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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING

LD 99 An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 231 requires the State to divest itself of assets invested in the fossil fuel industry in accordance with sound investment criteria and consistent with fiduciary obligations. It requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to post quarterly on its website information detailing all its holdings in the public market and private equity investments. It also requires the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, beginning January 1, 2022 and annually thereafter, to issue a report reviewing its environmental, social and governance investment policy. The Treasurer of State and the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters by January 1, 2023, 2024 and 2025 regarding the progress of divestment.

LD 137 An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 67 makes changes to the laws governing an employee who is a firefighter or emergency medical services person.

Current law requires that, in order to avoid being subject to discharge or discipline for failure to report for work or being absent when responding to an emergency, an employee who is also a firefighter or emergency medical services person must have presented to the employer within 30 days of employment a copy of a fire department or emergency medical services provider policy that specifies the circumstances under which the employee is needed to respond to an emergency and that affirms that the employee will be released as soon as practicable.

Public Law 2021, chapter 67 removes the requirement that the employee present the copy within 30 days of employment and instead requires that the employee present the copy within 30 days of notifying the employer of the employee's status as a firefighter or emergency medical services person.

Public Law 2021, chapter 67 also corrects a technical error in current law.

LD 189 An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 102 authorizes a public employer to deduct payroll deductions designated in writing by a public employee for disability insurance and life insurance offered in