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August 7, 2024

1:00 P.M.

REVISED AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
April 30, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the April 30, 2024 meeting of the 131st Legislative Council to order at 1:20 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart (via Zoom), and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross, Representative Terry (via Zoom), Representative Cloutier (via Zoom) and Representative Faulkingham

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 1:20 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 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

At the request of the chair, Ms. Gresser briefly summarized the suggested protocol for reviewing and approving legislative studies, and the Legislative Council voted to approve the protocol. (Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Senator Keim. **Motion passed (9-0-0-1**, with Representative Arata absent).

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the legislative study requests in accordance with the approved protocol. Of the 22 studies listed, the council authorized 8 studies, tabled 2 studies, rejected one study, and took no action on 11 studies. The Legislative Council's actions on the legislative studies are included on the attached list.

President Jackson then returned to the printed agenda.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 28, 2024 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for March 28, 2024 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by Speaker Talbot Ross. **Motion passed unanimously (9-0-0-1**, with Representative Arata recorded as absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

No reports beyond the written Fiscal Report included in the packet.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

No reports

OLD BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

**Legislative Council
Actions Taken on Legislative Studies
April 30, 2024**

P.L. 2021, c. 635, Part XX LD 1995 (130th), as amended by LD 289 (131st), P.L. 2023, c. 212	Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination	No Action Taken
LD 915	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	No Action Taken
LD 1622	Criminal Records Review Committee	No Action Taken
LD 2214, Part N	Working Group on the Maine Mass Violence Care Fund	No Action Taken
LD 1304	Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity	No Action Taken
LD 1409	Commission to Establish a Task Force to Study Sharing Costs of Training First Responders Among Governmental Entities	No Action Taken
LD 1710	Commission to Improve Tenant-Landlord Relationships and Maximize the Use of Housing Vouchers	Passed 6-2-0-2 (With Senator Stewart and Senator Keim recorded as opposed, and Representatives Faulkingham and Arata recorded as absent)
LD 1787	DACF Stakeholder Group to Overhaul and Modernize the State Subdivision Statutes	Passed 9-0-0-1 (With Representative Arata recorded as absent)

LD 1794	Commission on Predictability of Mandated Overtime for Pulp or Paper Manufacturing Facility Employees	Passed 6-3-0-1 (With Senator Keim, Senator Stewart, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as opposed and Representative Arata recorded as absent)
LD 1827	Blue Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options	Tabled
LD 1914	Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine	Failed 2-7-0-1 (With Representative Faulkingham and Senator Stewart voting in favor, and Representative Arata recorded as absent)
LD 1975	Task Force to Study Changes to the Legal Status of Scheduled Drugs	No Action Taken
LD 2077	Commission to Study the Establishment of a Just and Equitable Transition for Maine's Workforce Impacted by State Energy Policies and Goals	Tabled
LD 2092	Commission to Study the Funding of Institutions of Higher Education	No Action Taken
LD 2119	Task Force to Study the Creation of a System to Allow for the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights	No Action Taken
LD 2240	Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State	No Action Taken
LD 2255	Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Heard-of-hearing Patients (reestablishes prior commission)	Passed 9-0-0-1 (With Representative Arata recorded as absent)

LD 2274	Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission (reestablishes prior commission)	Passed 9-0-0-1 (With Representative Arata recorded as absent)
LD 2285	Commission to Study School Construction Policy and Funding	Passed 9-0-0-1 (With Representative Arata recorded as absent)
LD 1515	Maine Emergency Medical Service Commission (creates an on-going Title 5 commission)	Passed 9-0-0-1 (With Representative Arata recorded as absent)
LD 2252	Criminal Records Review Commission (Title 5 on-going commission); Effective 1/1/2025	No Action Taken
LD 1990	Commission to Evaluate the Requirements for Licensing of Social Workers	Passed 8-0-0-2 (With Senator Keim and Representative Arata recorded as absent)

Fiscal Briefing

August 7, 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
June	\$591.0	\$661.7	\$70.7	12.0%	\$587.7	12.6%
FYTD	\$5,331.9	\$5,352.8	\$20.9	0.4%	\$5,379.5	-0.5%

General Fund revenue was above budget by \$70.7 million (12.0%) for the month of June and above budget by \$20.9 million (0.4%) for the fiscal year. General Fund revenue for FY24 through June was 0.5% less than FY23 General Fund revenue through June of 2023. Without the FY24 automotive sales tax transfers totaling \$107.5 million from the General Fund to the Highway Fund, FY24 General Fund revenue would have been 1.5% greater than FY23 revenue.

