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**STATE OF MAINE
116TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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 volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

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The committee amendment (S-246) changes the name of the revolving loan program to the Maine Job Growth Fund; clarifies the type of economic development organizations that are eligible to apply for and make loans from the Maine Job Growth Fund; and requires that participants match money from the fund on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.

The amendment also incorporates additional criteria for disbursement of program funds and requires that applicants enter into contracts with the Finance Authority of Maine; allows interest earnings to be used for administrative expenses of the participating entities and requires annual review and approval of administrative costs; and sets a loan limit of \$200,000 per borrower and caps the interest rate at prime plus 4%. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

This bill has been carried over to the 116th Second Regular Session.

**LD 1092 An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Housing and Economic
Development Matters**

PUBLIC 359

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
	OTP-AM	H-473 S-281 PINGREE

SUMMARY

The bill is submitted in compliance with Public Law 1991, chapter 844, section 8, which requires the Secretary of State to submit legislation repealing all advisory boards and commissions listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 12004-I and 12004-J as well as other advisory boards and commissions with similar functions. The bill repeals certain boards and commissions within the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

The committee amendment (H-473) leaves the following boards in the bill, which as a result are repealed: the Commission on Job Opportunity Zones; the Affordable Housing Alliance Advisory Committee; the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board; and the Advisory Board to the Maine State Housing Authority.

The committee amendment also amends Part D of the bill which increases the number of at-large members on the Finance Authority of Maine board to include 2 from the field of national resource enterprises and financing and eliminates the members from the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board. The amendment makes several reference corrections for those boards remaining in the bill.

The Senate amendment (S-281) deletes sections of the bill and committee amendment that inappropriately repeal sections of law that affect other entities and amends those sections to remove references to repealed boards.

The Senate amendment also amends the conflict-of-interest provisions of the Finance Authority of Maine Act to reflect the deletion of the requirement that 2 members of the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine be members of the Natural Resource Financing and Marketing Board, which is repealed by the original bill, but does so consistent with the provisions of Legislative Document 967, removing the inconsistency between the 2 bills. The amendment also deletes references to the Maine Veterans' Small Business Loan Board, which has been eliminated in earlier legislation.

LD 1107 Resolve, Relating to Preparation for Defense Conversion

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FITZPATRICK	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This resolve requires all departments and agencies of State Government to identify public resources available to assist in conversions of defense-related businesses and industries in the State. The Department of Economic and Community Development is charged with compiling that information and submitting a report to the Legislature.

LD 1252 An Act to Provide Support to Maine Small Businesses

PUBLIC 319

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-456

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to provide loan insurance for up to 95% of a loan for any business purpose of not more than \$75,000 for a business in existence for at least 3 years and employing 9 or fewer employees that agrees to hire at least one additional full-time or part-time employee within 12 months.

The committee amendment (H-456) eliminates the requirement that the borrower agree to hire at least one additional full-time or part-time employee within 12 months. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1361 An Act to Define Responsibilities of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill clarifies the mission of the Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering. The bill also redefines the powers and duties of the commission setting forth specific criteria for regulating genetically engineered products. The bill has been carried over to the second regular session of the 116th Legislature.

LD 1385 An Act to Provide One Centralized Location for Obtaining Permits

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
WINN
BUSTIN
MICHAEL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill establishes a permitting center within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Business Development. The center will allow businesses to get all necessary state license or permit applications in one location. The center also mediates disputes between permitting agencies and businesses and tracks permitting actions within State Government. The bill has been carried over to the second regular session of the 116th Legislature.