

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BILL SUMMARY



JUNE 1987

PREPARED BY:

Ted Potter, Legislative Analyst

OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
STATE HOUSE, STATION 13 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
(207) 289-1670

HELEN T. GINDER, DIRECTOR
HAVEN WHITESIDE, DEP. DIRECTOR
GILBERT W. BREWER
DAVID C. ELLIOTT
GRO FLATEBO
MARTHA E. FREEMAN, SR. ATTY.
JERI B. GAUTSCHI
CHRISTOS GIANOPOULOS
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, JR.



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

ROOM 101/107
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL.: (207) 289-1670

JULIE S. JONES
JOHN B. KNOX
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
CAROLYN J. CHICK, PARALEGAL
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST.
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR., RES. ASST.
KATHRYN VAN NOTE, RES. ASST.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES
JUNE 1987

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Please let us know if you would prefer a different format or additional information and if the summaries are helpful.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

targeted job tax credits, however, sunset on January 1, 1989. Currently, federal targeted job tax credits are established with a ceiling of 40% of the first \$6,000 of wages or \$2,400 per employee. The credit is available to employers who employ handicapped persons undergoing vocational rehabilitation; youth between the ages 16 and 19 years; and persons between 18 and 24 years of age who are from economically disadvantaged families, who are local and state welfare recipients, former convicts, etc.

In order to qualify for the credit, the employee must have worked for the firm for 90 days.

The bill provided that 4 state agencies (SPO, SDO, Labor, and Transportation) would give priority to job opportunity zones, with respect to assistance of each department to these zones.

The bill was withdrawn, but LD 1512, the Governor's bill, addressed this same issue.

LD AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY LVWD
1495 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Sponsor: WHITMORE, Nadeau, G.G., Bott
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: LD 1495 proposed to establish the Department of Economic and Community Development to replace the State Development Office and to revise the purpose and responsibilities of the Maine Development Foundation to be more consistent with their operation and with those of the new department.

LD 1495 created a department with "offices" as opposed to "bureaus." Each office would be headed by a deputy commissioner.

In addition, authority is granted to the commissioner to organize the department as the commissioner deems necessary without Legislative approval.

LD 1495 elevated the promotion of tourism by changing the program from division level to an "office" level comparable with the Office of Business Development and the Office of Community Development.

LD 1495 provided very limited and vague responsibility with respect to marketing activities. Page 14, sub-§2, ¶A, sub-¶(2) is the only citation in the bill to departments' marketing activities. The bill, LD 1151, of the Select Committee perceives both marketing and tourism as programs of equal status. Both would be divisions within the Bureau of Marketing and Tourism. There were several other

substantive provisions in LD 1151 relating to the duties and responsibilities of the marketing program.

The bill, LD 1495, proposed to very carefully and comprehensively develop a strategic planning capacity to support the department.

COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

I. Duties & Responsibilities

- A. Implement policies and programs consistent with economic development strategy
- B. Work with other state, local, and regional economic development organizations
- C. Conduct planning and research
- D. Communicate with the private sector
- E. Certify competent local and regional economic development organizations to implement department programs

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT MAY CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A. Duties and responsibilities

- 1. Establish a communication network with municipalities
- 2. Provide development grants to municipalities and regional economic development organizations to create economic development strategies
- 3. Oversee community planning and development resources and programs
 - a. CDBG program
 - b. Local grants program (CZM)
 - c. Regional planning grants program
- 4. Administer community industrial building program
- 5. Provide technical assistance and resources to municipalities and regional economic development organizations

OFFICE OF TOURISM

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TOURISM

A. Duties and responsibilities

- 1. Promote tourism (same duties and responsibilities as those specified in LD 1151, for Bureau of Marketing and Tourism and as provided in current law.

DIVISION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. Information collection, data compilation and analysis for the department
- 2. Maintain community and economic development data
- 3. Provide information to business and economic development organizations
- 4. Evaluate department's community and economic development programs to see if the programs are meeting the goals of these programs
- 5. Develop demonstration programs in response to economic conditions and evaluations of programs

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

A. Duties & Responsibilities

- 1. Implement program of targeted business development to attract businesses with potential for Maine and compatible with Maine's environment
- 2. Administer foreign trade zone program
- 3. Provide business assistance services
- 4. Implement business assistance referral and facilitation program