Individual income tax revenue was above budget by \$16.8 million for June but remained below budget by \$53.1 million (2.2%) for the fiscal year. Individual income tax final and estimated payments were \$114.8 million below budget through June. This negative variance likely resulted from the delayed tax filing deadlines to accommodate the winter storms. The final impact of these delayed payments will not be determined until FY25. Individual income tax withholding payments for the year were \$26.5 million greater than budget and individual income tax refunds were \$37.9 million less than budget for the fiscal year (a positive impact on the General Fund). Corporate income tax revenue was \$25.9 million above budget for the month of June and \$23.8 million (5.4%) above budget for the fiscal year. Sales and use tax revenue for June (May sales) was \$18.9 million above budget for the month and \$10.1 million (0.4%) above budget for the fiscal year.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
June	\$30.5	\$32.0	\$1.5	5.0%	\$28.4	12.6%
FYTD	\$499.1	\$510.9	\$11.8	2.4%	\$349.5	46.2%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$1.5 million (5.0%) for the month of June and above budget by \$11.8 million (2.4%) for the fiscal year. Highway Fund revenue for FY24 through June was 46.2% greater than FY23 revenue through June 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 totaling \$60.1 million. Without these transfers, revenue for FY24 would have been 1.8% less than FY23 revenue.

Fuel taxes revenue was \$0.6 million below budget for June but \$2.1 million (1.0%) above budget for the fiscal year. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were above budget by \$1.3 million for June and over budget by \$6.7 million (6.9%) for the fiscal year. Highway Fund revenue for FY24 also included a positive variance of \$1.1 million in liquor operations fund transfers.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for June was \$3,932.5 million, a decrease of \$108.1 million from May's average balance. The decreases were mostly in Other Special Revenue Funds and the Highway Fund. The Highway Fund balance for June was \$76.3 million, a decrease of \$22.0 million from May, a result of the pick-up in seasonal construction spending in June.

4. Fiscal Year 2024 Preliminary Closing

The FY24 preliminary closing General Fund balance totaled \$415.2 million, \$321.7 million of which was budgeted and \$93.5 million was unbudgeted. The FY24 closing is still considered preliminary given PL

2023, c. 643, Part LLL language that effectively delays the final FY 2024 closing until August 9, 2024. The \$93.5 million not budgeted included \$20.9 million in General Fund revenue surplus, \$56.6 million in unbudgeted lapsed program balances and \$16.0 million in lapsed encumbrances and prior period adjustments. Transfers under what is known as the “cascade” are made from the unbudgeted surplus only. That surplus was sufficient to make all \$18.5 million required fixed dollar transfers provided for under current law. Under current law, 80% of the remainder of the unbudgeted surplus would be distributed to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund (MBSF) and 20% to the Highway and Bridge Capital program until the MBSF gets to its statutory cap. Because the MBSF is estimated to be above its current statutory limit of \$963.5 million, all of the remaining FY24 unbudgeted surplus (\$75.0 million) was distributed to the Highway and Bridge Capital program. The table below summarizes the sources and uses of FY24 unbudgeted unappropriated surplus funds.

Preliminary FY 2024 General Fund Year-End Summary

Sources of General Fund Year-end Surplus:		
General Fund Revenue Variance		\$20,867,438
Unbudgeted Lapsed Balances		\$56,608,236
Lapsed Encumbrances and Prior Period Adjustments		\$16,030,554
Total Increase in Unbudgeted Unappropriated Surplus		\$93,506,228
Uses of General Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Fixed Dollar Transfers		
Replenish Contingent Account up to \$350,000 (5 MRSA §1507)		(\$110,677)
Loan Insurance Reserve up to \$1,000,000 (5 MRSA §1511)		(\$1,000,000)
Retiree Health ISF UAL (flat \$2 m) Title 5, S. 1519		(\$2,000,000)
General Fund Operating Capital (flat \$2.5 m) Title 5, S. 1536		(\$2,500,000)
DHHS, Child Care Services program (PL 2023 c. 643, Part RRR-5)		(\$11,772,649)
DHHS, Head Start program (PL 2023 c. 643, Part RRR-6)		(\$1,134,000)
Total Fixed Dollar Transfers		(\$18,517,326)
Percentage Transfers - Remaining Surplus after Fixed Dollar Transfers		\$74,988,902
Maine Budget Stabilization Fund (80% if below MBSF cap)	0.0%	\$0
Highway and Bridge Capital (20% if below MBSF cap)	100.0%	(\$74,988,902)
Total Closing Transfers		(\$93,506,228)

