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REP. AMY B. ARATA

**April 30, 2024
1:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

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	CALL TO ORDER	
	ROLL CALL	
1	SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 28, 2024 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	Decision
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10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fiscal Report (Mr. Nolan)	Information
	REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No reports	
	OLD BUSINESS	
	Item #1: Council actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
	NEW BUSINESS	
Separate Notebook	Item #1: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggested Protocol for Considering Proposed StudiesConsideration of Proposed Legislative Studies	Decision Roll Call Vote
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
March 28, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the March 28, 2024 meeting of the 131st Legislative Council to order at 2:29 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart (joined via Zoom after start of meeting), and Senator Keim

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

Absent: Representative Arata

Legislative Officers: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Rob Hunt, Assistant Clerk of the House
Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology

President Jackson convened the meeting at 2:29 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for February 22, 2024 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Speaker Talbot Ross. Second by Sen. Daughtry. **Motion passed (7-0-0-3**, with Senator Stewart, Representative Faulkingham and Representative Arata recorded as absent).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS

Fiscal Report

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

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

State House Facilities Committee

Senator Daughtry reported that the State House Facilities Committee met on February 27th and March 13th to consider the following items:

1. Request for waiver of certain elements of the *Legislative Council Policy on the Use of Capitol Park*. The committee discussed a request for a waiver of the Capitol Park policy by the project named “the 2200” to hold a 100-mile, 30-hour ultramarathon in Capitol Park; heard from Earle Shettleworth, the State Historian, on the background of Capitol Park and the genesis of the restrictions contained in the policy, and discussed the precedential impact of authorizing the event. The committee asked Director Gresser to contact the organizers to determine whether the organizers are still interested in holding the event in Capitol Park, and convey to the committee members the results of the discussion.
2. State House Complex Security
The committee continues to work closely with Maine Capitol Police Chief Clancy on a number of initiatives designed to maximize the safety of staff, Legislators, and members of the public when they are in the State House Complex.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 131st Legislature ratify the collective bargaining agreement, for the period ending September 30, 2025, that was negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine service Employees Association, Local 1080, SEIU (MSEA) on March 8, 2024. Further, that the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of this agreement; Further, upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, that the add/drop Salary Step provision for Grades 1 through 6 provided in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreement be provided to legislative employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining

agent, the effective dated of such compensation provision to coincide with those contained in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by: President Jackson
Date: March 18, 2024
Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Representative Arata recorded as absent)

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 3133 An Act to Strengthen Maine’s Workforce Through Pre-Apprenticeship Training Programs

Submitted by: Senator Tipping
Date: February 26, 2024
Vote: 6-3-0-1 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Keim, and Representative Arata recorded as opposed, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent)

LR 3144 An Act to Ensure That Any Rules Regarding the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Are Major Substantive Rules

Submitted by: President Jackson
Date: March 8, 2024
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Daughtry, Representative Terry, and Representative Cloutier recorded as absent)

LR 3135 An Act to Honor Older Maine Residents by Fully Funding Nursing Homes

Submitted by: President Jackson
Date: March 5, 2024
Vote: 6-2-0-2 Passed (with Representative Cloutier and Representative Arata recorded as opposed, and Speaker Talbot Ross and Representative Terry recorded as absent)

LR 3177 An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public

Submitted by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: March 22, 2024
Vote: 6-1-0-3 Passed (with Senator Stewart recorded as opposed, and Senator Keim, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Arata recorded as absent)

NEW BUSINESS

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

Of the nineteen (19) requests on the list of after deadline bill requests, two (2) requests were withdrawn, and the Legislative Council accepted for introduction one (1), and rejected sixteen (16). Of the two (2) requests for Joint Resolutions, the Legislative Council accepted one (1) and rejected one (1) request. The Legislative Council also took up four (4) requests that had been tabled at prior meetings, and rejected the four (4) requests. The Legislative Council's action on the requests is attached to this meeting summary.

