

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - April 8,
2025 Agenda
April 8, 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 25, 2025

III. City Submitted Bills

- a. LD 453 - An Act to Require the State to Pay 90 Percent of All General Assistance Expenses of Municipalities and Indian Tribes
Public Hearing scheduled for April 7
- b. LD 639 – An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers
Public Hearing was March 10 and Work Session was on March 19; voted on Ought to Pass out of Committee (8-4); floor vote pending.
- c. LD 1017 – An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement
Public Hearing scheduled for April 7.
- d. LD 1041 – An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing
Public Hearing was on March 25. Greg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Representative Lookner are working on a possible technical amendment. Work Session not yet scheduled.

IV. Legislative Update

- a. General Session
- b. New Bills Report

- c. Upcoming Hearings to Plan For

V. Staff/Committee Identified Bills

- a. LD 958 – An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands

Amends the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement and the Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act to prevent the taking of land for public uses under the laws of this State if the land is located within Passamaquoddy Indian territory, Penobscot Indian territory, the Houlton Band Trust Land or the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land.

- b. LD 1020 – An Act to Repeal the Laws Providing for the Construction of a Connector to Gorham and to Resell Land Taken Under Those Laws to Previous Property Owners

Repeals the laws that authorize the Maine Turnpike Authority to construct a connector to Gorham. It requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to resell the land purchased for the construction of the connector to the previous property owner or the previous property owner's heirs, assigns or successors. If the previous property owner or the heirs, assigns or successors of the previous property owner do not want the land, the bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to transfer the land at no cost to the municipality in which the property is located. The bill stipulates the municipality must donate the land to a local land trust if the municipality does not want the land. If the local land trust does not want the land, the municipality may offer the land for sale at a public auction.

- c. LD 1024 – An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws

Amends Maine's Good Samaritan laws concerning drug-related medical assistance by adding possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs and unlawfully furnishing scheduled drugs to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity under those laws.

- d. LD 1292 – An Act to Codify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Contributions to the Highway Fund with Regard to the Sensible Transportation Policy Act

Specifies that the Maine Turnpike Authority must contribute, on a quarterly basis, to the Highway Fund any revenues and reserves exceeding the sum of the authority's legislatively approved operating budget, reserve maintenance fund, debt services fund and debt service reserve fund, the amount required to support the debt service, any additional amount required to be kept in reserve, any additional amount allocated to a planning or capital project outside the authority's general maintenance and preservation duty that has been legislatively approved and approved by the Department of Transportation and found to be a greater priority than any other department projects and to be consistent with the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

VI. Adjournment

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



MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Ben Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. In attendance were Mayor Mark Dion, Councilor Ben Grant, Councilor Kate Sykes, Councilor Pious Ali, Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, City Manager Danielle West, Special Assistant to the City Manager Max Wilder, Director of Housing & Economic Development Greg Watson, Human Resources Director Anne Torregrossa, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Dion made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2025, moved by Councilor Sykes seconded by Councilor Grant vote (3-0).

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)Upcoming Hearings to Plan For (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Legislative Update

- a. General Session Update (Bernstein Shur)
- b. New Bills Report Review (Bernstein Shur)

The Council agreed to support the following bills: LD 1017, LD 1029, LD 1041, LD 1044, LD 1178, 1190, 1206. The Council agreed to oppose the following bills: LD 1013, LD 1046, LD 1049, LD 1153, LD 1177, 1179, 1194.

- 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

The Committee agreed to oppose LD 1053.

- b. LD 609, An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

The Committee agreed to support LD 609.

