

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Agenda
May 16, 2023**



MEMBERS

Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair
Councilor April Fournier
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Regina Phillips

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2023
- b. Minutes from the meeting of May 2, 2023
- c. Minutes from the meeting of May 9, 2023

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review: New LDs (Bernstein Shur)
- b. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

**Legislative/Nominating
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April 28, 2023



MEMBERS
Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair
Councilor April Fournier
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Regina Phillips

I. Call to Order

Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:06am. In attendance were Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Councilor Phillips, Rep. Matt Moonen, Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Councilor April Fournier, Sarah Lentz (School Board Chair), Rep. Michael Brennan, Rep. Grayson Lookner, Councilor Pious Ali, Sen. Jill Dusen, Speaker Rachel Talbot-Ross, and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from April 25, 2023

Councilor Phillips made a motion to approve the April 25 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (4-0).

III. Delegation/Committee Discussion

- a. Discussion: Upcoming General Assistance Bills
b. Discussion: Upcoming Housing Bills
c. FY24 Budget Update (Danielle West, Interim City Manager)

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Councilor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Snyder, vote (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:57am.

**Legislative/Nominating
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May 2, 2023**



MEMBERS

Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair
Councilor April Fournier
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Regina Phillips

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilor April Fournier at 8:04am. In attendance were Councilor Regina Phillips, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Alfredo Vergara (Public Health Administrator), Sean Donaghue (Fire Department), Councilor Pious Ali, and Sarah Lentz (School Board Chair).

II. Legislative Update

a. Review: New LDs (Bernstein Shur)

- i. LD 1751 (An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services) (Staff)

Sean Donaghue spoke in support of LD 1751 and how it would benefit the City of Portland financially. A public hearing was held May 1. Kate Knox and Sean Donaghue agreed to discuss the bill in-depth to determine what modifications to the LD would help to maximize the bill's benefits for Portland.

Committee members supported the creation of testimony in support of the bill.

- ii. LD 1745 (An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives) (Staff)

Alfredo Vergara explained staff support for this bill and how it would facilitate testing for substances and contaminants quickly and strengthen public health efforts. Committee members expressed support of providing testimony at the public hearing on May 2, at 1pm.

b. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

III. Other Business

IV. Executive Session

- a. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S 405 (6) (A) for the purpose of appointments

Committee members confirmed there was no need to hold the executive session as planned.

V. Adjournment

Councilor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Fournier vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

**Legislative/Nominating
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May 9, 2023



MEMBERS

Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair
Councilor April Fournier
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Regina Phillips

I. Call to Order

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:08am. In attendance were Councilor April Fournier, Councilor Pious Ali, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the Meeting of April 28, 2023
- b. Minutes from the Meeting of May 2, 2023
No vote was taken to approve the minutes as a quorum was not yet in attendance.

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review: New LDs (Bernstein Shur)
 - i. LD 1706 / LD 665 (re: implementation of LD 2003) (Dena Libner)
 - ii. LD 1880 (An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws)

Alysia Melnick advised that she would collect information on LD 1880 and the discussion that took place at the public hearing on this bill.

- iii. LD 1810 (An Act to Expand the Maine Historic Rehabilitation Credit and Establish a Weatherization Tax Credit)

Committee members expressed support for testimony in support of LD 1810.

Committee members also discussed LD 1781 (An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program), and asked that testimony in support of this bill be submitted prior to a work session. They also agreed that Mayor Snyder would email Rep. Sam Zager to express support for this bill.

Regarding LD 1784, (Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care by Rebased and Increasing Reimbursement Rates) the Committee agreed that the Mayor should include support for this bill in her email to Rep. Zager.

Committee members asked that staff review LD 1827 prior to the next meeting (An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Neutrality).

Mayor Snyder asked that 1877 (An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in

Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families) be included on the tracker.

- b. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)
- i. LD 1721 (An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State): Public Hearing on May 12, 2023

Dena Libner advised that testimony in support of LD 1721 would be available for Committee review before Friday.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Councilor Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:02am.

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of

From: Bernstein Shur

Date: May 10, 2023

Re: New Legislative Bills Report

Please find below the new legislative documents (LD) printed this week that we have flagged to be of possible interest to your organization. Please indicate to us which bills you would like included on your tracking report.

Thank you.