Item #2: Report from Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 392

Director Gresser drew the members' attention to the report received from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 392. According to the report, radon test results indicated that there exist elevated radon levels in areas on the First Floor of the State House. In response to these test results, BGS modified air exchanges in the State House to reduce the existing negative air pressure, and installed an energy recovery ventilator in the State House Café space to bring conditioned outdoor air into interior space. In addition, select windows on the First Floor of the State House have been slightly opened to further reduce negative air pressure in the State House. Director Gresser indicated that these measures had resulted in a reduction in the radon measurement; as a result, the intermediate plan is to install additional energy recovery ventilators on the First Floor. According to the DAFS report, the long-term solution will require the expertise of a mechanical engineer, which BGS is in the process of securing. President Jackson asked about the possibility of venting the tunnel as part of the long-term solution; Director Gresser said that that was one of the solutions that had been discussed. Representative Terry asked about potential health impacts resulting from radon. Director Gresser indicated that she had spoken about this to the Occupational Health and Safety Compliance Assistance Specialist in the Office of Safety and Environmental Services in DAFS, and the Maine Radon Coordinator within the Maine CDC's Radiation Control Program, who both indicated that health risks associated with radon result from chronic exposure to elevated levels of radon over the course of many, many years. President Jackson asked when the Cross Building was going to be tested; Director Gresser responded that BGS's current plan involves testing the Cross Building in the second week in April.

President Jackson, acting on the request made earlier during the meeting by Senator Vitelli, added the following additional item to the meeting agenda, designated as New Business Item #3.

Item #3: Request to Amend Certain Legislative Council Policies Regarding the Acceptance of Gifts

Director Gresser explained that the Legislative Council Personnel Policies for both Legislative Council staff and for committee clerks currently limits to \$30 the maximum value of a gift that may be accepted by those staff members from legislators or legislative committees. The members of the Council discussed increasing the maximum value to various amounts.

Motion: That the *Legislative Council Personnel Policies and Guidelines for Legislative Committee Clerks* and the *Legislative Council Personnel Policies and Guidelines for Legislative Council Staff* be amended to increase from \$30 to \$65 the maximum value of a gift that may be accepted by staff from legislators or legislative committees. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Speaker Talbot Ross. **Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0-4,**

with Senator Vitelli, Senator Stewart, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Arata absent).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

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

**131st Maine State Legislature
 Second Regular Session
 Legislative Council Actions Taken
 on Requests to Introduce
 Legislation and Joint Resolutions
 at Legislative Council Meeting Held on March 28, 2024**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Sen. Ben Chipman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3159	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in Limington the Limington Veterans Memorial Bridge	Failed
3182	Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Hiram the Hiram Veterans Memorial Bridge	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Margaret M. Craven

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3148	Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization to Collect and Examine Data Related to MaineCare and Other State-funded Services	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Dean A. Cray

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3160	An Act Regarding COVID-19 Leave for Public School Employees	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Chip Curry

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3155	Resolve, to Establish a Study Commission to Evaluate and Recommend Standards for Consumer Protection Under the Automotive Right to Repair Law	Withdrawn

SPONSOR: Sen. Stacey Guerin

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3163	An Act to Change the Opening Day of the 2024 Open Water Fishing Season	Withdrawn

SPONSOR: Sen. Matthew A. Harrington

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3168	Resolve, to Allow a Property Owner in the Town of Waterboro to Secede from the Town of Waterboro	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3140	An Act to Provide Funding to the Zysk House Sober Living Residence for Men	Failed

SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3145	Resolve, to Honor the Life of Darcie Hutchinson of Houlton by Directing the Department of Transportation to Place a Permanent Roadside Memorial on Interstate 95	Failed

3189	An Act to Allow a Member of the Perham Selectboard to Facilitate the Election to Vacant Seats on the Selectboard and to Approve and Sign Disbursement Warrants	Passed
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SPONSOR: Sen. Matthew Gary Pouliot

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3136	An Act to Restrict the Taxation of Subdivisions Prior to Development	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Cameron deGrasse Reny

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3174	An Act to Protect the Tenants of Manufactured Housing Parks	Failed

3175	An Act to Temporarily Prohibit Aquaculture Leasing in the Medomak River Until a Capacity Study Is Completed	Failed
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SPONSOR: Rep. Ronald B. Russell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3047	An Act to Fully Fund the Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3139	An Act to Support the Francis Malcolm Science Center in Aroostook County	Failed
3147	An Act to Provide Relief to Small Businesses Affected by Low Levels of Snow Accumulation	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Jeff Timberlake

