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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 July 25, 2002.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1144

An Act to Enhance Economic Development Capacity

**PUBLIC 680
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MICHAUD MH SAXL	OTP-AM	S-517 S-621 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 1144 proposed to include an annual General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,000,000 for the Department of Economic and Community Development of which \$1,200,000 annually would go toward continuing the momentum of the department's proactive business attraction marketing program and \$800,000 annually towards capacity building block grant program to regional economic development districts.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-517), which was adopted as modified by Senate Amendment A, proposed to strike and replace the original bill and provide annual General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,571,000 for the Department of Economic and Community Development of which \$1,200,000 would go into regional development block grants and \$200,000 would go to secure federal planning grants to assist communities suffering from the loss of major employers. The amendment would also provide \$500,000 for business attraction and expansion marketing efforts and \$1,000,000 to recapitalize the Maine Microenterprise Initiative. The amendment would also provide \$200,000 over the biennium to recapitalize the fund that provides grants to avoid or alleviate the impact caused when a community loses a mature or dominant industry. It would also provide one-time funds for the construction of the River Valley Technical Center incubator facility and matching funds for the Schoodic education and research center. This amendment would also appropriate \$35,000 in one-time funds to assist the Maine Film Office to upgrade digital technology and \$100,000 for the Maine Products Marketing Program. This amendment would add an emergency preamble and clause and fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-621), which was adopted, proposed to remove the emergency provisions from the bill and would do the following:

1. Appropriate \$5,000 and allocates another \$5,000 for the Community Forestry Fund;
2. Appropriate \$75,000 for the Forum Francophone;
3. Appropriate \$10,000 to the Town of Raymond for a Community Gateways project;
4. Appropriate \$211,674 for the New Century Community Program; and
5. Allow funds in the Jobs Retention Program that become available as a result of a revocation of a certificate of approval for a certified retained business under this program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 680 provides an annual General Fund appropriations totaling \$4,571,000 for the Department of Economic and Community Development and provides \$1,200,000 in regional development block grants and \$200,000 to secure federal planning grants to assist communities suffering from the loss of major

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employers. It also provides \$500,000 for business attraction and expansion marketing efforts and \$1,000,000 to recapitalize the Maine Microenterprise Initiative. Public Law 2001, chapter 680 also provides \$200,000 over the biennium to recapitalize the fund that provides grants to avoid or alleviate the impact caused when a community loses a mature or dominant industry and provides one-time funds for the construction of the River Valley Technical Center incubator facility and matching funds for the Schoodic education and research center. It also appropriates \$35,000 in one-time funds to assist the Maine Film Office to upgrade digital technology and \$100,000 for the Maine Products Marketing Program. In addition, this Public Law appropriates \$5,000 and allocates another \$5,000 for the Community Forestry Fund, \$75,000 for the Forum Francophone, and \$10,000 to the Town of Raymond for a Community Gateways project and \$211,674 for the New Century Community Program. Finally, this Public Law allows funds in the Jobs Retention Program that become available as a result of a revocation of a certificate of approval for a certified retained business under this program to be used for grants to municipalities to retain mature or dominant employers.

Public Law 2001, chapter 680 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2002.

LD 1262 **An Act to Properly Apply Jurisdiction of Chimney Regulation** ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOWLES SHOREY	ONTP	

LD 1262 proposed to remove the Oil and Solid Fuel Board from the responsibility of chimney regulation in the State and proposed to clarify that the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee has the responsibility for enforcing chimney regulation.

LD 1476 **An Act to Amend the Laws of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology** PUBLIC 599

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLISS PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-932

LD 1476 proposed to establish a continuing education requirement for people engaged in the practice of cosmetology, manicuring, aesthetics and barbering.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-827), which was not adopted, proposed to replace the original bill and require the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to establish continuing education requirements for licensees of the board and establish provisions for inactive license status. This amendment would have narrowed the scope of practice for barbers, in order to enable the board to adopt less stringent continuing education requirements for barbers. This amendment also proposed to reduce the number of hours of course instruction from 1,500 hours to 1,000 hours or experience in practice from 2,500 hours to 2,000 to satisfy the training component of licensure for barbers. Additionally, this amendment proposed to remove the authority to set fees from the board and give the authority to the Director of the Office of Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. The amendment would have changed the composition of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology by reducing the number of barber and cosmetologist members and by adding a manicurist and an aesthetician.