LD 1893 (HP1214)
An Act to Allow a Municipality to Impose a Fee on Short-term Rentals
for the Benefit of That Municipality

LD 1901 (HP1216)
An Act to Improve Affordability and Opportunity for Maine Renters
and Landlords

LD 1904 (HP1219)
An Act to Enact the Maine Fair Chance Housing Act

LD 1905 (HP1220)
An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry

LD #	Category	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	LR #	Notes	Priority
1690	Absentee ballots	An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots	Daughtry	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/26/23 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	5/5/23 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 5/5/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	563	Staff is supportive	
787	Asylum seekers	An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development	Bennett	IDEA	Bill Text	Support	3/21/23 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	5/9/23 2:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Voted 5/9/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	904	Testimony	
1050	Asylum seekers	Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers	Brakey	LH	Bill Text	Support	3/21/23 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Work session held 3/22/23	5/11/23 Resolve Ch. 14	1577	Testimony	
235	Dredging	An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland	Brennan	TRAN	Bill Text	Support				864		Y
236	Dredging	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support the Economic Development of the Fishing Industry and the Portland Harbor Dredging Project (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	Bill Text	Support	4/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			865	Check with Rep. Brennan about need to testify	Y
812	Elections	An Act to Assist Clerks in Facilitating Elections and to Improve Access to In-person Absentee Voting for Working People by Increasing Time for Absentee Ballot Processing and In-person Voting	Skold	VLA	Bill Text		3/13/23 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/20/23 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	DEAD	2039	Leaning in direction of supporting components – requesting info from clerk	
1055	Elections	An Act to Prohibit the Use of Ballot Drop Boxes	Brakey	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose	3/22/23 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/31/23 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	DEAD	2301	Testify	

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1097	Elections	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds in Municipal Referenda with Lower Approval Thresholds	Bridgeo	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	4/21/23 9:30 AM Rm 214 COB	5/11/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	Voted 5/11/23 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	1025	Possible oppositoin if needed	
1356	Elections	An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question	Graham	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	4/25/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB		OTP-AM Reported out 5/11/23	858		
1365	Elections	An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting	Paul	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose	5/12/23 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	5/12/23 11:15 AM Rm 437 SH		1134	Testimony	
1500	Elections	An Act to Strengthen Maine's Elections by Requiring Video Monitoring of Drop Boxes and Amending the Laws Regarding Voter Rolls and Absentee Voting Envelopes	Boyer	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/21/23 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH	5/12/23 9:30 AM Rm 437 SH		1323	Waiting for staff input	
1568	Elections	An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes	Roberts	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/21/23 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH	4/28/23 9:15 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 4/28/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	1085	Discussion about testifying, and importance of voter rights vs creation of new crime	
894	Energy	An Act to Preserve Heating and Energy Choice by Prohibiting a Municipality from Prohibiting a Particular Energy System or Energy Distributor	Harrington	SLG	Bill Text	Oppose	3/16/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	5/4/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	Voted 5/4/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	1475	Testify	

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81	GA	An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance Program	Meyer	HHS	Bill Text	Staff to review	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Work session reconsidered 5/5/23	Voted 5/5/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	160		
182	GA	An Act to Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents	Brakey	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose and testify	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			1564	Staff concerned would great barriers to individuals that rely on GA	
183	GA	An Act to Incorporate Time Limits on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program into Municipal General Assistance Programs	Brakey	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose and testify	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			1562	Staff concerned would great barriers to individuals that rely on GA	
268	GA	An Act to Establish a 45-day Municipal Residency Requirement for General Assistance Programs	Brakey	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose and testify	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			628	Staff believe this would restrict use and push people onto the streets.	
454	GA	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Municipal General Assistance	Brakey	HHS	Bill Text	Opposed	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			627		
1426	GA	An Act to Secure Housing for the Most Vulnerable Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal General Assistance	Mathieson	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	5/5/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			656		
1448	GA	An Act to Change the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program Requirements by Reducing Benefits Commensurate with a Recipient's Salary, Reducing the Special Housing Allowance and Limiting Eligibility for 2-parent Families	Brakey	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/28/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/9/23 ONTP Not rpt out	1574		

