

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - March 25,
2025 Agenda**
March 25, 2025



MEMBERS
Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Benjamin Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - March 11, 2025

III. City Submitted Bills

- a. LD 1017, An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement (Public hearing not yet scheduled)
- b. LD 1041, An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing
- c. LD 639, An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers
- d. 70% to 90% reimbursement for General Assistance (not yet printed)

IV. Legislative Update

- a. General Session Update (Bernstein Shur)
- b. New Bills Report Review (Bernstein Shur)
- c. Upcoming Hearings to Plan For (Bernstein Shur)

V. Staff Identified Bills

- a. LD 1053, An Act to Ensure That Rebates from Prescription Drug Manufacturers Are Passed on to Patients at Pharmacies

VI. Adjournment

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. In attendance were Mayor Mark Dion, Councilor Ben Grant, Councilor Kate Sykes, City Manager Danielle West, Assistant City Manager Greg Jordan, Special Assistant to the City Manager Max Wilder, Director of Health & Human Services Maggie McLoughlin, Fire Chief Chad Johnston, School Board Chair Sarah Lentz, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur)

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - February 25, 2025
- b. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - February 28, 2025

Mayor Dion made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, and February 28, 2025, moved by Councilor Grant seconded by Councilor Sykes vote (3-0).

III. Legislative Update

- a. New Bills Report Review (Bernstein Shur)

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 559, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

Councilor Sykes made a motion to support LD 560, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 570, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 632, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes vote, (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 658, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 658, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Mayor Dion, vote (2-1).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 698, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

Councilor Sykes made a motion to support LD 811, moved by Councilor Grant, opposed by Councilor Dion, vote (2-1).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 836, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 841, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).

b. Upcoming Hearings to Plan For (Bernstein Shur)

Mayor Dion made a motion to oppose LD 220, moved by Councilor Grant, opposed by Mayor Dion, vote (2-1).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 746, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).

Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 518, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0).

c. Update on Priority Bills (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Other Business

a. LD 659 An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes

b. LD 110 An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

c. LD 518 Resolve, Increasing Access to Maternal and Child Health Care

d. LD 487 Resolve, Directing the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to Apply for Federal Funding for the Purpose of Identifying the Rail Corridor Connecting Portland to Orono as an Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor

Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Sykes seconded by Councilor Grant vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: March 12, 2025
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 963 (HP622)
An Act to Standardize Subsidized Housing Application Forms

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of

From: Bernstein Shur

Date: March 19, 2025

Re: UPDATED: 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 1013 (SP430)
An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt

LD 1017 (SP434)
An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement

LD 1021 (SP439)
An Act to Remove Certain Cost-of-living Adjustment Restrictions for Retired Members of the Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit Who Are 65 Years of Age or Older

LD 1029 (SP447)
An Act to Ensure General Assistance for Housing Does Not Reduce Assistance for Other Basic Necessities and to Increase Presumptive Eligibility and State Reimbursement for General Assistance

LD 1036 (HP665)
An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination

<u>LD 1039</u>	(HP668)
An Act Regarding Municipal Authority over Heavy Vehicle Operation	
<u>LD 1041</u>	(HP670)
An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments	
<u>LD 1044</u>	(HP673)
An Act to Clarify the Qualifying Use of Tax Increment Financing for Extension of a Development District	
<u>LD 1045</u>	(HP674)
An Act to Expand the Use of Tax Increment Financing District Revenue by Adding Public Safety as an Authorized Project Cost	
<u>LD 1046</u>	(HP675)
An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance	
<u>LD 1049</u>	(HP678)
An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit	
<u>LD 1057</u>	(HP686)
Resolve, to Aid Municipalities, Animal Control Officers and Other Parties in Complying with Electronic Dog Licensing Requirements	
<u>LD 1063</u>	(HP692)
An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling	
<u>LD 1112</u>	(HP731)
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Requiring Not Less Than 90 Percent State Reimbursement for Residential Real Estate Property Tax Exemptions and to Establish a Minimum Homestead Exemption	
<u>LD 1135</u>	(SP463)
An Act to Permit the Use of Oral Fluid Testing in Determining the Intoxication of Drivers, Aircraft Operators and Hunters	
<u>LD 1143</u>	(SP474)
An Act to Update Language on Setback Variances for Single-family Dwellings and Variances from Dimensional Standards	
<u>LD 1144</u>	(SP475)
An Act to Reinstate the Property Tax Stabilization Program	
<u>LD 1148</u>	(HP753)
An Act to Improve Access to Absentee Ballots for Municipal Elections for Uniformed Service Voters and Overseas Voters	
<u>LD 1153</u>	(HP758)
An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of	

Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County

LD 1167 (HP772)

