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**Joint Standing Committee
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 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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SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD PRAY HOGLUND DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-790

SUMMARY

This bill allows towns in designated job opportunity zones to be eligible for growth management planning grants and other assistance earlier than might otherwise occur.

The committee amendment (H-790) adds an emergency preamble and clause to the bill as well as a fiscal note. A section also is added to make public notice requirements for comprehensive planning consistent with other public notice requirements for municipalities. The title is changed to reflect the broader scope of the bill.

LD 2088 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Milk Products in Plastic Containers ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
NUTTING	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have banned the sale of milk in plastic containers.

LD 2100 An Act to Ensure Adequate Closure of the Landfill Operated by Downeast Disposal, Incorporated in Steuben ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CONSTANTINE FARREN RANDALL	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the towns of Steuben, Gouldsboro, Milbridge, Harrington and Columbia to receive assistance under the landfill closure and remediation fund to close a privately owned landfill used by these towns should the Department of Environmental Protection seek to hold the towns liable for the landfill.

LD 2110 An Act to Modify the Solid Waste Law as it Applies to Aseptic Packaging ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
GOULD R A FOSS BUSTIN HOGLUND	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the existing ban on aseptic packaging of beverages and made these

containers subject to the beverage container deposit law (Bottle Bill). The bill also would have provided a procedure for exempting container types from the beverage container deposit law if the containers constituted less than 0.5% of the municipal solid waste stream and if the container manufacturer had undertaken substantial waste recycling or reduction efforts.

LD 2117 An Act Concerning Special Waste ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO	ONTP	
MELENDY		
LORD		
DEXTER		

SUMMARY

This bill would have imposed the same disposal fee on sludge waste that is neither wastewater facility sludge or papermill sludge as is currently imposed on wastewater facility sludge. The bill also would have assured that the fee on sludge be calculated on a dry ton basis and not on its wet weight.

LD 2123 An Act Establishing Ownership of and Liability for Nuclear Waste ONTP-MAJ REP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
HOLT	ONTP MAJ	
GAUVREAU	OTP MIN	
FOSTER		
HASTINGS		

SUMMARY

This bill would have ensured that the generators of low-level radioactive waste maintain ownership of this waste and assume costs of liability in case of accidents that cause damage to people, the environment or property.

LD 2128 An Act to Replace the Large Lot Exceptions under the Site Location of Development Law with a Low-density Exemption PUBLIC 769

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
DEXTER	OTP-AM	H-889
GOULD R A		
MARSH		
KANY		

SUMMARY

This bill, as amended by the committee (H-889), replaces the current 5 and 10 acre lot exceptions from the definition of the term, "subdivision", in the site location of development law with an exemption for subdivisions that employ cluster development coupled with protective easements on open space and sensitive natural resources. The new exemption requires that at least 50% of the parcel's area be preserved by conservation easement or deed restriction as natural area or for low-intensity forest, agricultural or recreational use. It also requires that certain minimum standards, such as erosion and sedimentation control measures, be implemented in the subdivision. The bill also requires a person exercising the new low density exemption to attach a certificate to the recorded subdivision plan indicating that this exemption has been employed. That person is required to covenant to any purchaser or lessee of lots in the subdivision that the subdivider has satisfied and will continue to satisfy the