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Councilor Sykes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29am.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: March 26, 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 1231 (HP806)
An Act Requiring Ferries to Dock Overnight on Certain Islands for
Emergency Purposes

LD 1235 (HP810)
An Act to Establish Transparency in Opioid Settlement Funds
Allocated to Municipalities or Counties

LD 1244 (HP819)
An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters

LD 1245 (HP820)
An Act to Create a Fund to Spread Awareness of Maine's Working
Waterfronts

LD 1247 (HP822)
An Act to Restrict Municipal Ordinance Requirements Regarding
Housing Developments

LD 1248 (HP823)
An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of
Students in Schools

<u>LD 1259</u>	(HP834)
An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	
<u>LD 1268</u>	(HP843)
An Act to Address Employee Recruitment and Retention Issues Within the Maine State Ferry Service by Providing a Yearly Stipend	
<u>LD 1272</u>	(HP847)
An Act to Address the Housing Crisis by Reducing Barriers to Building More Accessory Dwelling Units	
<u>LD 1274</u>	(HP849)
An Act to Cap State General Assistance Reimbursement to Municipalities	
<u>LD 1278</u>	(HP853)
An Act to Change the Property Tax Appeal Process	
<u>LD 1287</u>	(SP516)
An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund	
<u>LD 1295</u>	(SP525)
An Act to Waive Basic Law Enforcement Training Requirements for Full-time Law Enforcement Officers Who Have Successfully Completed Equivalent Courses in Other Jurisdictions	
<u>LD 1304</u>	(SP534)
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Property Tax Increases for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older and Shift the Tax Burden to State Gaming Revenues	

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of

From: Bernstein Shur

Date: April 2, 2025

Re: New Legislative Bills Mid-Week 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.

<u>LD 1383</u>	(HP905)
An Act to Require State Divestment from Perpetrators of International Human Rights Violations	
<u>LD 1385</u>	(HP907)
An Act to Consider Municipalities Meeting Regional Housing Goals in Awarding Transportation Grants	
<u>LD 1388</u>	(HP910)
An Act to Replace the Participation Threshold in Votes to Adopt or Alter a Municipal Charter with a Lower Approval Threshold	
<u>LD 1399</u>	(HP921)
An Act to Allow Action Against a Person Violating the Confidentiality of an Executive Session of a Public Body or Agency	
<u>LD 1400</u>	(HP922)
An Act to Exempt Certain Public School Districts and Their Employees from the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	
<u>LD 1410</u>	(HP932)

An Act to Provide Due Process in Confiscation and Destruction of Personal Items of Unhoused Persons

LD 1417 (SP571)

An Act to Strengthen the Authority of Local Officials to Enforce Provisions Regarding Dangerous and Nuisance Properties that Constitute a Threat to Public Health and Safety

LD 1424 (SP580)

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Investment in Workforce Housing and Raise Certain Income Eligibility Limits in the Affordable Homeownership Program

LD 1437 (HP946)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections

LD 1443 (SP584)

An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers

LD 1462 (HP954)

An Act to Promote Artisans and the Creative Economy

LD 1464 (HP956)

An Act to Provide for an Alternative Municipal Property Tax Assessment Rate

LD 1470 (HP962)

An Act to Create a Liaison Program to Self-insured Entities and Consumers

LD 1476 (HP968)

An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations

LD 1479 (HP971)

An Act to Protect Senior Homeowners in Home-sharing Agreements by Providing for an Expedited Eviction Process

LD 1481 (HP973)

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Stabilization of Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older

LD 1484 (HP975)

An Act Related to Public Access of Records of Certain Disciplinary Actions of Public Employees

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		4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH					160
242	Bond	An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds	Sen Pierce	EDU	Bill Text		4/9/25 12:00 PM Rm 208 COB					480
560	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency (Bond)	Sen Bailey	AFA	Bill Text	Support	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			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	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH			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
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	4/11/25 11:00 AM 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	Testimony submitted		375
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	4/10/25 3:00 PM 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	4/10/25 3:00 PM Rm 211 COB		Written testimony in opposition submitted Troy Moon reports possible \$1M loss to City		705

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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	4/10/25 3:00 PM 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	Work session held 3/26/25	ONTP Reported out 4/3/25	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
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	3/21/25 Public Law Ch. 7			300
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		4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB					681
1017	GA	An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement	Sen Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text		4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Meeting requested by Sen. Talbot Ross	Yes	2300
1029	GA	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	Sen Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Support	4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			In person testimony planned		207
1046	GA	An Act to Establish a 180-day State Residency Requirement for Receiving Municipal General Assistance	Rep Quint	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose	4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			In person testimony planned		2197
1178	GA	An Act to Expedite the Process Involving Municipalities That Illegally Move a Person to Avoid Responsibility for General Assistance Support	Rep Salisbury	HHS	Bill Text	Support	4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Skyes drafted testimony - Need staff input or sign off		1468
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	4/1/25 2:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 4/1/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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