Resolve, to Create a Pilot Program to Assist Nonprofit Housing Developers in Rehabilitating Existing Aging Housing Stock for First-time Home Buyers

LD 1177 (HP782)

Resolve, Establishing a 3-year Moratorium on the Installation or Reinstallation of Synthetic Turf and Requiring a Study of the Public Health and Environmental Risks of Synthetic Turf

LD 1178 (HP783)

An Act to Expedite the Process Involving Municipalities That Illegally Move a Person to Avoid Responsibility for General Assistance Support

LD 1179 (HP784)

An Act to Establish Minimum Safety Standards for the Construction and Use of Temporary Emergency Shelters

LD 1181 (HP786)

An Act Regarding the Designation of Short-term Rental Units as Commercial or Residential in Use

LD 1184 (HP789)

An Act to Require Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued

LD 1190 (SP479)

An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters

LD 1194 (SP483)

An Act to Phase Out Vehicle Excise Taxes and Implement a Fee for Infrastructure Funding Based on a Vehicle's Annual Mileage

LD 1195 (SP484)

An Act to Amend the Provisions of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 Governing Requirements for Self-insurers

LD 1206 (SP495)

An Act to Control Property Taxes by Increasing the Percentage of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption That Municipalities May Recover

LD #	Category	Bill Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Notes	Priority	LR #
25	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects (Bond)	Sen Brenner	AFA	Bill Text							160
242	Bond	An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds	Sen Pierce	EDU	Bill Text							480
560	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency (Bond)	Sen Bailey	AFA	Bill Text	Support				Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		1923
690	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide Funding for Affordable and Low-income Housing Programs (Bond)	Sen Pierce	AFA	Bill Text	Support				Bernstein Shur to work with staff to develop written testimony.		308
826	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund (Bond)	Sen Pierce	AFA	Bill Text					Chair Lentz is researching.		1987
836	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings (Bond)	President Daughtry	AFA	Bill Text	Support				Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		1677
209	Budget	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025 (Emergency)(Governor's bill)	Rep Gattine	AFA	Bill Text		1/23/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH	Work session held 2/5/25	DEAD	Written and in-person testimony from Mayor		2408
210	Budget	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027 (Emergency)(Governor's Bill)	Rep Gattine	AFA	Bill Text		See Notes	3/14/25 3:30 PM Rm 228 SH		Written and in-person testimony from Mayor Public Hearings: AFA & HHS 2-24-25, 10:00 am AFA & HHS 2-24-25, 2:00 pm AFA & MAR 2-26-25, 10:00 am AFA & HCIFS 2-26-25, 11:00 am AFA & IFW 2-26-25, 1:00 pm AFA & ACF 2-27-25, 10:00 am AFA & VLA 2-27-25, 1:00 pm AFA & EUT 2-27-25, 3:00 pm AFA & SLG 2-28-25, 10:00 am AFA & TRA 2-28-25, 3:00 pm		2409
347	Cannabis	An Act to Provide Qualifying Municipalities a Percentage of Adult Use Cannabis Sales Tax and Excise Tax Revenue	Rep Lee	VLA	Bill Text	Support	2/12/25 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/24/25 11:30 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 2/24/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out			375

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32	Energy	An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing	Sen Guerin	EUT	Bill Text	Oppose	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB			Written testimony in opposition submitted Troy Moon reports possible \$1M loss to City		75
257	Energy	An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing	Sen Stewart	EUT	Bill Text	Oppose	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB			Written testimony in opposition submitted Troy Moon reports possible \$1M loss to City		705
515	Energy	An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distributed Generation	Rep Soboleski	EUT	Bill Text		2/27/25 9:05 AM Rm 211 COB					177
801	Energy	An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer	Rep Cimino	EUT	Bill Text		3/26/25 1:00 PM Rm 211 COB			Staff wants Troy to weigh in, may oppose pending Troy's input.		1384
152	FOAA	An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Require a Specific Time Frame for Agencies to Comply with Requests for Public Records	Rep Libby	JUD	Bill Text		2/5/25 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH					338
453	GA	An Act to Require the State to Pay 90 Percent of All General Assistance Expenses of Municipalities and Indian Tribes	Sen Baldacci	HHS	Bill Text							681
1017	GA	An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement	Sen Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text						Yes	2300
111	Health Insurance	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance (Emergency)	Rep Dodge	LBR	Bill Text	Support	2/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/5/25 11:30 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/5/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			176
848	Health Insurance	An Act Regarding the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program	Rep Henderson	LBR	Bill Text		3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	3/25/25 2:00 PM Rm 202 COB		Staff advised sending to Ann for more info before taking a position.		1777
238	Healthcare	An Act to Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right to Work in Multiple Health Care Settings	Sen Farrin	HCIFS	Bill Text		2/4/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	3/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	Voted 3/5/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			373
518	Healthcare	Resolve, Increasing Access to Maternal and Child Health Care (Emergency)	Rep Meyer	HHS	Bill Text	Support	3/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/21/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		Committee voted to support this bill. Bernstein Shur to work with staff to submit testimony for 3/12/25 hearing.		2337
842	Healthcare	An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Amending the Laws Governing the MaineCare, Maine Rx Plus and Emergency MaineCare Programs	Sen Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor						196

