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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

6) 45% indicated that they were unaware of issues before the Legislature, but roughly 70% of this group would like to testify before a legislative committee if adequate protection is provided; and

7) roughly 67% stated they would be more likely to testify before a legislative committee if they were protected by state law from harassment or discrimination.

The Committee amended the bill (H-85) to make some technical changes and two substantive revisions. One of the substantive revisions removed the provision denying protection to State employees for statements about the personal style of supervisory management. State employees, in their testimony about current or proposed programs, may need to provide information about management of programs, and it may be impossible to separate personal style of managers from the description of program operation.

The second substantive revision removed the provision relating to injunctive relief following a grievance procedure and established a 120 day period following the alleged violation of the law for the filing for injunctive relief. In some cases, a grievance procedure could consume as much time as 1 year.

LD:

99

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE STATE BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAMS INTO ONE ORGANIZATION (REPORTED PURSUANT TO A STUDY ORDER FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE)

LU-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 99 proposed to authorize the Finance Authority of Maine to be the exclusive business loan agency of State government. The purpose of the bill was to reduce duplication among economic development agencies of the State and to plan responsibility for business loans with the agency that has the expertise and experience to evaluate businesses and applicants for loans.

The bill was withdrawn because the community development block grant program administered by the State Planning Office, includes funds that are provided to communities for loans to businesses. In addition, the Maine Development Foundation serves as an SBA 503 loan agency for York County. No other organization has been willing to serve in this capacity for York County.