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BILL SUMMARY



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BILL SUMMARIES
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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.

LD: 830 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR BIENNIAL CONFERENCES
ON SMALL BUSINESS

MURPHY T
ARMSTRONG
DAGGETT
BAKER A

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill proposed to require the Governor to hold a statewide conference on small business and the Maine economy at least once every 2 years. The last Blaine House Conference on Small Business was held in October 1980.

Small business, according to the bill's proponents, is considered to be the backbone of the State's economy and it is important that a regular forum is held in which to focus on what can be done to foster the development and expansion of small businesses and the growth of the Maine economy.

The Committee was divided with respect to LD 830. Some members felt that a small business conference held every 2 years would be too frequent. Other members were opposed to mandating the Governor in public law to hold the conferences.

LD: 878 AN ACT REGARDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE MAINE HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES AUTHORITY

GWADOSKY
DILLENBACK
ANDREWS

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

SUMMARY:

LD 878 proposed that the executive director of the Maine Municipal Bond Bank serve as executive director of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority.

The purpose of the bill was to consolidate the staff of two agencies to incur cost savings.

Currently the MHHEFA operates from Dover, New Hampshire. This central office serves both New Hampshire and Maine. This structural strategy has been proposed to save administrative/operational costs and to reduce the bond issue costs (combine bonds if possible - under an umbrella bond issue).

The MHHEFA assists private, non-profit hospitals, non-profit nursing homes, and private, non-profit higher educational institutions within Maine in financing the

construction and equipment of health-care and educational facilities, the refinancing of existing indebtedness and student loans by providing access to the municipal (tax-exempt) bond market.

The Authority consists of twelve members, the Bank Superintendent, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services and Treasurer of State (as a nonvoting member) who serve as ex-officio members, and eight other members who are residents of the State of Maine and are appointed by the Governor. The Executive Director, who is not a member, is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Authority.

The Authority does not receive any appropriations from the State. It derives its revenues from fees charged the hospitals, nursing homes and institutions for higher education using its financing capabilities. The initial fee, payable from the bond proceeds at the closing of the bond issue, is \$2.50 per \$1,000 borrowed. Once the project is completed and generating revenues for the hospital, nursing home, or institution for higher education, an annual fee of \$1.00 per \$1,000 borrowed is charged. Recent issues include \$5,780,000 Colby College, \$9,330,000 Kennebec Valley Medical Center, \$4,870,000 Bowdoin College.

The Governor decided not to change the current procedure and requested that the bill be withdrawn.

LD: 879 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEAST-COST PRINCIPLE MCGOWAN
ND: 1440 GWADOSKY
DILLENBACK

OTP-ND HPO998 HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report CH #195
GOV

SUMMARY:
Please refer to LD 1440, the new draft of LD 879.

LD: 880 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF STATE PROPERTY RACINE
CARRIER
SOUCY
SMITH C B

ONTP HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:
Since this bill was the same as LD 696 which was passed out in new draft as LD 696, LD 880 was withdrawn.