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3131	An Act to Ensure Sustainable MaineCare Reimbursement for Critical Child Welfare-related Services	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. James L. White

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2988	An Act Relating to Prohibitions on Certain Firearms	Failed

LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES

SPONSOR:

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3149	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	Failed

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Sen. Eric Brakey

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3178	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDEMN THE PERSECUTION OF JULIAN ASSANGE AND TO URGE THAT ALL CHARGES RELATED TO JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITY BE DROPPED	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Craig V. Hickman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3187	JOINT RESOLUTION, REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE MAINE NATIONAL GUARD WHO TRAINED AT THE MILITARY SUPPORT BASE IN GAGETOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA	Passed (2)

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AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Dick Campbell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3015	An Act to Change the Types of Rules That Are Subject to the Petition Process	Failed

SPONSOR: Rep. Billy Bob Faulkingham

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3121	An Act to Prevent Loss of Life from Traumatic Injuries by Expanding Public Access to Bleeding Control Kits	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Lisa Keim

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3106	An Act to Increase Rates for Certain Private Nonmedical Institution Homes	Failed

SPONSOR: Sen. Trey Stewart

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
3024	An Act Relating to State Closures	Failed

Fiscal Briefing

April 25, 2024

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
March	\$307.4	\$318.8	\$11.5	3.7%	\$363.8	-12.4%
FYTD	\$3,598.8	\$3,619.2	\$20.5	0.6%	\$3,704.2	-2.3%

General Fund revenue was above budget by \$11.5 million (3.7%) for the month of March and above budget by \$20.5 million (0.6%) for the fiscal year to date. **These variances now reflect the March 2024 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted General Fund revenue by \$82.4 million for FY24.** General Fund revenue for FY24 through March was 2.3% less than FY23 General Fund revenue through March of 2023. Without the automotive sales tax transfers totaling \$107.5 million from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, FY24 General Fund revenue through March would be 0.6% greater than FY23 revenue through March of 2023.

Individual income tax revenue was above budget by \$18.4 million for March and by \$18.5 million (1.2%) for the fiscal year to date. Most of this positive variance resulted from individual income tax withholding payments exceeding budget by \$19.8 million for the month. Corporate income tax revenue was \$2.3 million below budget for the month and \$2.3 million (0.8%) below budget for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for March (February sales) was \$3.4 million above budget for the month and \$3.4 million (0.2%) above budget for the fiscal year to date.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
March	\$29.7	\$32.5	\$2.8	9.5%	\$26.8	21.1%
FYTD	\$403.7	\$414.6	\$10.9	2.7%	\$262.7	57.8%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$2.8 million (9.5%) for the month of March and above budget by \$10.9 million (2.7%) for the fiscal year to date. **These variances now reflect the March 2024 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted Highway Fund revenue by \$9.3 million for FY24.** Highway Fund revenue for FY24 through March was 57.8% greater than FY23 revenue through March of 2023 largely because of the sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund totaling \$107.5 million and the liquor operations fund transfers of \$45.8 million to date. Without these transfers, Highway Fund revenue through March would be 0.6% less than FY23 revenue through March of 2023.

Fuel tax revenue was \$0.4 million under budget for the month and only slightly above budget for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget by \$4.0 million for the month and over budget by \$7.8 million (10.9%) for the fiscal year to date. Highway Fund revenue for the fiscal year through March also included a positive variance of \$3.5 million in liquor operations fund transfers.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for March was \$3,789.4 million, a decrease of \$214.4 million from February's average balance. General Fund balances decreased by \$149.0 million from February's average balances, while Other Special Revenue Funds and Independent Agency Funds also experienced significant decreases in cash balances. The Highway Fund balance for March was \$80.8 million, an increase of \$30.0 million from February.