The Highway Fund also has a statutory year-end transfer provision that transfers all but \$100,000 of the increase in the unallocated surplus above the budgeted amount to the Department of Transportation for highway and bridge improvement projects in the next fiscal year. The amount that transferred and is available in FY24 is \$13.1 million. In addition to an \$11.8 million revenue surplus, unexpended Highway Fund allocations that lapsed back to the unallocated surplus totaled \$1.4 million and lapsed encumbrances and prior period adjustments totaled \$0.1 million.

Preliminary FY 2024 Highway Fund Year-End Summary

Sources of Highway Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Highway Fund Revenue Variance		\$11,753,314
Unbudgeted Lapsed Balances		\$1,362,732
Lapsed Encumbrances and Prior Period Adjustments		\$107,803
Total Increase in Unbudgeted Unallocated Surplus		\$13,223,849
Uses of Highway Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Required Increase to Budgeted Balance		\$100,000
Net Unallocated Transferred to Transportation		\$13,123,849

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

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June 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	June '24 Budget	June '24 Actual	June '24 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	191,002,340	209,938,044	18,935,704	2,252,160,556	2,262,233,689	10,073,133	0.4%	4.1%	2,252,160,556
Service Provider Tax	4,137,375	4,676,836	539,461	49,234,033	49,629,447	395,414	0.8%	-3.6%	49,234,033
Individual Income Tax	250,057,168	266,847,038	16,789,870	2,442,073,715	2,388,991,095	(53,082,620)	-2.2%	-3.4%	2,442,073,715
Corporate Income Tax	49,523,499	75,463,508	25,940,009	436,000,000	459,752,873	23,752,873	5.4%	1.9%	436,000,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	13,866,951	9,055,152	(4,811,799)	152,779,967	144,147,994	(8,631,973)	-5.6%	-3.8%	152,779,967
Insurance Companies Tax	39,854,232	31,120,066	(8,734,166)	118,460,000	108,435,700	(10,024,300)	-8.5%	-5.0%	118,460,000
Estate Tax	2,999,999	6,145,475	3,145,476	18,840,000	29,051,766	10,211,766	54.2%	-3.5%	18,840,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	13,401,381	19,391,261	5,989,880	142,708,170	156,906,009	14,197,839	9.9%	3.0%	142,708,170
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,499,653	1,762,693	263,040	15,452,367	11,890,588	(3,561,779)	-23.1%	12.4%	15,452,367
Income from Investments	7,969,335	11,715,406	3,746,071	55,102,654	62,564,325	7,461,671	13.5%	85.0%	55,102,654
Transfer from Lottery Commission	6,886,797	6,717,158	(169,639)	73,000,000	88,673,283	15,673,283	21.5%	23.0%	73,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(108,505)	(89,431)	19,074	(82,730,000)	(82,873,750)	(143,750)	-0.2%	-1.7%	(82,730,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(21,563,202)	(23,169,842)	(1,606,640)	(263,620,963)	(260,093,499)	3,527,464	1.3%	1.3%	(263,620,963)
Other Revenue *	31,515,530	42,126,802	10,611,272	(77,565,280)	(66,546,864)	11,018,416	14.2%	-647.8%	(77,565,280)
Totals	591,042,553	661,700,164	70,657,611	5,331,895,219	5,352,762,655	20,867,436	0.4%	-0.5%	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 \$1.8 million for June and \$22.5 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.4 million for June and \$16.1 million for the fiscal year to date.

