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129<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 129<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. 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.

*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 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business***

direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The bill also defines "alternative therapy or collaborative treatment" to include acupuncture, dentistry, homeopathic or chiropractic procedures and physical or massage therapy.

**LD 130**      **An Act To Provide Funding To Continue the Strategic Economic and Sustainable Development of Northern Aroostook County**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides funds in only the 2020-2021 biennium to support the work of the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests.

**LD 138**      **An Act Regarding the Maine Coworking Development Fund**      **PUBLIC 507**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill provides one-time funding for the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funds from the Maine Coworking Development fund for the expansion of existing collaborative workspaces. The bill directs the Department to give preference to applicants with projects in counties in which the unemployment rate exceeds the statewide unemployment rate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-146)**

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment requires that in determining awards for collaborative workplace development through funds appropriated to the Maine Coworking Development Fund, the Department of Economic and Community Development use a competitive bid process, rather than a request for proposal process. This amendment expands the pool of potential applicants to include entities seeking to establish new collaborative workplaces and directs the department to prioritize new development. It directs the department to engage in at least two rounds of competitive applications and also directs that any funds remaining from the remaining 2019-20 appropriation be carried over into 2020-21.

This amendment also replaces the requirement for an annual report by the department to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-323)**

This amendment eliminates the provision in Committee Amendment "A" that requires that funds be provided to entities to develop collaborative workspaces. It also removes the language that directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to prioritize development of new workspaces in the competitive application process and to engage in at least two rounds of competitive applications. It also removes the one-time General Fund appropriation.