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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***

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to keep Maine businesses competitive.

**LD 1136      An Act To Provide Snow Sports Safety Information to Consumers      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires a ski area operator to annually create a safety plan for the ski area and make that plan accessible to the public. It also requires ski area operators to report on skiing accidents from the previous year and make those reports accessible to the public.

**LD 1160      An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State      PUBLIC 166  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHARPE B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-258

This bill transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-258)**

This amendment retains language in the current statute allowing for funds to be deposited with and maintained by other state agencies. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 166 transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State, requires funds to be deposited with and maintained by the Treasurer or other state agency and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Public Law, 2019, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2019.

**LD 1193      Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E KINNEY M		

This resolve directs the Maine Community College System to evaluate the unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with the goal of providing additional capacity for training in industries with identified employee shortages. The Maine Community College System is required to submit a report with