment
<b>LD 1264</b> <b>Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 102</a>	Karen Nadeau Anne Davison Sophia Paddon  Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Pierce Rep. Millett	17 Members <b>Pending 2</b> appointments (plus 4 agency designees)
<b>LD 1283</b>	Steve Langlin Hillary Risler	Four meetings authorized	1/15/2024	Sen. Rafferty Rep. Murphy	20 Members Appointments complete



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<b>Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 92</a> 010-30A-2660-03	Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Thursday, November 30, 2023 @10:00am SH Rm 228 (AFA)			
<b>LD 1597</b> <b>Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 95</a>	Rachel Olson Eli Murphy  Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized  Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @12:00pm SH Rm 437 (VLA)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	President Jackson Rep. Russell	Appointments complete
<b>LD 1622</b> <b>Criminal Records Review Committee</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 103</a>	Joseph Greene Anna Broome  Darlene ShoresLynch Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Multi-year  1. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA)	<i>Interim 12/15/2023 (extension approved)</i>  Final 11/6/2024	Sen. Bailey Speaker Talbot Ross	29 Members Appointments complete
<b>LD 1701</b> <b>Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 99</a>	Dan Tartakoff Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon  Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski	Six meetings authorized  1. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 2. Monday, November 6, 2023 @9:00 am, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 3. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 4. Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Curry Speaker Talbot Ross	17 members Appointments complete
<b>LD 1722</b> <b>Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 100</a>	Sam Senft Anne Davison  Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized  1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. <del>Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</del>	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Rotundo Rep. Graham	15 members Appointments complete

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		3. Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA) 4. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA)			<i>Outside funding received and accepted</i>
<b>LD 1795</b> <b>Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients</b> <a href="#">P.L. 2023, c. 410</a>	Colleen McCarthyReid  Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023 <i>(request to meet pending)</i>	Sen. Bailey Rep. Arford	10 Members <b>Pending</b> 3 appointments (plus 2 agency designees)
<b>LD 1799</b> <b>Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education</b> <a href="#">P.L. 2023, c. 477</a>	Hillary Risler Elena Roig  Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized  1. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 2. Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 4. Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 12:00pm, COB Rm 208 (EDU)	12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i>	Sen. Vitelli Rep. Hasenfus	Appointments complete
<b>Ongoing statutory studies</b>					
<b>Right to Know (Advisory Committee)</b> <a href="#">T 1 §411</a>	Lindsay Laxon Janet Stocco Colleen McCarthyReid Anne Davison  Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	1. Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 4. Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 5. Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 1:00pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) <b>SUBCOMMITTEES</b> 6. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 9:30 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 7. (Public Records Exceptions)	Annually	Rep. Sheehan	18 Members <b>Pending</b> 1 appointment (vacancy as a result of death of a member)

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		<p>8. Monday, October 23, 2023 at 11:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) (Public Records Process)</p> <p>9. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 3:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p> <p>10. Thursday, November 9, 2023@1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Public Records Exceptions</p> <p>11. Thursday, November 9, 2023@1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p>			
<p><b>Cannabis Advisory Commission</b> <a href="#">T 28-B c. 1 sub c. 9</a></p>	<p>Lynne Caswell Dan Tartakoff</p> <p>Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon</p>	TBD	Annually	Sen. Hickman Rep. Supica	27 Members <b>Pending 10</b> appointments (plus agency designees)
<p><b>State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force</b> <a href="#">T 20-A §12901</a></p>	TBD	No more than 4	Annually Nov 1st	Sen. Rafferty Rep. Gere	15 Members <b>Pending 4</b> appointments

**Other Legislative Council-approved studies (staffed by department/agency)**

<p><b>LD 1200</b> <b>Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost of and Access to Driver Education for Underserved Populations and Low-income Families</b> <a href="#">Resolve 2023, c. 94</a></p>	Secretary of State	Four meetings authorized	2/1/2024	Sen. Nangle	11 Members <b>Pending 9</b> appointments plus agency designee
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**131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

