

CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
Agenda –January 30, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Portland City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Room 209, Portland, Maine 04101

- A. Introductions
- B. Review/Discuss Proposed Legislative Bills/Priorities:
 - 1. Revisions to subdivision law, Sponsor Diane Russell.
 - 2. LR 1103 "An Act to Allow Standing Orders for the Drug Overdose Antidote Naloxone Hydrochloride" Sponsor Rep. Farnsworth. RELATED BILLS:
 - a. LR 1047 "An Act To Prevent Drug Overdose Deaths by Enhancing Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride" Sponsor Sen. Gratwick, Penobscot
 - b. LR 1060 "An Act To Expand Access To Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Medication" Sponsor: Rep. Beck of Waterville
 - c. LR 1654 "An Act Providing a Good Samaritan Defense to Individuals Reporting a Drug Overdose" Sponsor Rep. Dion, Portland
 - 3. LR 1307 "An Act To Improve Public Safety and Protect Access to Health Care Facilities" Sponsor Rep. Linda F. Sanborn
 - 4. LR 1104 "An Act To Require Pharmacies To Provide Disposal Receptacles for Used Needles" Sponsor Rep. Farnsworth, Portland
 - 5. Local Option Tax. Sponsor Matt Moonen – not on his list; emailed 1/13/2015 to ask. . RELATED BILLS:
 - a. LR 641 "An Act To Create a Local Option Sales Tax by Referendum" Sponsor Sen. Valentino, York
 - b. LR 1707 "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Administer a Local Option Sales Tax" Sponsor Rep. Brooks,. Lewiston
 - c. LR 420 "An Act To Establish a Local Option Real Estate Transfer Tax" Sponsor Rep. Goode, Bangor
 - d. ?LR813 "An Act To Maintain Support to Municiplaities and Assist with Property Taxes" Sponsor Sen. Alfond, Portland
 - 6. LR 1742 "An Act To Amend the Appeals Schedule for Development Proposals in the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act" Sponsor Rep. Moonen, Portland
 - 7. LR1489 "An Act To Allow Metering at Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" Sponsor, Rep. Rykerson, Kittery RELATED BILLS:
 - a. LR879 "An Act To Allow Electricity To Be Resold for Charging Electric Vehicles" Sponsor Rep. Chipman, Portland
 - b. LR679 "An Act To Allow the Resale of Electricity by Electric Vehicle Charging Stations" Sponsor Sen. Millett, Cumberland

8. Schools.

- a. **Longfellow School /Hall School construction**
- b. **Teacher retirement contribution** Related Bill: LR 891? “An Act To Improve the Quality of Teachers” Sponsor Sen. Millett, Cumberland; and LR134 “An Act To Ensure Proper Funding for Teacher Retirement” Sponsor Rep. Kumiega, III, Deer Isle; and LR707 “An Act To Return the Obligation To Fund Teacher Retirement Costs to the State” Sponsor Rep Stearns, Guilford.
 - (1) Shift to municipalities is OPPOSED in report from Commission on School Funding, per email from Sen. Haskell
- c. **Charter Schools** – LR1248 “An Act To Restore Local Control of Education to Towns” Sponsor Rep. McCabe, Skowhegan OR LR1787 “An Act To Amend the Education Laws” Sponsor Rep. McCabe, Skowhegan
- d. **Higher Education (USM)** – LR706 “An Act To Stabilize the Faculty and Programs at the University of Southern Maine” Sponsor Sen. Alfond; marketing funding to attract⁵ and retain students at USM; and LR1516 “An Act To Increase Accountability and Efficiency at the University of Maine System” Sponsor Rep. Chipman, Portland; supporting increased funding for classroom instruction; and LR62 “An Act To Make College More Affordable for Maine Residents” Sponsor Rep. Millett, Cumberland
- e. **Electronic cigarettes** -- LR1517 “An Act To Bring the Tax on Electronic Cigarettes into Conformity with the Excise Tax on Tobacco Products” Sponsor Rep. DeChant, Bath; and LR216 “An Act To Protect Children and the Public from Electronic Cigarette Vapor” Sponsor Rep. McCabe, Skowhegan

9. Bonds:

- a. LR1102 “An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Intermodal Transportation Facilities” Sponsor Rep. Farnsworth, Portland. [\$25 million]
- b. LR1548 “An Act To Address Unmet Public Transportation Needs” Sponsor Rep. Jorgensen, Portland
- c. LR886 “An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Waterfront Development,” Sponsor Sen. Haskell

10. State Budget.

- a. **General Assistance Budget Proposal:** Per Portland Director of Health and Human Services, Dawn Styles, by 1/13/2015 email, “Based on the formula mentioned in the newspaper Portland’s new General Assistance threshold would be \$ 7,823,078. The anticipated reduction in funding (including “nonbillables”) would equal \$5,812,787 for this fiscal year.”
- b. **Toho Soma, Acting Public Health Division Director**, to present the impact on the City’s Public Health Division budget from cuts proposed by Governor LePage.

- C. Set time, place and date for New Meeting