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

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June 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	June '24 Budget	June '24 Actual	June '24 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	1,050,000	2,955,461	1,905,461	15,931,051	16,321,136	390,085	2.4%	9.9%	15,931,051
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,976,274	2,082,615	106,341	20,603,062	20,437,759	(165,303)	-0.8%	-8.6%	20,603,062
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	2,301,765	3,340,346	1,038,581	22,093,824	22,862,060	768,236	3.5%	1.9%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	2,165,930	3,159,950	994,020	12,643,649	14,789,886	2,146,237	17.0%	-3.0%	12,643,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	2,500	63,636	61,136	100,000	1,000,555	900,555	900.6%	-83.3%	100,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,176,174	2,280,800	104,626	26,107,610	26,321,505	213,895	0.8%	-4.1%	26,107,610
- Milk Handling Fee	29,405	73,551	44,146	1,091,825	1,286,075	194,250	17.8%	52.4%	1,091,825
- Racino Revenue	930,240	930,617	377	11,366,895	11,353,286	(13,609)	-0.1%	2.0%	11,366,895
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	884,093	1,690,697	806,604	4,559,561	5,277,372	717,811	15.7%	29.8%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,146,146	1,641,028	494,882	15,996,984	20,405,431	4,408,447	27.6%	31.1%	15,996,984
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	738,854	1,172,560	433,706	12,213,709	16,850,943	4,637,234	38.0%	35.7%	12,213,709
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	13,401,381	19,391,261	5,989,880	142,708,170	156,906,009	14,197,839	9.9%	3.0%	142,708,170
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,777	104,958	102,181	7,028,500	7,185,341	156,841	2.2%	16594.6%	7,028,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	4,131	0	(4,131)	44,000	25,387	(18,613)	-42.3%	-57.6%	44,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,034,539	1,840,191	(194,348)	21,186,401	22,482,919	1,296,518	6.1%	11.7%	21,186,401
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	29,800,000	38,114,023	8,314,023	29,800,000	38,114,023	8,314,023	27.9%	373.8%	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	(1,964,697)	(84,573)	1,880,124	(6,770,677)	(6,957,404)	(186,727)	-2.8%	-660.9%	(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	(349,235)	(423,458)	(74,223)	(4,626,460)	(4,658,705)	(32,245)	-0.7%	-121.5%	(4,626,460)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,988,015	2,575,662	587,647	22,662,052	23,405,671	743,619	3.3%	7.8%	22,662,052
Subtotal - Other Revenue	31,515,530	42,126,802	10,611,272	(77,565,280)	(66,546,864)	11,018,416	14.2%	-647.8%	(77,565,280)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	424	424	N/A	148.5%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(108,505)	(52,939)	55,566	(18,000,000)	(18,095,129)	(95,129)	-0.5%	3.1%	(18,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(36,492)	(36,492)	(64,730,000)	(64,779,045)	(49,045)	-0.1%	-3.1%	(64,730,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(108,505)	(89,431)	19,074	(82,730,000)	(82,873,750)	(143,750)	-0.2%	-1.7%	(82,730,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	2,090,192	3,405,350	1,315,158	21,505,862	26,669,753	5,163,891	24.0%	28.9%	21,505,862

Highway Fund Revenue
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June 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date							FY 2024 Budgeted Totals	
	June '24 Budget	June '24 Actual	June '24 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance		% Change from Prior Year
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	16,180,067	16,573,293	393,226	195,302,784	198,850,620	3,547,836	1.8%	1.4%	195,302,784
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,580,852	2,542,775	(1,038,077)	47,892,186	46,914,672	(977,514)	-2.0%	-4.9%	47,892,186
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,001,290)	(1,916,916)	84,374	(24,426,880)	(24,651,245)	(224,365)	-0.9%	-36.6%	(24,426,880)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(356,728)	(414,448)	(57,720)	(4,883,935)	(5,145,342)	(261,407)	-5.4%	-5.0%	(4,883,935)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	17,402,901	16,784,703	(618,198)	213,884,155	215,968,705	2,084,550	1.0%	-2.9%	213,884,155
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	7,276,269	7,863,927	587,658	70,669,954	73,407,359	2,737,405	3.9%	0.0%	70,669,954
- License Plate Fees	302,946	673,557	370,611	3,662,986	4,585,007	922,021	25.2%	11.6%	3,662,986
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	639,193	837,275	198,082	15,034,523	16,993,165	1,958,642	13.0%	-7.4%	15,034,523
- Title Fees	1,241,982	1,362,574	120,592	14,279,501	15,091,886	812,385	5.7%	-1.5%	14,279,501
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	835,869	890,766	54,897	10,558,098	10,977,181	419,083	4.0%	-11.8%	10,558,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(4,529,065)	(4,592,364)	(63,299)	(16,653,054)	(16,768,964)	(115,910)	-0.7%	-0.1%	(16,653,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	5,767,194	7,035,734	1,268,540	97,552,008	104,285,634	6,733,626	6.9%	-2.4%	97,552,008
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	265,235	1,172,688	907,453	2,982,600	3,086,749	104,149	3.5%	-1.6%	2,982,600
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	164,296	404,380	240,084	1,429,470	1,774,184	344,714	24.1%	4.3%	1,429,470
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	12	89,694	89,682	606,512	1,090,913	484,401	79.9%	-10.0%	606,512
Interest Earnings	620,243	666,276	46,033	2,327,029	2,762,727	435,698	18.7%	291.5%	2,327,029
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	107,534,228	107,534,228	0	0.0%	15137.4%	107,534,228
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,566,035	4,666,222	(899,813)	59,000,000	60,146,757	1,146,757	1.9%	8422.7%	59,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	676,096	1,166,709	490,613	13,799,823	14,219,242	419,419	3.0%	5.3%	13,799,823
Totals	30,462,012	31,986,408	1,524,396	499,115,825	510,869,139	11,753,314	2.4%	46.2%	499,115,825