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

Updated 4/22/24

March 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	March '24 Budget	March '24 Actual	March '24 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	144,370,811	147,771,514	3,400,703	1,716,596,658	1,719,997,365	3,400,707	0.2%	3.7%	2,252,160,556
Service Provider Tax	3,661,166	3,643,987	(17,179)	37,308,603	37,291,423	(17,180)	0.0%	-4.2%	49,234,033
Individual Income Tax	81,539,748	99,940,565	18,400,817	1,576,403,585	1,594,858,427	18,454,842	1.2%	-4.4%	2,442,073,715
Corporate Income Tax	20,941,607	18,650,135	(2,291,472)	277,612,430	275,321,723	(2,290,707)	-0.8%	12.2%	436,000,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	12,898,692	10,626,645	(2,272,047)	114,044,889	111,772,842	(2,272,047)	-2.0%	-1.0%	152,779,967
Insurance Companies Tax	22,671,355	19,807,804	(2,863,552)	41,593,018	39,281,961	(2,311,057)	-5.6%	-6.9%	118,460,000
Estate Tax	1,434,168	149,306	(1,284,862)	9,840,001	8,832,254	(1,007,747)	-10.2%	-64.8%	18,840,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	12,538,320	8,156,697	(4,381,623)	105,764,668	106,352,554	587,886	0.6%	-5.7%	142,708,170
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	2,146,199	1,456,632	(689,567)	12,173,763	8,133,263	(4,040,500)	-33.2%	11.9%	15,452,367
Income from Investments	3,790,126	5,230,126	1,440,000	40,836,975	40,956,427	119,452	0.3%	106.9%	55,102,654
Transfer from Lottery Commission	6,886,793	10,132,468	3,245,675	55,094,337	69,274,966	14,180,629	25.7%	26.5%	73,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(1,350,000)	(2,152,079)	(802,079)	(81,821,495)	(82,565,411)	(743,916)	-0.9%	-4.4%	(82,730,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(7,418,196)	(7,418,234)	(38)	(193,782,515)	(193,782,552)	(37)	0.0%	-0.4%	(263,620,963)
Other Revenue *	3,244,405	2,830,369	(414,036)	(112,912,637)	(116,510,781)	(3,598,144)	-3.2%	-1342.3%	(77,565,280)
Totals	307,355,194	318,825,936	11,470,742	3,598,752,280	3,619,214,460	20,462,180	0.6%	-2.3%	5,331,895,219

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

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$1.6 million for March and \$16.9 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.2 million for March and \$11.8 million for the fiscal year to date.

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

Updated 4/22/24

March 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	March '24 Budget	March '24 Actual	March '24 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	12,589,369	13,365,675	776,306	6.2%	7.4%	15,931,051
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,612,286	1,324,091	(288,195)	15,269,587	14,981,393	(288,194)	-1.9%	-10.3%	20,603,062
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,893,274	1,388,431	(504,843)	16,898,903	16,715,363	(183,540)	-1.1%	1.2%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	1,774,427	1,264,847	(509,580)	6,882,611	6,445,162	(437,450)	-6.4%	-13.3%	12,643,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	2,516	0	(2,516)	92,500	117,100	24,600	26.6%	-98.1%	100,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,176,176	2,489,850	313,674	19,579,084	19,544,005	(35,079)	-0.2%	-4.6%	26,107,610
- Milk Handling Fee	53,286	92,812	39,526	1,005,224	1,078,805	73,581	7.3%	67.1%	1,091,825
- Racino Revenue	913,101	915,558	2,457	8,574,443	8,511,578	(62,865)	-0.7%	3.2%	11,366,895
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	124,375	165,584	41,209	2,482,485	2,260,907	(221,578)	-8.9%	1.4%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	740,220	(238,088)	(978,308)	12,563,978	15,032,640	2,468,662	19.6%	22.5%	15,996,984
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	3,248,659	753,613	(2,495,046)	9,826,484	8,299,926	(1,526,558)	-15.5%	-15.1%	12,213,709
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	12,538,320	8,156,697	(4,381,623)	105,764,668	106,352,554	587,886	0.6%	-5.7%	142,708,170
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	5,003	2,312	(2,691)	7,016,129	7,043,705	27,576	0.4%	16694.7%	7,028,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	4,298	0	(4,298)	31,607	25,387	(6,220)	-19.7%	-43.4%	44,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,532,238	1,799,577	267,339	15,650,256	16,317,578	667,322	4.3%	10.9%	21,186,401
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	29,800,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(24,202,942)	(23,457,942)	745,000	3.1%	-5.9%	(24,202,942)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	(348,380)	(348,380)	(897,847)	(6,430,729)	(5,532,882)	-616.2%	N/A	(6,770,677)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(15,151,926)	(15,151,926)	(0)	0.0%	-2.6%	(15,151,926)
- Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	(107,534,228)	(107,534,228)	(0)	0.0%	-628.2%	(107,534,228)
- Transfer to Adult-Use Cannabis Fund	(376,960)	(376,960)	0	(3,496,143)	(3,496,141)	2	0.0%	-124.9%	(4,626,460)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,079,826	1,753,820	(326,006)	15,672,457	16,173,516	501,059	3.2%	15.2%	22,662,052
Subtotal - Other Revenue	3,244,405	2,830,369	(414,036)	(112,912,637)	(116,510,781)	(3,598,144)	-3.2%	-1342.3%	(77,565,280)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreak)	0	0	0	0	424	424	N/A	-83.6%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(1,350,000)	(2,093,779)	(743,779)	(17,091,495)	(17,835,274)	(743,779)	-4.4%	-9.7%	(18,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(58,299)	(58,299)	(64,730,000)	(64,730,561)	(561)	0.0%	-3.0%	(64,730,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(1,350,000)	(2,152,079)	(802,079)	(81,821,495)	(82,565,411)	(743,916)	-0.9%	-4.4%	(82,730,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	949,895	1,648	(948,247)	15,733,827	18,018,768	2,284,941	14.5%	18.2%	21,505,862