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1480	Harbor	An Act to Protect Union Wharf and Sustain Maine's Maritime Industries (Bond)	Brenner	AFA	Bill Text	Support	4/24/23 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH			974	Councilor Phillips to testify	
199	Healthcare	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Support	3/28/23 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/26/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/5/23	509		
2	Housing	An Act to Address Maine's Housing Crisis	Talbot Ross	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	4/4/23 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	5/2/23 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Voted 5/2/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	345		
3	Housing	An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program (Emergency)	Talbot Ross	AFA	Bill Text	Support/ Submitted testimony	12/21/22 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH	Work session held 12/21/22	1/4/23 Public Law Ch. 1	601		
45	Housing	An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions	Carney	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	2/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/5/23 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 4/5/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	47		
107	Housing	An Act Regarding Municipal Efforts to Avert Evictions and Heating Shut-offs During Winter (Emergency)	Ankeles	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor			DEAD	491		
226	Housing	An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis	Millet	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/23 9:01 AM Rm 216 COB	5/5/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	Voted 5/5/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	791		

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250	Housing	An Act to Improve Housing by Increasing Housing Options	Pouliot	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor		LTW Reported out 5/9/23	DEAD	1223		
314	Housing	An Act to Establish the Permanent Commission on the Status of Housing in Maine	Hickman	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor				2107		
330	Housing	An Act to Ensure Legal Representation for Residents Facing Eviction	Tipping	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	2/16/23 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Work session held 4/13/23	Voted 4/13/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	2017		
337	Housing	An Act to Amend the Regulations of Manufactured Housing to Increase Affordable Housing	Golek	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor				1984		
388	Housing	An Act to Require the State and Municipalities to Reimburse Landlords for Unpaid Rent During Eviction Moratoriums	Blier	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor				876	Given minimal detail re: eligibility and other parameters, this bill is too broad to determine the financial impact or to prevent abuse of such a program	
462	Housing	An Act to Assist Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Areas of High Rent by Seeking a Waiver from the Federal Government	Madigan	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	DEAD	956		
492	Housing	An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail	Campbell	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	5/12/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB			2040		
599	Housing	An Act to Provide Support Services for a Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Persons	Brennan	HHS	Bill Text		4/14/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/9/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	1507	Bernstein to get more information from sponsor	

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665	Housing	An Act to Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling Units and Accessory Dwelling Units	Hepler	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	4/11/23 1:30 PM Rm 216 COB	5/5/23 9:30 AM Rm 216 COB	Voted 5/5/23 ONTP Not rpt out	583		Y
1074	Housing	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund New Affordable Housing for Low-income Households (Bond)	Daughtry	AFA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/25/23 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			358		
1133	Housing	An Act Regarding Emergency Management Funding for Municipal Shelters	Adams	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH			1519		
1293	Housing	An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund	Gattine	Housing	Bill Text	Support		5/5/23 9:30 AM Rm 216 COB	Tabled 5/5/23	1836	Testimony	
1298	Housing	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	Skold	TAX	Bill Text	Support				2113	Testimony	
1310	Housing	An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Emergency)	Warren	Housing	Bill Text	Support	4/14/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	DEAD	663	Testimony	
1334	Housing	An Act to Establish a Managed Care Program for MaineCare Services	Millet	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/9/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	1205		
1377	Housing	An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing	Milliken	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor		LTW Reported out 4/13/23	DEAD	1163		
1538	Housing	An Act to Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units	Brenner	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	5/10/23 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH			142	Need staff input	

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1574	Housing	An Act to Create Rent Stabilization and Amend the Laws Regarding Termination of Tenancy and Rent Increase Limitations	Supica	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	5/15/23 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH			19	Waiting for staff feedback	
1593	Housing	An Act to Increase Affordable Housing Development	Chipman	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	4/25/23 1:30 PM Rm 216 COB	5/5/23 9:30 AM Rm 216 COB	Voted 5/5/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	1978	Asked for staff feedback	
1721	Housing	An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State	Duson	Housing	Bill Text	Support	5/12/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB			1022	Strong support - Mayor to testify	
1781	Housing	An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service Program (Emergency)	Gattine	HHS	Bill Text	Support	5/8/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			1792	Committee asked that testimony in support of this bill be submitted before the work session	
25	Other	An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks	Hickman	ACF	Bill Text	Monitor	1/25/23 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/1/23 11:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/1/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	82		
34	Other	An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Pouliot	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	2/6/23 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	5/12/23 11:15 AM Rm 437 SH		214	Staff will assess/Councilor Fournier requested tracking	
52	Other	An Act to Allow Certain School Employees to Carry Firearms on School Property	Foster	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	4/26/23 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			7	Staff will assess/Councilor Fournier requested tracking	
96	Other	An Act to Ensure Release of Relevant Background Investigation Material to Current Employers of Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers	Cyrway	CJPS	Bill Text	More info needed from staff	1/30/23 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	2/8/23 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 4/28/23	115		

