

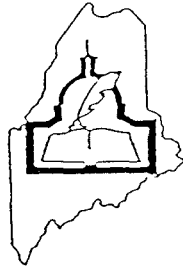
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**One Hundred and Fourteenth Legislature
Second Regular Session**

**Joint Standing Committee
Bill Summaries**

June 1990

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 for each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. Committee Reports and Floor Action are abbreviated as follows:

OTP
OTP-ND
OTP-ND-NT
OTP-A
ONTP
LVWD
INDEF PP

Ought to Pass
Ought to Pass in New Draft
Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
Ought to Pass as Amended
Ought Not to Pass
Leave to Withdraw
Indefinitely Postponed

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Joint Standing Committee on Housing & Economic Development

LD 273

An Act to Allow Municipalities to Assess Impact Fees for Activities that Create or Intensify Problems for Municipalities with Respect to the Availability of Affordable Housing

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

ANDREWS
CROWLEY
DUTREMBLE D
MILLS

COMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

LD 273 would have authorized municipalities to assess impact fees for activities that decrease the availability of affordable housing. The revenues derived from these fees would have been used to alleviate the affordable housing problem in each municipality. These impact fees, as well as the activities established as decreasing the availability of affordable housing, would have been subject to public hearings.

LD 451

An Act to Create a Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund

PUBLIC 884

SPONSOR(S)

HOGLUND
NADEAU G G
MELENDY
FOSTER

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-908
S-710 PEARSON

SUMMARY

LD 451, carried over from the First Regular Session, proposed to provide grants of \$2,000 to municipalities for each unit of affordable housing created and to restrict the use of those grants to public education purposes only. Initially, each county would have been limited to receiving a portion of the appropriation no greater than the county's portion of the state pupil enrollment in grades K through 12. If funds remained after that limitation, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) would have been authorized to distribute the funds to municipalities that had the greatest need for affordable housing. Tenants in rental units would have been allowed to report unsafe or unsanitary conditions to the DECD which would have been obligated to investigate and act on such complaints in cooperation with municipalities. The DECD would have established criteria for low and moderate incomes, terms of deed covenants, rules for determining where the lack of affordable housing was most severe, and any other rules as appropriate to carry out the purposes of this bill. The DECD, in conjunction with municipalities, would have collected and evaluated information about the implementation of this program and submitted a report on the program to the Housing and Economic Development Committee by January 1, 1991.

Committee amendment "B" (H-908) replaced the entire bill and included the implementing legislation of the subcommittee's report on the obstacles to affordable housing (December, 1989). This amendment changed the title of the bill to 'An Act Creating an Educational Bonus for Affordable Housing, a Low-income Housing Tax Credit and a Fuel Assistance Reserve Fund'. The educational bonus for new units of affordable housing created remained similar to the provisions in the original bill, but the initial calculation for computing the educational subsidy for each municipality would have taken into account the number of bedrooms per unit and the income group being housed. This amendment also would have created a state tax credit for owners of low-income housing projects, similar to that enacted by the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, to be available during 1991, 1992, and 1993. The amendment also would have