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STATE OF MAINE  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 1188**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules of Reimbursement under the MaineCare Program for Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Services**

**ONTP**

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

In the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, this resolve was referred to and reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It was placed on the Special Appropriations Table, removed from the table, committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to a Special or Regular Session.

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the rules of reimbursement under the MaineCare program for audiology and speech-language pathology services by October 1, 2013 in order to equalize rates, eliminate a prior authorization requirement and provide for payment by the MaineCare program of the Medicare deductible for audiology services for certain MaineCare members. The rules are designated as routine technical rules.

**LD 1223 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Human Health Research in Maine**

**PUBLIC 568**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN DILL	OTP-AM	S-557

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds over five years for research, development and commercialization for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Technology Institute.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-557)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Under this amendment, the funds provided by the bond issue, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be matched by \$5,700,000 in private and public funds to be awarded through a competitive process to institutions that have been designated as Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence and have also received IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence grants and will be used to modernize and expand the infrastructure in a biological laboratory specializing in tissue repair and regeneration located in Maine in order to increase workforce training, to retain and recruit to Maine biomedical research groups and to create a drug discovery and development facility.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 568 provides for a bond issue in the amount of \$3,000,000 to be matched by \$5,700,000 in private and public funds and awarded through a competitive process to institutions that have been designated as Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence and have also received IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence grants and will be used to modernize and expand the infrastructure in a biological laboratory specializing in tissue repair and regeneration located in Maine in order to increase workforce training, to retain and recruit to Maine biomedical research groups and to create a drug discovery and development facility.

The bond issue is subject to voter approval at a statewide election to be held in November 2014.