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

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March 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	March '24 Budget	March '24 Actual	March '24 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2024 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance		% Change from Prior Year
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	13,922,890	14,813,612	890,722	150,877,464	151,768,186	890,722	0.6%	1.9%	195,302,784
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,515,517	2,178,036	(1,337,481)	37,223,258	36,350,214	(873,044)	-2.3%	-2.9%	47,892,186
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,777,242)	(1,703,673)	73,569	(18,936,688)	(18,863,121)	73,567	0.4%	-37.6%	(24,426,880)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(306,965)	(370,444)	(63,479)	(3,904,470)	(3,967,952)	(63,482)	-1.6%	-6.4%	(4,883,935)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	15,354,200	14,917,530	(436,670)	165,259,564	165,287,327	27,763	0.0%	-2.1%	213,884,155
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	6,295,230	6,532,745	237,515	50,385,887	52,290,548	1,904,661	3.8%	0.3%	70,669,954
- License Plate Fees	398,242	432,576	34,334	2,687,837	3,118,107	430,270	16.0%	1.6%	3,662,986
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	2,125,002	2,703,899	578,897	11,856,723	12,969,616	1,112,893	9.4%	-7.8%	15,034,523
- Title Fees	1,418,445	1,109,659	(308,786)	10,668,181	11,163,752	495,571	4.6%	-2.6%	14,279,501
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	968,059	957,820	(10,239)	8,156,414	8,268,496	112,082	1.4%	-11.7%	10,558,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(3,514,910)	20	3,514,930	(12,123,989)	(8,372,270)	3,751,719	30.9%	31.6%	(16,653,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,690,068	11,736,719	4,046,651	71,631,053	79,438,249	7,807,196	10.9%	2.1%	97,552,008
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	265,215	64,668	(200,547)	2,186,935	1,365,392	(821,543)	-37.6%	-32.0%	2,982,600
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	90,228	139,450	49,222	978,469	997,720	19,251	2.0%	-14.6%	1,429,470
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	63,448	127,905	64,457	493,335	794,872	301,537	61.1%	-12.0%	606,512
Interest Earnings	59,155	167,171	108,016	1,354,733	1,454,856	100,123	7.4%	349.8%	2,327,029
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	107,534,228	107,534,228	0	0.0%	33147.3%	107,534,228
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,566,038	4,789,340	(776,698)	42,301,889	45,806,767	3,504,878	8.3%	14062.5%	59,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	564,888	529,212	(35,676)	11,998,047	11,911,440	(86,607)	-0.7%	2.7%	13,799,823
Totals	29,653,240	32,471,996	2,818,756	403,738,253	414,590,852	10,852,599	2.7%	57.8%	499,115,825