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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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TO: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 FROM: J. Timothy Leet, Senior Legislative Analyst
 DATE: July, 2000
 RE: **BILL SUMMARIES, 119th LEGISLATURE, 2nd REGULAR SESSION**

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 2nd Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. The summary describes each bill or order and relevant amendments as well as the final action. Also included is a statistical summary of bill activity by the committee. Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the 2nd Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000. Joint Orders are effective when passed.

The bill summaries for your committee also include 4 bills that, although discussed in work sessions, were never referred. LD's 2589, 2646, 2664 and 2692 were discussed as part of your committee process and are therefore included in this document for your information.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the committee this session. It is organized by bill (LD) number and two indices are located at the back of the document that group bills by subject and by LD number. 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
READ AND PASSED Joint Order passed by the House and Senate
PASSED AS AMENDED..... Joint Order passed as amendment by the House and Senate

A complete summary of bills for all committees will be available in the very near future. Copies will be on file in the Law and Legislative Reference Library and Senate and House offices. You will also soon be able to access these bill summaries from our website.

I hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer.

EEEE	EEEE-1 - EEEE-2	Authorizes carrying balances within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to lapse to the General Fund in FY 2000-01 and includes a General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 for automating Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's licensing, registration and permit processes
FFFF	FFFF-1 - FFFF-2	Establishes Adult Education as a separate program within the Department of Education's budget
GGGG	GGGG-1 - GGGG-3	Authorizes the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to carry forward to fiscal year 2000-01 up to \$100,000 in the Personal Services line category as unallocated General Fund resources to support initiatives for approval and improvement of the school
HHHH	HHHH-1 - HHHH-6	Provides supplemental General Fund appropriations, Federal Expenditures Fund allocations, Other Special Revenue fund allocations, Bureau of Revenue Services Fund allocations and Alcoholic Beverage Fund allocations in fiscal year 2000-01
IIII	IIII-1	Provides that certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife funds lapse to the General Fund in fiscal year 2000-01 to offset cost of collective bargaining (Also see Part J)
JJJJ	JJJJ-1	Requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for targeted case management and administrative costs for deposit in the General Fund (Also see Part J-7)
KKKK	KKKK-1	Provides supplemental allocations of Federal Block Grant Funds in fiscal year 2000-01

As a result of an August 2000 effective date for this bill, FY 1999-00 appropriations and allocations will not be effective in fiscal year 1999-00 and, consequently, lapse without becoming effective.

LD 2534

An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund, and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2001

**PUBLIC 737
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JABAR O'GARA	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-1139
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LD 2534 proposed the following:

PART A

1. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

2. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund.
3. Proposed to make supplemental allocations from Other Special Revenue funds.

PART B

1. Proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
2. Proposed to make allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.
3. Proposed to make allocations from the Highway Garage Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C

1. Proposed to establish the improvement of the rural arterial highway system to modern design standards as an objective for the Department of Transportation to achieve within the next 10 years.
2. Proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer by financial order identified Personal Services Highway Fund savings not to exceed \$2,500,000 to the Building Renovations Account.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1139) proposed to increase the cost to the Highway Fund by \$450,000 in fiscal year 2000-01. It also proposed to fund a number of additional reclassifications. The amendment also proposed to authorize the transfer of up to \$4,000,000 of unallocated surplus from the Highway Fund to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program within the Department of Transportation for use in fiscal year 2000-01. The amendment also proposed to increase the interest cap for lease-purchase agreements entered into by the Department of Transportation. Finally, the amendment proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary:

Public Law 1999, chapter 737 was jointly referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and does the following, summarized below by part and section:

<u>PART</u>	<u>SECTION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
A	A-1	Supplemental Highway Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-2	Supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations/Deallocations
	A-3	Supplemental Other Special Revenue funds Allocations/Deallocations
B	B-1	Highway Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-2	Federal Expenditures Fund Allocations for Reclassifications
	B-3	Highway Garage Fund Allocations for Reclassifications

C	C-1	Requires DOT to present biennial budgets to improve arterial program to modern design standards within 10 years
	C-2	Authorizes DOT to transfer up to \$2,500,000 in Personal Services Highway Fund savings to the Building Renovations Account
D	D-1	Authorizes the transfer of up to \$4,000,000 in unallocated surplus in the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 1999-00 to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program within the Department of Transportation for use in fiscal year 2000-01
E	E-1	Amends the interest rate for lease-purchase contracts administered by the Department of Transportation for the procurement of certain vehicles or equipment

Chapter 737 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 25, 2000.

LD 2536 An Act to Provide Funding for Mental Retardation Day Services INDEF PP
and Residential Services for Nonclass Members

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BERRY R LAWRENCE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2536 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$12,180,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to provide day services and residential services to people with mental retardation who are not class members.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-906) proposed to strike the appropriation section in the bill and add an appropriation section, an allocation section and a fiscal note.

While this bill was indefinitely postponed, General Fund appropriations for this purpose were included in Public Law 1999, Chapter 731, Part A-1.

LD 2539 Resolve, to Make Community College Partnership Programs More ONTP
Accessible and Affordable

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAWRENCE ROWE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2539 proposed to provide General Fund appropriations totaling \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 to establish endowments for scholarships at the University of Maine System and Maine Technical College System. The resolve proposed that the interest from these endowments must be dedicated to scholarships for students who are enrolled in courses offered under the community college partnership and who demonstrated the requisite need for financial assistance.