<b>Interim meetings of Joint Standing/Select Committees and subcommittees</b>			
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Maureen Dawson	Thursday, October 5, 2023 @ 9:30 am, SH Rm 228	Authorized to meet monthly by statute
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon	Four authorized meetings	
Education and Cultural Affairs	Hillary Risler Elena Roig	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU)</li> <li>2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU)</li> <li>3. <del>Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU)</del> CANCELLED</li> <li>4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU)</li> </ol>	4 authorized
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm. 216 (ENR)</li> <li>2. <del>Monday, October 16, 2023</del> CANCELLED</li> <li>3. Monday, November 13, 2023</li> </ol>	4 authorized
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT)</li> <li>2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT)</li> <li>3. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT)</li> </ol>	4 authorized
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</li> <li>2. Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</li> <li>3. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</li> <li>4. Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</li> </ol>	4 authorized
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthyReid		

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Housing	Danielle Fox Karen Nadeau Steve Langlin	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023@9:00am, MSHA offices 3. Tuesday, October 17, 2023@10:00am, Univ. Maine and Bangor 4. Tuesday, October 31, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 5. Tuesday, November 14, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 6. Tuesday, November 28, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 7. Tuesday, December 5, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216	7 authorized (including 2 off-site)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Anne Davison		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Sophia Paddon	Thursday, September 21, 2023@9:00 am, COB Rm 206 (IDEA)	1 authorized
Judiciary	Janet Stocco  (subcommittee assistance from Anna Broome)	1. Monday, September 25, 2023@Noon, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 3. Wednesday, November 8, 2023@ 10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD)  <u>Subcommittee Meetings</u> 1. Thursday, October 19, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Thursday, December 7, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD)	6 authorized Plus 3 subcommittee meetings approved
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin		
Marine Resources	Elena Roig		
State and Local Government	Lynne Caswell	Thursday, November 16, 2023 @9:30 am, CSOB Rm 214 (SLG)	Three authorized meetings
Taxation	Julie Jones	Thursday, November 9, 2023@10:00, SH Rm 127 (TAX)	
Transportation	Julia MacDonald		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson Lynne Caswell  (subcommittee assistance from Anne Davison)	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH, Rm 437 (VLA) 2. Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 437 (VLA) Subcommittee Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act 3. Tuesday November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 @9:30am SH Rm 437 - Subcommittee	6 authorized – including subcommittee

**Legislative Council Actions  
Taken by Ballot Since the  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council Meeting**

**Legislative Council Decisions:**

**Motion:** That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross  
Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

**Motion:** That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross  
Date: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed


**Motion:** That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross  
Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed

**Motion:** That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Criminal Records Review Committee.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross  
Date: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Vote: 7-0-3-0 Passed

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**



LORING COMMERCE CENTRE

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October 31, 2023

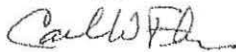
Ms. Suzanne M. Gresser  
Executive Director  
State of Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Ms. Gresser:

Pursuant to "Section 13080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, please find enclosed a report of the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The report includes a summary of the LDA's development activities and audited financial statements for FY23. Subsequent events through October 15, 2023 and proposed activities for FY24 are also reported.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



Carl W. Flora  
President & CEO

Enclosure

cc: Senator Chip Curry - Chair  
Representative Tiffany Roberts - Chair  
Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Report on Activity at Maine's Largest  
Industrial - Commercial - Aviation - Business Park





**Paragraph 13080-L  
 Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report  
 July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

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<b>Loring Commerce Centre Tenants</b>	

**PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS**

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties of the state's largest industrial park, Loring Commerce Centre, formerly Loring Air Force Base, in support of new job creation and new economic activity. LDA manages the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serves as landlord to leasehold businesses and supplies municipal-type services to residents and businesses that collectively employ approximately 750 people and occupy 1 million square feet of space in numerous major buildings. LDA operates a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintains and plows 26 miles of roadways; performs grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and through arrangements with the Town of Limestone and others, secures fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services and contracts for wastewater treatment. The LDA works with prospective businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Businesses at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

Legislative Council Meeting  
November 16, 2023

Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Appeals

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (A vote of "yes" is to let in the bill; a vote of "no" is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be posted on the Legislative Council's website as soon as practicable following the meeting.
- D. A Legislator who has filed a timely appeal of the decision of the Legislative Council to reject a bill request sponsored by that Legislator will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not the Legislator sponsoring the request address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish the Sponsor's bill request from the closely related one.