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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 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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Finally, the amendment proposed to alter the inspection schedule to make more efficient use of staff and make rules adopted under the chapter routine technical rules and proposed to add a fiscal note and an allocation section to the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-932) which was adopted, proposed to replace the original bill and to make changes to 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. The amendment also proposed to alter the inspection schedule to make more efficient use of staff would add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 599 establishes a continuing education requirement for people engaged in the practice of cosmetology, manicuring, aesthetics and barbering and sets criteria for the applicants, the continuing education courses and the entities that provide the courses.

LD 1498 **Resolve, to Require the Collection of Health Care Practitioner Workforce Data** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C	ONTP	

LD 1498 proposed that certain boards amend their rules by January 1, 2002 to require that all licensed, registered and certified persons under the authority of those boards complete and return the survey proposed under this resolve.

LD 1672 **An Act to Create the Washington County Development Authority** **PUBLIC 568**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHOREY GOODWIN	OTP-AM	H-967 RICHARDSON S-468

LD 1672 proposed to create the Washington County Development Authority for the purposes of enhancing economic development within the county, strengthening the financial condition of local governments within the county while combining resources and sharing costs for meeting regional economic development needs and challenges, and promoting and developing infrastructure and programs for employment and economic development opportunities and other conditions to enhance regional development. This bill, as proposed, would take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the cities, towns and plantations of Washington County at regular or special town and plantation meetings and city elections called and held for that purpose before December 31, 2001.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-468), which was adopted, proposed to strike and replace the original bill. It proposed to create the Washington County Development Authority for the purposes of accepting from the Federal Government and disposing of the real or personal property located within the geographical boundaries of the naval communications unit in the Town of Cutler or any other decommissioned federal military facility located in Washington County. The amendment proposed to establish the authority as a public municipal corporation, create

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a board of trustees and empower the authority to employ technical experts and agents and to lease, sell or transfer accepted federal property or interests in accepted property to eligible entities. The amendment proposed to authorize the authority to apply for and to accept grants to support the activities of the authority. The amendment also proposed to require the authority to submit an annual report. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-964), which was adopted, proposed to specify that the rules adopted by the Washington County Development Authority would be routine technical rules.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 568 creates the Washington County Development Authority for the purposes of accepting from the Federal Government and disposing of the real or personal property located within the geographical boundaries of the naval communications unit in the Town of Cutler or any other decommissioned federal military facility located in Washington County. The law establishes the authority as a public municipal corporation, creates a board of trustees and empowers the authority to employ technical experts and agents and to lease, sell or transfer accepted federal property or interests in accepted property to eligible entities. The law authorizes the authority to apply for and accept grants to support the activities of the authority. It also requires the authority to submit an annual report.

LD 1731 **An Act to Require Registration of Building Contractors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER TREAT	ONTP	

LD 1731 proposed to require construction contractors who build or repair buildings and whose contracts with any consumer exceed \$4,500 to be registered with the State.

LD 1749 **Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Review Internet Policy** **ONTP**

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

LD 1749 proposed to establish the Commission to Review Internet Policy. Under the proposed bill, the 11-member commission would have been charged with studying issues related to the commercial uses of information on the Internet.