131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
August 7, 2024

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date and tentative dates of future meetings	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned					
LD 915 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services Resolve 2023, c. 98	Anna Broome Lynne Westphal Luke Lazure Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	<u>Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u> <u>Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 9:30 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u> <u>Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u> <u>Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Time TBD, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u> <u>Wednesday, October 9, 2024, Time TBD, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u> <u>Wednesday, October 30, 2024, Time TBD, COB Rm 209 (HHS)</u>	11/6/2024	Sen. Duson Rep. Craven	
LD 1622 Criminal Records Review Committee Resolve 2023, c. 103	Janet Stocco Sophia Paddon Darlene ShoresLynch Tanya Condon	<u>Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u> <u>Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u> <u>Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u> <u>Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u> <u>Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u>	Interim 12/6/2023 Final 11/6/2024	Sen. Bailey Speaker Talbot Ross	

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Ongoing statutory studies					
Right to Know (Advisory Committee) <u>T 1 §411</u>	Lindsay Laxon Anne Davison Elena Roig Sam Senft Colleen McCarthyReid Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	<u>Monday, August 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm,</u> <u>SH Rm 228 (AFA)</u> <u>4 Additional meeting dates TBD</u>	Annually	Rep. Sheehan	

**131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE/SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2024
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing/Select Committees and subcommittees

Committee Name	Assigned Staff	Scheduled Meetings	Status or Comments
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Maureen Dawson		
Criminal Justice and Public Safety			
Education and Cultural Affairs	Elena Roig		
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff		
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon		
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	Wednesday, July 31, 2024	
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthyReid		
Housing	Danielle Fox Steve Langlin		Request pending for 1 meeting in September
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Anne Davison		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Sophia Paddon		
Judiciary	Janet Stocco Eli Murphy		
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin		
Marine Resources	Anne Davison		
State and Local Government	Lynne Westphal		
Taxation			

**131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE/SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2024
 AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Transportation	Elena Roig Karen Nadeau		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson Lynne Westphal	Tentative September Meeting Date TBD Subcommittee on Medical Use of Cannabis No plans to meet	2 Committee member vacancies

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
April 30, 2024 Council Meeting**

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorizes the funding for and approves nonconforming elements pursuant to Joint Rule 353 of the legislative study included in LD 1827, “Resolve, to Establish the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Make Recommendations on the Continuum of Long-term Care Options.” Further, the Legislative Council authorizes an amendment to LD 1827 to:

- **Require the executive director of the long-term care ombudsman program to chair the commission and to select a co-chair from among the other members of the commission;**
- **Require the long-term care ombudsman program to provide staffing services to the commission;**
- **Increase costs to the Legislature associated with this study to \$4000, which includes \$1650 for Legislator per diem and expenses and \$2350 for staffing, with the remaining staffing costs of \$5150 to be raised by outside funding;**
- **Provide allocations for a portion of the costs related to staffing for payment to the ombudsman program;**
- **Require the commission to seek outside funding to fund a portion of the costs of the study; and**
- **Prohibit the commission from meeting unless adequate funding is obtained.**

Motion by: President Jackson
Date: May 9, 2024
Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (With Senator Daughtry recorded as absent)

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorizes the funding for and approves the nonconforming elements pursuant to Joint Rule 353 of the legislative study included in LD 2077, “Resolve, to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine.” Further, the Legislative Council authorizes an amendment to LD 2077 to require the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Bureau of Labor Education to provide necessary staffing services to the commission, and adds the director of the Bureau of Labor Education as a member of the commission and designates the director of the Bureau of Labor Education as the chair of the commission.

