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STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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of public sector and private sector representatives to study the financial needs of Maine small business. The study would include evaluations of

- 1) the effectiveness of the current system of meeting the financial needs of small business;
- 2) loan guarantees vs direct loans;
- 3) the use of existing sources of business financing by small business;
- 4) the degrees of awareness of small business of available financing options; and
- 5) the degree of meaning of the terms, "small business."

The bill proposed to authorize the commission to employ professional staff and consultants. An appropriation of \$25,000 was provided for the biennium to pay for expenses and per diem rates of \$60 per day for members who are not state employees.

The bill was withdrawn in light of a study to be conducted by a Special Joint Select Committee on Economic Development, created by LD 95, to study economic development issues, including financing.

LD:

503

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS

ANDREWS  
DILLENBACK

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV

S-123	CA		H	S
S-211	CA	ANDREWS		
S-227	CA	KANY	H	S

SUMMARY:

LD 503, in original form, proposed to require all state construction projects or improvements to comply with municipal ordinances governing the construction and alteration of buildings. All state owned or leased buildings are to be subject to municipal inspection.

According to the Statement of Fact, municipal fire and police protection agencies need to know the internal layout and the construction of state buildings to provide the best protection possible. Currently, state owned/leased buildings are not subject to local ordinances.

The Committee amended the bill to require that the

responsibility for acquiring all the necessary licenses and permits be placed on the contractors and subcontractors. A subsequent Senate Amendment (S-211) prohibited the charging of license and permit fees for licenses and permits for state building construction, renovation, and rehabilitation. These amendments eliminated the \$175,000 fiscal note from the bill.

LD: 521 RESOLVE, ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO REVIEW UPPER MANAGEMENT IN STATE GOVERNMENT THERIAULT  
MARTIN J  
GWADOSKY  
VIOLETTE

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 521 proposed to establish a 6 member commission to study policy-making, policy-influencing and management positions in State Government. The commission would be charged with the responsibility of developing a policy and criteria to determine which positions are appointed and which positions constitute management.

The committee, in general, did not perceive the study as a top-priority because there does not appear to be a significant problem with respect to the present system. Some persons believed that the intent of the study was to declassify more positions and thereby jeopardize the integrity of some positions which should be protected from the political process.

LD: 548 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS UNDER ALL FINANCING PROGRAMS OF THE FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE MANNING

LU-WD HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 548 proposed to prohibit the financing of fishing vessels under all financing mechanisms of the Finance Authority of Maine.

The purpose of the bill was to prevent out-of-state fishing vessel owners/entrepreneurs and out-of-state ship building facilities from exploiting the financing programs of the Finance Authority of Maine.

This bill is the result of an application to FAME for \$500,000 of financing for the construction of a fishing vessel with municipal revenue obligation bonds of the City of Portland. The Finance Authority of Maine,