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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
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	ONTP Reported out 4/2/25			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	Voted 4/1/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			354
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
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
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	4/8/25 2:15 PM Rm 206 COB		Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		205
1036	Housing	An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination	Rep Rana	HED	Bill Text	Support				In person testimony planned		2111
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
1041	Housing	An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing Developments	Rep Lookner	HED	Bill Text		3/25/25 1:15 PM Rm 206 COB			Testimony submitted		798
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

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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	ONTP Reported out 4/2/25	Testimony submitted		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	Voted 3/27/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		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
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
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	Voted 3/26/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			33
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	4/10/25 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		4/4/25 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH				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	4/9/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Tabled 4/2/25			370
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	DEAD			486
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

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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	Voted 3/25/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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	4/2/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Tabled 4/2/25			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	Voted 3/26/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			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	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH				1270
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	DEAD	Committee voted to support this bill. Testimony submitted		2337
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
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 3/27/25	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	Voted 4/2/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			816

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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
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
1013	Other	An Act to Protect Taxpayers by Requiring Referenda on Significant Municipal Debt	Sen Nangle	SLG	Bill Text	Oppose	3/31/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	4/14/25 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB		Testimony submitted		1684
1049	Other	An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit	Rep Poirier	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose	3/26/25 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH	4/3/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 4/3/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	In person testimony		1317
1053	Other	An Act to Ensure That Rebates from Prescription Drug Manufacturers Are Passed on to Patients at Pharmacies	Rep Cloutier	HCIFS	Bill Text	Oppose	3/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 220 COB		Testimony submitted		1522
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
1153	Other	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	Rep Ankeles	SLG	Bill Text	Oppose	4/2/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Testimony submitted		1739
1179	Other	An Act to Establish Minimum Safety Standards for the Construction and Use of Temporary Emergency Shelters	Rep Macias	HED	Bill Text	Oppose	4/8/25 1:15 PM Rm 206 COB			Written testimony: Skyes drafted testimony - Need staff input or sign off		1821
1190	Other	An Act to Increase State Funding for Emergency Shelters	Sen Baldacci	HED	Bill Text	Support	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Work session held 4/1/25	ONTP Reported out 4/3/25	In person testimony planned		1328
1194	Other	An Act to Phase Out Vehicle Excise Taxes and Implement a Fee for Infrastructure Funding Based on a Vehicle's Annual Mileage (Emergency)	Sen Martin	TRAN	Bill Text	Oppose	4/11/25 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH			Written testimony: Skyes drafted testimony - Need staff input or sign off		594
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

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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
438	Property Tax	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Limit Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions	Rep Hymes	TAX	Bill Text							1411
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	Voted 4/3/25 ONTP Not rpt out	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	ONTP Reported out 4/2/25	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	ONTP Reported out 4/2/25	Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		758
1206	Property Tax	An Act to Control Property Taxes by Increasing the Percentage of the Business Equipment Tax Exemption That Municipalities May Recover	Sen Tepler	TAX	Bill Text	Support	4/2/25 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Testimony submitted		1003
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	Voted 3/26/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	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		4/7/25 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB					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	Voted 3/26/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		567
1177	Public Health	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	Rep Gramlich	ENR	Bill Text	Oppose	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB			Committee asked for testimony		1210
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

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639	Public Safety	An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers	Rep Crockett	CJPS	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	Testimony submitted		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	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH		Greg Jordan updated Committee - suggested support		1218
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	ONTP Reported out 4/2/25	School board is supporting this bill at the hearing on 3/12/25. Bernstein Shur will monitor.		34
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	3/25/25 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Voted 3/25/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Committee voted to oppose this bill. Testimony submitted		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
1044	TIF	An Act to Clarify the Qualifying Use of Tax Increment Financing for Extension of a Development District	Rep Kuhn	TAX	Bill Text	Support	4/2/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		Testimony submitted		1139
154	Transportation	An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws	Rep Crafts	TRAN	Bill Text		4/1/25 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH				132