

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Appropriations And Financial Affairs*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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](http://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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<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 &amp; 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>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LD 1442

## An Act To Provide Administrative Support to the Treasurer of State's Cash Pool

ONTP

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

LD 1442 proposed to allow the Treasurer of State to recover the cost of providing administrative and investment services to component units of the State as a result of their participation in the Treasurer of State's cash pool.

**LD 1566**

## An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$60,000,000 for Municipal Facilities and for Investments in Research, Development, Farming and Affordable Housing in Order To Sustain and Improve Maine's Economy

PUBLIC 50

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON, J TURNER	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-140 H-148

LD 1566 proposed that the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$70,000,000, would be used for the following purposes:

1. \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. \$7,500,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development capital activities;
5. \$4,900,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. \$4,000,000 in anticipation of \$4,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. \$25,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. \$1,000,000 to support the State's Applied Technology Development Centers;
9. \$2,000,000 to support Maine Farms for the Future Program; and

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10. \$13,000,000 in anticipation of \$30,000,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-140)** proposed to reduce the amount of bonds authorized from \$70,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and expand the purposes of the bonds authorized to include funding economic improvement; completing, expanding and equipping 2 floors of a University of Southern Maine science building; designing and constructing the Gulf of Maine Research Laboratory; and funding the capital research infrastructure needs at the University of Maine agricultural research farms. Under this amendment, the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$60,000,000, would be used for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. The sum of \$6,000,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. The sum of \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development activities;
5. The sum of \$4,400,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. The sum of \$1,000,000 in anticipation of \$1,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. The sum of \$20,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. The sum of \$2,000,000 to support the State's applied technology development centers;
9. The sum of \$3,000,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through the design and construction of the Gulf of Maine Research Laboratory;
10. The sum of \$2,000,000 to support the Maine Farms for the Future Program;
11. The sum of \$1,000,000 to support funding for the University of Maine agricultural research farms;  
and
12. The sum of \$8,000,000 in anticipation of \$21,150,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

The amendment also proposed to require the Maine Biomedical Research Board to report each biennium to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and business, research and economic development matters on the status of the Maine Biomedical Research Fund, detailed information on the distribution of the funds to eligible institutions, including the

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amount of funds each institution receives and a breakdown and explanation of all funding from specified grant sources for biomedical research, listing each specific source of funding and its use and the number of new jobs created in the State and the location of those jobs.

**House Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (H-148)** proposed to clarify language regarding anticipated federal and private funds and corrects the anticipated amount.

**House Amendment “B” To Committee Amendment “A” (H-151)** proposed to require that the State reimburse each city, town and plantation for any costs incurred in holding the statewide election in June. (Not adopted)

**Senate Amendment “A” To Committee Amendment “A” (S-58)** proposed to provide a \$3,000,000 bond issue to be administered by the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development to provide grants to assist the Maine Microenterprise Initiative. (Not adopted)

### *Enacted Law Summary:*

Public Law 2003, chapter 50 authorizes, subject to voter approval, General Fund general obligation bonds totaling \$60,000,000 for the following purposes:

1. \$6,000,000 to create jobs and reduce property tax burdens by providing grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure;
2. \$7,500,000 to create jobs and stimulate economic growth through expanded research, development, technology commercialization and business incubation facilities at the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center at the University of Maine;
3. \$3,000,000 to support educational technology improvements at the University of Maine System;
4. \$3,600,000 in anticipation of \$12,000,000 in federal and private funding for University of Maine System research and development capital activities;
5. \$4,900,000 to expand and equip research and development facilities at the Portland campus of the University of Southern Maine;
6. \$4,000,000 in anticipation of \$4,000,000 in federal and private funding for grants to nonprofit marine institutions for research and development;
7. \$25,000,000 for medical research and development by Maine-based biomedical research institutions in order to obtain matching federal funds for health research to cure disease and to retain Maine graduates by providing quality Maine jobs;
8. \$1,000,000 to support the State's Applied Technology Development Centers;
9. \$2,000,000 to support Maine Farms for the Future Program; and
10. \$13,000,000 in anticipation of \$30,000,000 in federal and private funds for affordable housing.

The referendum authorizing these bonds was approved by the voters on June 10, 2003.