



Legislative Committee Meeting 06-03-2019
Meeting
June 3, 2019

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Meeting minutes**
 - a. Approval of May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- III. Legislative Update**
 - a. Review of non-funding Portland Education LD's
 - b. Review of New LD's / Bill Trackers
 - c. Staff Update
- IV. Meeting Schedule**
- V. Adjournment**

**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
May 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The May 20, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ali at 8:01 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

Committee Chair and City Councilor Pious Ali; City Councilor Jill Duson; Mayor Ethan Strimling; Kate Knox, Bernstein Shur team by phone; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Alysia Melnick, Bernstein Shur team by phone; Mike Murray(Staff); Robert Porteous, member of public; Tony Donovan, member of public

B. Approval of minutes:

May 13, 2019 minutes - motion by Mayor Strimling; second by Councilor Duson; 2-0 (Mayor abstain) approved.

C. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 1730 – Request City Clerk input; City clerk supports LD;

Other LD discussion:

LD 839 – Request clarification why staff presented testimony without committee taking a position on LD 839;

LD 1371 – Request Letter supporting LD 1371 for Chair to sign;

Committee requests:

- Summary of Bond LDDs
- Summary of Property Tax LDs
- Summary of GA LDs
- Copy of Legislative Priorities

D. Next Meeting Date

June 3, 2019 @ 8:00 AM – Room 209, City Hall

E. Adjournment

Councilor Duson moved to adjourn; second by Mayor Strimling; vote 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.



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Memorandum

To: Portland Education - Non Funding Report
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: May 24, 2019
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 1765, HP1254](#)

An Act To Expand and Clarify the Prohibition of Hazing at Elementary Schools, Secondary Schools and Postsecondary Institutions



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An Act To Enact Laws Governing Private Vehicle Rentals

[LD 1765, HP1254](#)

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Memorandum

TO: Chair Ali and Members of the Legislative Committee
FROM: Michael Murray, Assistant to the City Manager
CC: Jon Jennings, City Manager
SUBJECT: Staff Updates on LD's
DATE: May 30, 2019

The following is a summary of staff comments on LD's that are under consideration by the Legislative Committee:

LD 1444 – “An Act To Make the Distance to Schools for Marijuana Establishments Consistent with the Liquor Laws”; no public hearing scheduled as of 4-19-2019; request staff review; staff indicates local ordinance has been reduced to 500 feet from the 1,000. The 300' change itself would not make that big of a difference, but the change in how the measurement takes place could be. Essentially, this will allow marijuana stores to locate right next to school property (playing fields, courtyards, etc), so long as the door to the school was at least 300' off the property line; 5-6-2019 work session tabled; Carryover Requested & Approved;

LD 1662 – “An Act To Save Lives by Establishing the Low Barrier Opioid Treatment Response Program”; staff input requested; public hearing 5-2-2019; staff supports LD 1662 and can provide written support for work session; Carryover Requested & Approved;

LD 1713 – “An Act To Return Funds to Maine Property Tax Payers”; staff input requested; staff believes no direct fiscal impact to the City;