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LD 258 / HP0163

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Presented by Representative SACHS of Freeport. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Public Hearings 02/08/23, 02/08/23, 02/09/23, 02/10/23, 02/13/23, 02/13/23, 02/14/23, 02/15/23, 02/16/23, 02/16/23, 02/17/23, 02/21/23, 02/21/23, 02/22/23, 02/22/23, 02/23/23, 02/23/23, 02/24/23, 02/24/23, 02/27/23, 02/27/23, 02/28/23, 03/01/23, 03/01/23, 03/01/23, 03/02/23, 03/03/23, 05/16/23, 05/17/23, 05/17/23, 05/18/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 07/06/23. Amended by: CA H-717, HA/CA H-721, HB/CA H-722. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/11/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 412.

Original Bill

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[Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Report to the Legislature: Extraordinary Circumstance Allowance Payments to Nursing Facilities \(February 13, 2024\)](#)

[Samantha Warren, UMS Director of Government & Community Relations. Daylight Savings Time: A Summary of Evidence \(February 15, 2024\)](#)

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[Maine State Housing Authority. Legislative Report Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. §20A\(7\) regarding the Housing First Program \(February 1, 2025\)](#)

[Ian Yaffe, Director, Office for Family Independence. Report Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 3110 \(Automatic Referrals to Other Programs\) \(May 14, 2025\)](#)

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Mills- Don't expect a lot of drama from rollout of budget (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 1/11/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230111A.pdf)

Mills proposes \$10.3B budget, setting up fight with GOP (Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 1/12/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230112A.pdf)

Gov Mills proposed 10% increase in budget (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 1/12/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230112A.pdf)

Highlights in a \$10.3 billion plan to address Maine's big challenges (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 1/12/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230112B.pdf)

Budget calls for massive investment for roads and bridges (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 1/13/2023, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230113B.pdf)

Mills' budget plan includes historic investment in UMS (Sawyer Loftus) (Bangor Daily News, 1/17/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230116A.pdf)

New funding for Maine's indigent legal defense system isn't enough, panel says (Emily Allen) (Portland Press Herald, 1/18/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230118E.pdf)

Mills unveils plan to expand opioid treatment, protect children (Megan Gray) (Portland Press Herald, 2/15/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230215E.pdf)

Experts welcome Mills' plans to fight opioid crisis but says it's not enough (Joe Lawlor) (Portland Press Herald, 2/21/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/PPH 230218B.pdf)

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Path to deal on state budget is uncertain (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 5/18/2023, p. A1, A2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230518A.pdf)

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Republicans should hold out for a better deal on state budget (Matthew Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 6/29/2023, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230629F.pdf)

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This spending plan will work for families (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 7/5/2023, p. D2) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/MST 230702E.pdf)

State budget deal leaves Republican caucus divided (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/6/2023, p. A1, A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 23070102D.pdf)

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State legislature shores up finances of emergency medical service providers (Joyce Kryszak) (Bangor Daily News, 7/11/2023, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230711F.pdf)

Legislature OKs \$100M to address housing shortage, homelessness (Emily Bader) (Bangor Daily News, 7/11/2023, p. B5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230711H.pdf)

Mills signs \$10.3B budget creating paid leave program (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 7/12/2023, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD02xx/nc131-LD-0258/BDN 230712A.pdf)

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