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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Business, Research and Economic Development*

August 2005

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Summary of Legislation Considered by 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
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
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1339

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Powers and Duties of
the Washington County Development Authority**

PUBLIC 367

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE MCFADDEN	OTP-AM	H-623 SMITH N S-296

LD 1339 proposed to amend the laws governing the powers and duties of the Washington County Development Authority. It proposed to expand the powers of the authority to include buying, selling, developing, redeveloping and leasing property for the purpose of further developing the economy of Washington County. The bill also proposed to enable the membership of the board of trustees to expand to 13 members. The bill proposed to expand the definition of "primary impact community" to include all of the municipalities and unorganized territories in the county.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-296) proposed to change the composition of the board of trustees of the Washington County Development Authority to include 13 members. The amendment proposed that nine of the members be selected from candidates who are residents of Washington County and are nominated by private, nonprofit, countywide, federally recognized Washington County-based economic development organizations other than the authority. It proposed to provide that primary impact communities also may make nominations. It proposed to require that the Governor ensure that all regions of the county, as defined by the 3 county commissioner districts, are equally represented on the board of trustees. A municipality could not have more than 2 trustees sitting on the board of trustees. It also proposed to provide for staggered terms for the newly appointed members of the board of trustees and describe the manner in which trustees may be removed from the board. The amendment provides that trustees may not serve more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms on the board.

House Amendment "A" (H-623) proposed to make a technical correction to correct subject and verb agreement.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 367 amends the laws governing the powers and duties of the Washington County Development Authority. It expands the powers of the authority to include buying, selling, developing, redeveloping and leasing property for the purpose of further developing the economy of Washington County. The law also expands the definition of "primary impact community" to include all of the municipalities and unorganized territories in the county.

The law changes the composition of the board of trustees of the Washington County Development Authority to include 13 members. Nine of the members must be selected from candidates who are residents of Washington County and are nominated by private, nonprofit, countywide, federally recognized Washington County-based economic development organizations other than the authority. The law provides that primary impact communities also may make nominations. It requires that the Governor ensure that all regions of the county, as defined by the 3 county commissioner districts, are equally represented on the board of trustees and prohibits a municipality from having more than 2 trustees sitting on the board. It provides for staggered terms for the newly appointed members of the board and describes the manner in which trustees may be removed from the board. It also provides that trustees may not serve more than 2 consecutive 4-year terms on the board.