Motion by: President Jackson
Date: May 9, 2024
Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (With Senator Stewart, Senator Keim, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Arata recorded as voting against)



Dear Suzanne,

For nearly five decades, NCSL has worked hand-in-hand with legislators and legislative staff to strengthen the legislative institution, produce exceptional research and bring legislators and staff together to share ideas. All the while, NCSL has advocated for the interests of states in Washington. As NCSL enters its 50th year, we are reflecting on what we have accomplished together. It is extraordinary how much legislatures have changed since 1975 and how they have emerged as the preeminent bodies in American democracy for solving the nation's most complex issues. Thank you for your continued support of NCSL as we strive to make you and your colleagues better at what you do to serve the people of Maine.

We are enclosing NCSL's FY 2025 dues invoice for Maine. These dues are established by the NCSL Executive Committee of legislators and legislative staff.

NCSL exists to serve you, and I am always eager for your feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have ideas about how we can continue to improve the way we serve you and your fellow members, as well as the many staff in your state who support the legislature.

Thank you for continuing to contribute to the vital work of NCSL as we remain committed to you and the success of the nation's 7,500-plus legislators and 30,000-plus legislative staff.

Thank you,

Tim Storey
Chief Executive Officer
NCSL

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The Council of State Governments

May 2, 2024

Ms. Suzanne Gresser
Executive Director, Maine Legislature
Maine State Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Ms. Gresser:

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding Maine's 2025 Fiscal Year dues for its membership in The Council of State Governments (CSG). With this letter, please find the invoice for Maine's annual CSG membership dues in the amount of \$141,547.

A state's annual membership dues are calculated using a formula which was approved by the CSG Executive Committee on the recommendation of the CSG Finance Committee. This formula includes a base rate charged to every state in the same amount plus an additional amount which varies based on a state's population.

The leaders of the states are the leaders of CSG. Through our work at the state, regional, national, and international level, CSG helps state officials advance their public policy priorities and craft solutions that work. CSG leaders remain very proud of the significant return on investment CSG has consistently provided its 56 member states and territories. By connecting, informing, inspiring, and empowering state officials, CSG helps states cost effectively achieve more for the citizens they serve.

On behalf of the state officials who serve as the CSG national and regional officers, I appreciate your continued engagement with and investment in CSG.

I appreciate your assistance in processing the attached invoice. If you have any questions about Maine's membership in The Council of State Governments, please contact me. I can be reached by email at dadkins@csg.org or on my mobile phone at (859) 559-3915.

Thank you.

All the best,

David Adkins
Executive Director/CEO

C: Senate President Troy Jackson, Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross, Senator Eloise Vitelli, Representative Maureen Terry, Representative Kristen Cloutier, Senator Mattie Daughtry



The Council of State Governments

October 26, 2022

Ms. Suzanne Gresser
Executive Director
Maine State Legislature
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 4333

Dear Ms. Gresser:

I am writing to share important information regarding Maine's Fiscal Year 2024 dues for its membership in The Council of State Governments (CSG) and CSG East. Please note this is not an invoice; the invoice for CSG dues will be sent in May 2023. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with the information necessary for your state's FY2024 budget planning process.

CSG was created by the states in 1933 and has, for ninety years, delivered exceptional value to state officials. With your state's continued financial support, we will continue to provide nonpartisan, regional and national programming on priority public policy issues of state officials.

Through the CSG Executive Committee, which includes state leaders from Maine, the states themselves determine the dues to be paid by each state based on a formula that includes a base amount plus a population-based component. Sixty percent of Maine's dues are allocated directly to support CSG East and forty percent supports CSG national programs and services including the CSG Justice Center. The final FY2024 dues amount is subject to approval by the Executive Committee in December.

On behalf of the CSG leadership, thank you for your continued investment in the work of CSG. Should you need additional information, you can reach me on my cell at (859) 559-3915 or by email at dadkins@csg.org or David Biette, director of CSG East, at (646) 383-5711 or dbiette@csg.org.

Maine 2024 CSG Dues

Total Amount: \$128,578
Time Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
CSG National Programs and Services
CSG Justice Center
CSG East
CSG Eastern Regional Conference

Sincerely,

David Adkins
Executive Director/CEO
The Council of State Governments

C: Senate President Troy Jackson, Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Senator Nate Libby, Representative Michelle Dunphy