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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ON
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CON RES XXX*..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
- EMERGENCY*..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*..... Bill failed to get majority vote
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
- NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
- INDEF PP*..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
- ONTP*..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
- OTP ND*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
- OTP ND/NT*..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
- P&S XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
- PUBLIC XXX*..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
- RESOLVE XXX*..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
- UNSIGNED*..... Bill held by Governor
- VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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Joint Select Committee on Research and Development

LD 1528

An Act to Encourage Funding for Applied Research and Development Relevant to the Maine Economy

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ROSEN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1528 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to establish the Applied Research and Development Fund to be used for applied research and development relevant to the Maine economy. Under the bill, the fund would receive annual General Fund appropriations equivalent to one percent of actual General Fund revenue for the previous year. The bill also proposed to establish an organization responsible for making awards from the fund and created a 12-member governing board to oversee the activities of the organization.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-927) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to set forth the intent of the Legislature to provide the equivalent of at least 1% of total actual General Fund revenue of the previous fiscal year for research and development relevant to the State's economy. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill. Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

LD 2287

An Act to Expand the Maine Technology Institute Board

PUBLIC 541

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2287 proposed to add the President of the Maine Technical College System, or the president's designee, to the Board of Directors of the Maine Technology Institute.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 541 adds the President of the Maine Technical College System, or the president's designee, to the Board of Directors of the Maine Technology Institute.

LD 2297

An Act to Appropriate Funds to Match a Federal Department of Energy Research and Development Award

INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KONTOS COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2297 proposed to appropriate \$750,000 for fiscal year 2000-01 to match an anticipated federal award for the Maine Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, a federal-state partnership to