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109	Other	An Act to Improve Safety for Individuals Living in Recovery Residences	Landry	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor/ Staff to review	1/30/23 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	4/5/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 4/5/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	348	Staff will assess/Councilor Fournier requested tracking	
116	Other	An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff	Baldacci	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	2/14/23 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	3/23/23 3:00 PM Rm 202 COB	DEAD	597	Staff will assess/Councilor Fournier requested tracking	
127	Other	An Act to Eliminate Television Recycling Fees for Charitable Entities	Stewart	ENR	Bill Text		1/30/23 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	2/8/23 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	DEAD	386	Tracking requested by April	
276	Other	An Act to Assist Municipalities in Preventing Damage from Storm Water	Ankeles	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor	2/15/23 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/8/23 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	5/8/23 Public Law Ch. 65	492	Staff indicated it could be helpful.	
288	Other	An Act Concerning Housing and Support Services for At-risk Youth and Youth Who Have Committed Juvenile Crimes	Lookner	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH			1142		
422	Other	An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Municipalities Provide Public Notice in Newspapers	Newman	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	3/2/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	3/9/23 2:15 PM Rm 214 COB	DEAD	1511		
1107	Other	Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Improve Access to Credit for Low-income Individuals	Zager	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	3/28/23 1:30 PM Rm 202 COB	4/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 4/27/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	1084		
1569	Other	An Act to Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from Property Taxes in Accordance with Their Disability Ratings	Roberts	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor				736	Waiting for staff feedback	

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1584	Other	An Act to Provide Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to Temporarily Restore Benefits Being Reduced by the Federal Government (Emergency)	Stover	HHS	Bill Text	Support	5/1/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	5/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/9/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	2484	Mayor to testify via Zoom. Testify in support - significant usage of SNAP in Portland, Councilor Fournier to testify	
772	Permitting	An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants	Pouliot	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor				1486		
145	Public safety	An Act to Increase the Penalties for Operation of a Motor Vehicle While Using a Handheld Electronic Device or Mobile Telephone	Zeigler	TRAN	Bill Text	Testify	3/1/23 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH	3/22/23 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH	DEAD	138	2/15/23 Support concept, but concerns with penalty 2/8/23 Staff strongly support	
847	Public safety	An Act to Support Law Enforcement in Interactions with Individuals with Histories of Trauma	Gramlich	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	4/20/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	5/3/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 5/3/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	2341	PD to testify, already happens in Portland	
1046	Public safety	An Act to Decriminalize Public Drinking	Beebe-Center	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	3/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	4/14/23 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 4/14/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	831		
1119	Public safety	An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons	Bennett	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/24/23 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH	5/10/23 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 5/10/23 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	717		
1409	Public safety	An Act to Require Reimbursement When a Municipality Hires First Responders Whose Training Costs Were Incurred by Another Municipality	Fay	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	4/25/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB			2096	Staff opposed	

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1745	Public safety	An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives	LaRochelle	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	5/2/23 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Work session held 5/2/23	MAJ: Referred MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/11/23		Submit testimony	
1751	Public safety	An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services	Curry	HHS	Bill Text	Support	5/1/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/11/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Tabled 5/11/23		Submit testimony	
1559	Public transit	An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council and Increasing Funding	O'Neil	TRAN	Bill Text	Support	4/25/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	Tabled 5/11/23	1777	Support with letter	
354	Public works	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Use of Engineers on Public Works Projects over \$100,000	Farrin	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	2/14/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	4/4/23 9:30 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 4/4/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	1484		
407	Public works	An Act to Support Recreational Trails	Chipman	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor				2161		
860	Rail	An Act to Identify the Railroad Lines from Portland to Bangor as a Major Corridor and to Fund a Feasibility Study	Baldacci	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/17/23 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH		645		
880	Rail	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service Between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	Rotundo	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	Work session held 4/12/23	DEAD	645		

