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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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 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 committees.

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. 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:

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

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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Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

LD 1557

An Act to Exempt the City of Waterville, the Town of Winslow and School Administrative District 47 and School Administrative District 49 from Lease Limitations on Educational Structures

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER GAGNON	ONTP	

LD 1557 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to exempt the City of Waterville, the Town of Winslow and School Administrative District 47 and School Administrative District 49 from the limitations on including the lease of portable, temporary space or the lease or lease-purchase of temporary or permanent nonadministrative instructional space as eligible debt service costs for state subsidy. Under current law, the exemption is provided solely for the purpose of establishing a regional alternative education program.

LD 1580

An Act to Fund the Implementation of Student Achievement Standards by Fulfilling the State Commitment to Fund 55% of Public Education Costs for Kindergarten to Grade 12

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY ESTES	ONTP	

LD 1580 was carried over from the First Regular Session and proposed to provide that the Legislature provide at least 55% of the cost of the total allocation from General Fund revenue sources by fiscal year 2006-07. Under this proposed bill, the Legislature would have been required to annually establish a minimum contribution level to achieve the 55% minimum contribution level. The bill also proposed to establish a minimum contribution level of 45% for fiscal year 2001-02 and a minimum contribution level of 47% for fiscal year 2002-03. The bill further proposed to establish minimum contribution level targets over the next 4 fiscal years to achieve the 55% minimum contribution level by fiscal year 2006-07.

The bill also proposed to provide that the State appropriate the necessary General Fund revenue to meet the minimum contribution levels established for the academic year 2002-03 for school administrative units to achieve the system of learning results by the established deadline. Under the proposed bill, if the minimum contribution levels are not achieved, then this deadline becomes voluntary and the timeline for full implementation of the system of learning results is established at the discretion of school boards.