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7	Homestead Tax	An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Residents 65 Years of Age or Older	Sen Bennett	TAX	Bill Text		3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 COB	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH				64
140	Homestead Tax	An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Sen Baldacci	TAX	Bill Text		3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 COB	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 COB				354
264	Homestead Tax	An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Rep Hepler	TAX	Bill Text		3/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out			612
365	Housing	An Act to Respond to the Housing Affordability and Accessibility Crisis in Maine	Sen Curry	HED	Bill Text							1611
399	Housing	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Retention of Proceeds from Municipal Foreclosures	Rep McIntyre	TAX	Bill Text		3/4/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/25 ONTP Not rpt out			486
659	Housing	An Act to Reduce Housing Costs by Not Requiring Fire Sprinkler Systems for Single-family Homes and Duplexes	Rep Crafts	HED	Bill Text		3/6/25 10:15 AM Rm 206 COB			The City is gathering more information, the Portland Fire Dept would like to oppose.		2283
698	Housing	An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine	Sen Talbot Ross	HED	Bill Text	Support	3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB			Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		205
83	Licenses	An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System	Rep Kuhn	JUD	Bill Text		2/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	3/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	Voted 3/12/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			255
123	Licenses	An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons	Sen Cyrway	HCIFS	Bill Text		1/28/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	2/5/25 2:00 PM Rm 220 COB	MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Reported out 2/14/25			300
632	Local Option Tax	An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing	Rep Skold	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/12/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Bernstein Shur to work with staff to develop and deliver written testimony on 3/12/25.		818
746	Local Option Tax	An Act to Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-term Lodging to Fund Municipalities and Affordable Housing	Rep Friedmann	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/12/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Bernstein Shur to work with staff to develop and deliver written testimony on 3/12/25.		826
35	MaineCare	An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services (Emergency)	Sen Curry	HHS	Bill Text							241
110	Municipal	An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments	Rep Brennan	HHS	Bill Text		3/13/25 1:01 PM Rm 209 COB	3/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB				33

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1	Other	An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure(Emergency)(Governor's bill)	President Daughtry	HED	Bill Text		2/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Work session held 3/18/25 3:00 PM Rm 206 COB		Testimony submitted		939
30	Other	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth	President Daughtry	TRAN	Bill Text		3/4/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Jill Duson has a similar bill [LD 511]		133
34	Other	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	Sen Pierce	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	2/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/5/25 11:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 3/5/25	Monitor; Defer to school board		233
115	Other	An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts	Sen Bennett	TRAN	Bill Text							61
138	Other	An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections	Sen Bennett	ENR	Bill Text		1/27/25 12:00 PM Rm 216 COB	2/26/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Voted 2/26/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			370
146	Other	An Act to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May be Taken in a Year	Sen Rotundo	TAX	Bill Text		2/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 COB	Voted 3/19/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			525
159	Other	An Act to Require Vehicle Registrations to Include the Next of Kin of the Vehicle Owner	Rep Perkins	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 126 SH	3/25/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH		Monitor only	Yes	524
184	Other	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process	Rep Ducharme	JUD	Bill Text		2/12/25 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH					386
245	Other	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State (Emergency)	Sen Ross	CJPS	Bill Text		2/10/25 10:30 AM Rm 436 SH					202
286	Other	An Act to Allow County Commissioners Greater Flexibility When Establishing a Payment Schedule for Municipalities to Pay County Tax Bills	Rep Bridgeo	SLG	Bill Text		2/24/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	3/26/25 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB				662
290	Other	An Act to Remit 15 Percent of the Fine for a Violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws to the Municipality in Which the Violation Occurred	Rep Blier	TRAN	Bill Text		4/3/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH					1270
422	Other	An Act to Require the State to Obtain Municipal Approval Before Placing Noncitizens in the Municipality	Rep Swallow	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	2/26/25 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	3/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	Voted 3/19/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Monitor only	Yes	1017

