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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 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:

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| 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 |

for elective office in partisan public elections for local or county office. State employees running for partisan elected offices on the local and county level, however, may not solicit campaign contributions.

LD 1040 proposed to remove many of the restrictions against classified employees with respect to running for elected office in municipal and county partisan elections and with respect to soliciting campaign funds. State officers and employees would be prohibited from soliciting any other persons with whom they deal in an official capacity. A state officer and employee would also be prohibited from soliciting funds for political campaigns during state working hours and on state property.

The bill establishes the director of the Bureau of Human Resources (agency replacing the Department of Personnel on July 1, 1987) as the one to make the determination whether a state employee is subject to the federal Hatch Act, which removes the burden of this determination from the state employee.

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| LD | AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR ALLOCATIONS | PL 1987 |
| 1819 | OF THE STATE CEILING ON PRIVATE-ACTIVITY BONDS | c. 413 |
| | | EMERGENCY |

Sponsor: PRAY, Martin, J., Perkins
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1358
Amendments Adopted:
H-333 CARROLL

SUMMARY: State law (P.L. 1985, c. 594 and P.L. 1987, c. 3) requires the Legislature and the Governor to approve the allocation of Industrial Development Bonds (IDBs). Federal law requires legislative approval beginning in January 1988.

Currently, there is a "cap" or ceiling of \$250,000,000 on the issue of tax exempt private activity bonds (IDBs) which has been established by the federal government. Beginning January 1, 1988, the ceiling will drop to \$150,000,000. The "cap" applies only to bonds used to assist private ventures. If more than 10% of a bond issue will benefit a private interest, the entire issue is subject to the cap.

An industrial development bond is a bond issued by a governmental agency that does not pledge the faith and credit of the state and is used to finance various types of projects. The bonds are paid off by revenues derived from the projects. There are tax-free public activity bonds and tax-free private activity bonds. The tax-free private activity bonds are subject to the federally imposed bond ceiling and are used to assist the private sector with low cost financing.

LD 1819 requires that the Legislature allocate the

"ceiling" or pool of IDBs among the various issuing agencies, but not by specific program. Each issuing agency would allocate its own share of the pool among the several uses or users of these monies.

In addition, by unanimous consent of all the IDB issuing agencies, any portion of the pool that is not allocated or an allocated portion that has not been used, can be allocated or reallocated as agreed by the agencies.

The bill also provides for allocations by the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation which is a new IDB issuing agency for the issue of student loans.

The bill further allocates the IDBs (\$117,000,000) that were not allocated in the previous "interim" allocation for 1987 and part of the 1988 ceiling.

The allocation is made as follows:

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| A. FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE | \$ 58,000,000 |
| B. MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY | --- |
| C. MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK | 12,000,000 |
| D. TREASURER OF STATE | 20,000,000 |
| E. MAINE EDUCATION LOAN MARKETING CORPORATION | 60,000,000 |
| TOTAL | \$150,000,000 |
| Unallocated | \$ 93,000,000 |

LD 1837 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BUREAU OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PL 1987 c. 411

Sponsor: GILL, Manning, Kimball, Baldacci
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1579

SUMMARY: LD 1837 creates, coordinates and manages regional drug task forces at the state level by creating a new Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety. This new bureau, in conjunction with an Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement Policy Board, will administer a regional task force program comprised of municipal, county, state and federal law enforcement personnel. The bill contemplates the direct involvement by the office of the Attorney General and the United States Attttorney for the District of Maine.