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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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Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

Maine Land Use Regulation Commission the same as those established in laws and rules administered by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolve 2001, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2002.

LD 2099

An Act to Revise the Definition of Affordable Housing

PUBLIC 673

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-1075

LD 2099 proposed to implement a recommendation of the Joint Study Committee to Study Growth Management. It proposed to establish the State Affordable Neighborhood Development Review Board within the Maine State Housing Authority and establish standards for affordable neighborhood developments. It also amended the definition of affordable housing in the growth management laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-939) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to establish the State Affordable Neighborhood Development Review Board within the Maine State Housing Authority and establish standards for affordable neighborhood development. The regulation of affordable neighborhood developments would have applied in municipalities that are part of a labor market area in which a median income household can not afford to purchase a median-priced home. This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-1075) proposed to strike those portions of the bill that establish the State Affordable Neighborhood Development Review Board and that establish standards for affordable neighborhood developments. This amendment proposed to retain that portion of the bill that amends the definition of affordable housing in the growth management laws.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 673 amends the definition of affordable housing in the growth management laws.

LD 2116

An Act to Establish the Maine Library of Geographic Information

PUBLIC 649

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ	H-952
	ONTP MIN	S-552 GOLDTHWAIT

LD 2116 proposed to create the Maine Public Library of Geographic Information.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-952) proposed to require the Maine Public Library of Geographic Information Board to function in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. It added as a purpose or duty of the board to develop appropriate internal services to facilitate access for and use of data by government agencies and the public. It provided that the library may not compete directly with private enterprise. It also replaced one member of the board who is responsible for overseeing GIS functions of a state department with the President of the Maine Science and Technology Foundation. The amendment also added a fiscal note to the bill.