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1710	Rental assistance	An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program	Golek	Housing	Bill Text	Monitor	5/12/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB			833	Revisit when PH scheduled	
37	Revenue	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application	Pouliot	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor/ Staff support	3/16/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/4/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 4/4/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	211		
88	Revenue	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax Revenues	Paulhus	TAX	Bill Text	Testify	3/9/23 2:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Work session reconsidered 4/4/23	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/5/23	488	Strong support from staff	
89	Revenue	An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older	Moriarty	TAX	Bill Text	Need Clarification	3/16/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/4/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	218		
130	Revenue	An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Bennett	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	3/16/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Tabled 4/27/23	29		
166	Revenue	An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects	Williams	SLG	Bill Text	Support	1/31/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	2/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	3/29/23 Public Law Ch. 14	302	Senator Duson testifying	
286	Revenue	An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Municipal Buildings	Carlow	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	2/14/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Work session reconsidered 4/18/23	Voted 4/11/23 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	1192		

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793	Revenue	An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing	Brakey	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	3/30/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/19/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	1463	More information needed, will discuss at next meeting	
996	Revenue	An Act to Allow a Municipality to Establish a Local Option Sales Tax	Gramlich	TAX	Bill Text	Support				2326	Testimony	
1060	Revenue	An Act to Support Municipal Public Safety by Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing to 7 Percent	Jackson	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/30/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	5/4/23 2:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 5/4/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	132	Testify	
1380	Revenue	An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associated with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program	Baldacci	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	1291		
1413	Revenue	An Act to Amend the Laws Establishing a Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens	Russell	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/27/23 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	404		
112	Schools	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance (Emergency)	Dodge	LH	Bill Text		2/9/23 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	3/9/23 2:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Senate: 4/12/23 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table	207	Tracking requested by April	
293	Schools	An Act to Revise the School Funding Formula	Ducharme	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	4/19/23 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/19/23 10:01 AM Rm 208 COB	DEAD	2059		
338	Schools	An Act to Allow Education Funding to Follow the Student	Campbell	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	5/8/23 12:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Work session held 5/8/23	ONTP Reported out 5/10/23	228		

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518	Schools	An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools	Andrews	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	4/26/23 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			2211		
1370	Schools	An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process	Mastraccio	ECU	Bill Text	Monitor	5/2/23 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			1374		
1402	Schools	An Act to Provide an Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population (Emergency)	Brennan	EDU	Bill Text	Support	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	5/17/23 2:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/19/23	724	Testimony	
1415	Schools	An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding	Brennan	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	5/1/23 10:30 AM Rm 208 COB			718		
1422	Schools	An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Housing Voucher Program and Providing Site-based Housing Services	Brennan	Housing	Bill Text		4/14/23 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Voted 4/18/23 OTP-AM Not rpt out	723		
1768	Schools	An Act to Update the Alternative Base Year Payment Method for Federally Qualified Health Centers (Emergency)	Gattine	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	5/8/23 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/15/23 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Flagged for schools	
1634	Speed limits	An Act to Grant Municipalities the Authority to Set Certain Lower Motor Vehicle Speed Limits Without a Department of Transportation Speed Study	Bennett	TRAN	Bill Text	Support	4/25/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/3/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	ONTP Reported out 5/9/23	2226	Support with letter	
1595	Tax	An Act to Exempt the Estates of Veterans Who Were Disabled in the Line of Duty from Property Taxes	Jackson	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor				81	Waiting for staff feedback	

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1600	Tax	An Act to Improve Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans	Stewart	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor				1614	Waiting for staff feedback	
1737	Tax	An Act to Provide up to \$5,000 in Property Tax Relief to Veterans	Hymes	TAX	Bill Text					2103		
406	Transportation	An Act to Expand Passenger Rail Service	Chipman	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	4/12/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/17/23 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH		2041		
408	Transportation	An Act to Expand Bus Service	Chipman	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	5/11/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH		2196		
409	Transportation	An Act to Improve Pedestrian Safety	Chipman	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor				2303		
1351	Transportation	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding	Lookner	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	4/18/23 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	4/26/23 10:30 AM Rm 126 SH	DEAD	2362		
336	Tribes	An Act Regarding State Recognition of Native American Tribes	Poirier	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	3/15/23 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH			749		
1286	Waterfront	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century (Emergency)	Duson	IDEA	Bill Text	Support	4/11/23 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	5/12/23 11:00 AM Rm 206 COB		1268	Testimony	
1403	Workforce	An Act to Promote Minimum Wage Consistency by Limiting the Authority of Municipalities Regarding Minimum Hourly Pay	Morris	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	4/11/23 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	4/26/23 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 4/26/23 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP Not rpt out	1297		