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STATE OF MAINE 120TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

AUGUST 2001

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From:

J. Timothy Leet, Senior Analyst

Date:

August 8, 2001

Re:

Bill Summaries, 120th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs during the 1st Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. The summary describes each bill 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 1st Regular Session (unless a later date is specified in a particular law) is September 21, 2001. Joint orders are effective when passed.

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:

CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to the Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX	. Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House & Senate disagree; bill died
	ly accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAC	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
	Bill failed to get majority vote
	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY	
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely PostponedOught Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND	
OTP ND/NT	
P&S XXX	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
UNSIGNED	
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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.

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 interim.

LD 1504

An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$61,000,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Highways and Bridges, Airports, Public Transit and Ferry Facilities; Development of Rail, Trail and Marine Infrastructure; and Improvements to Intermodal Facilities Statewide

$\underline{Sponsor(s)}$	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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LD 1504 proposed a bond issue in the amount of \$61,000,000, to be used for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, public transit and ferry facilities and the development of rail, trail and marine infrastructure and intermodal facilities statewide.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-361) proposed to change the use of the bond in several ways without altering the total amount to be bonded. First, it proposed to decrease the amount for Highway and Bridge Improvement by \$6,600,000. Second, it proposed to increase the amount for Airport Improvements by \$1,500,000. Third, it proposed to increase the amount for Rail Development by \$5,100,000. Finally, it reflects a lower amount of federal matching funds that would be generated by the issuance of the bond.

Enacted Law Summary:

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 38 provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$61,000,000, to be used for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, public transit and ferry facilities and the development of rail, trail and marine infrastructure and intermodal facilities statewide.

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