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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 127th 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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

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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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debar that person, business or other entity from contracts or subcontracts with the State for two years.

The bill provides that the provisions of this legislation must be applied in a manner consistent with the State's obligations under any applicable international agreements pertaining to government procurement.

LD 408

An Act To Help Municipalities Prepare for Changes in Sea Level

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLUME JOHNSON	OTP-AM ONTP	H-68

This bill requires that if a coastal municipality or multimunicipal region that includes a coastal municipality adopts a growth management program under the State's growth planning and land use laws, its comprehensive plan must include information on and a plan to address the impacts of changes in sea level on buildings, transportation infrastructure, sewage treatment facilities and other relevant municipal, multimunicipal or privately held infrastructure or property. This bill also amends the State's growth planning and land use laws to reflect that addressing the impacts of sea level rise is a state planning and regulatory goal. This bill amends the laws regarding the State's coastal management policies to reflect a new state policy of addressing and planning for the impacts of sea level rise.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-68)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee:

1. Removes the sections of the bill that require the inventory and analysis of a comprehensive plan under the growth management program for a coastal municipality or multimunicipal region to include projections regarding sea level rise and its potential impacts;
2. Removes the sections of the bill that require a coastal municipality or multimunicipal region that includes a coastal municipality to develop a coordinated plan for addressing the impacts of changes in sea level as a guideline for policy development and implementation strategies of a comprehensive plan within the growth management plan elements;
3. Provides that a coastal municipality or multimunicipal region that includes a coastal municipality may include projections regarding sea level change and its impacts in its comprehensive plan and may develop a coordinated plan for addressing impacts of changes in sea level;
4. Provides that "coastal municipality" means a municipality or township in the coastal zone as identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Coastal Program; and
5. Amends the bill to clarify that the assessment of and planning for impacts of changes in sea level, instead of sea level rise, are encouraged, instead of addressed, in coastal management policies when state, local and federal agencies responsible for regulating, planning, developing or managing coastal resources conduct activities affecting the coastal area.

LD 450

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services

INDEF PP

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