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126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER* ..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX*..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*.....House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*.....chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 689      Resolve, Directing the Maine Labor Relations Board To Convene a  
Task Force To Examine Compensation for the Panel of Mediators**

**RESOLVE 26**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-93

This bill entitles mediators in public employee collective bargaining negotiations who are required to drive in excess of 43 miles one way to provide mediation services to receive an amount equal to 1/2 of the mediator's hourly fee for services for the time that the mediator travels in excess of 43 miles one way.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-93)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and directs the Maine Labor Relations Board to convene a task force to examine compensation for the Panel of Mediators and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by January 15, 2014 with recommendations and draft implementing legislation. The committee has authority to report out a bill related to these recommendations in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 26 directs the Maine Labor Relations Board to convene a task force to examine compensation for the Panel of Mediators and to report to the committee by January 15, 2014 with recommendations and draft implementing legislation. The committee has authority to report out a bill related to these recommendations in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**LD 690      An Act To Ensure Efficiency in the Unemployment Insurance System**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires that determinations on all nonmonetary issues related to a claim for unemployment compensation be made within specified time frames.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-280)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).