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427	Other	An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Parking Space Minimums in State and Municipal Building Codes	Rep Roeder	HED	Bill Text		3/6/25 10:00 AM Rm 206 COB	3/27/25 2:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Tabled 3/13/25	No direct impact on the City per Kevin Kraft, Planning Director		1088
532	Other	Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State	Rep Copeland	LBR	Bill Text		3/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	3/26/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH				2267
572	Other	An Act to Improve Maine's Workers' Compensation Laws	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor						2068
573	Other	An Act to Improve Penalty Collection for Labor Protection Violations	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor						2148
574	Other	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor						2334
605	Other	An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	Rep Campbell	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor						7
634	Other	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates	Rep Tuell	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	3/19/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	4/2/25 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB				816
687	Other	An Act to Assert State Ownership over Ocean Waters up to 12 Nautical Miles and Submerged Lands and Marine Resources up to 24 Nautical Miles off the State's Coast and to Direct the Attorney General to Study That Ownership	Sen Martin	MR	Bill Text	Monitor	3/6/25 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB		DEAD			1261
799	Other	An Act to Report Gender Wage Gaps	Rep Roeder	LBR	Bill Text		3/12/25 10:30 AM Rm 202 COB	3/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/19/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Staff to research before taking a position		1179
811	Other	An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established	Rep Brennan	VLA	Bill Text	Support	3/10/25 9:30 AM Rm 437 SH	3/17/25 9:30 AM Rm 437 SH	DEAD	Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		908
841	Other	Resolve, to Study the Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to and Ferry Service Effects on Island Communities in the State	Sen Curry	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	4/2/25 9:30 AM Rm 436 SH			Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		2012
294	Property Tax	An Act to Expand Municipal Volunteer Program Eligibility Requirements in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Laws	Rep Bunker	TAX	Bill Text		3/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			286
438	Property Tax	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Limit Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions	Rep Hymes	TAX	Bill Text							1411

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559	Property Tax	An Act to Provide Property Tax Stabilization for Older Maine Residents	Sen Bailey	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	4/3/25 3:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		218
570	Property Tax	An Act to Provide an Additional Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Based on Income	Sen Reny	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		282
658	Property Tax	An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Rep Faulkingham	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		758
70	Public Health	An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics	Rep Brennan	HHS	Bill Text		3/13/25 1:01 PM Rm 209 COB	3/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		BSSN will monitor this bill at the hearing on 3/13/25		17
174	Public Health	An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Rep Drinkwater	EDU	Bill Text							88
215	Public Health	An Act to Establish a Program to Assist Residents of Large Recovery Residences	Rep Hasenfus	HHS	Bill Text	Support	3/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	3/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Tabled 3/19/25			70
219	Public Health	An Act to Limit Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs to a One-for-one Exchange	Rep Mastraccio	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose	3/17/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		Bernstein Shur will work with staff to provide testimony in opposition to this bill at the 3/17/25 hearing.		567
119	Public Safety	An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments	Sen Beebe- Center	SLG	Bill Text		2/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Ask corporate counsel		135
639	Public Safety	An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers	Rep Crockett	CIPS	Bill Text		3/10/25 10:30 AM Rm 436 SH	3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 3/19/25 MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			1249
511	Rail	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council	Sen Duson	TRAN	Bill Text	Support	3/4/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Greg Jordan updated Committee - suggested support		1218
237	Revenue Sharing	An Act to Increase the Percentage of Funds Provided to Municipalities Through State-Municipal Revenue Sharing	Sen Baldacci	TAX	Bill Text		2/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD			355
283	Revenue Sharing	An Act to Expand Local Revenues by Including Meals and Lodging Sales Tax Revenue Under the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program	Rep Hepler	TAX	Bill Text		2/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/11/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	Written testimony		611
225	Sales Tax	An Act to Reduce Property Taxes and Finance Public School Construction and Education Through a 3 Percent Sales Tax on Hotel and Lodging Place Rentals	Rep Brennan	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	3/12/25 2:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		School board is supporting this bill at the hearing on 3/12/25. Bernstein Shur will monitor.		34

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193	School	An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness	Rep Archer	EDU	Bill Text		2/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			Mayor submitted written testimony in support; worked with school board on testimony		745
220	School	An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program in Order to Provide Funding for Students Attending Certain Private Schools and Students Receiving Home Instruction	Rep Bagshaw	EDU	Bill Text	Oppose	3/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			Committee voted to oppose this bill. Bernstein Shur will work with staff to submit testimony for hearing.		548
318	School Funding	An Act Regarding School Funding and General Purpose Aid for Local Schools	Rep Brennan	EDU	Bill Text							1718
178	Step Therapy	An Act Regarding Coverage for Step Therapy for Advanced Metastatic Cancer	Rep Mathieson	HCIFS	Bill Text		2/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 220 COB	2/12/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	Voted 2/12/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			578
185	TIF	An Act to Expand Opportunities to Invest Municipal Tax Increment Financing Revenues	Rep Mastraccio	TAX	Bill Text		2/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 2/27/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			589
154	Transportation	An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws	Rep Crafts	TRAN	Bill Text		4/1/25 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH					132