

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - June 3, 2025
Agenda
June 3, 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 - May 20, 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
- b. LD 639 – An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers
- c. LD 1017 – An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement
- d. LD 1041 – An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing

IV. Legislative Update

- a. General Session
- b. New Bills Report
- c. Upcoming Hearings to Plan For

V. Other Business

- a. Review List of Bonds
- b. [Move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S 405 \(6\) \(A\) for the purpose of interviews.](#)

VI. Adjournment

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Committee Meeting**
May 20, 2025



MEMBERS

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Councilor Ben Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am. In attendance were Councilor Kate Sykes, Councilor Ben Grant, City Manager Danielle West, Special Assistant to the City Manager Max Wilder, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting – May 20, 2025

Councilor Sykes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 29, 2025, moved by Councilor Grant seconded by Councilor Sykes, vote (3-0), Mayor Dion absent.

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IV. Legislative Update

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

Councilor Sykes made a motion to support LD 1743, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (2-0), Mayor Dion absent.

V. Adjournment

Councilor Sykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Grant, seconded by Councilor Sykes vote (2-0), Mayor Dion absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: May 21, 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 1971 (HP1315)
An Act to Protect Workers in This State by Clarifying the Relationship
of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies with Federal
Immigration Authorities



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To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: May 28, 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.

There were no new bills printed that are of concern this week.

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	4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/23/25			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			Testimony submitted		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			Testimony submitted		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		4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			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	4/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			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	5/30/25 10:00 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	Work session reconsidered 4/30/25	DEAD	Testimony submitted		375

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1437	Elections	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Specify the Qualifications of Electors in State and Local Elections	Rep Faulkingham	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose	5/2/25 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	5/7/25 2:00 PM Rm 437 SH	DEAD	Testimony submitted		1356
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	5/22/25 1:35 PM Rm 211 COB	Carry over requested 5/23/25	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	DEAD	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	5/29/25 1:00 PM Rm 211 COB	Voted 5/29/25 ONTP / OTP-AM Not rpt out			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	DEAD	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	5/6/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 5/6/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out			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		4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	4/24/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	DEAD	Ryan testified_City submitted legislation		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	5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/23/25	Councilor Grant testified_City submitted legislation 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	Work session reconsidered 5/19/25	DEAD	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	4/24/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	DEAD	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	4/24/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	DEAD	Testimony submitted		1468

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1274	GA	An Act to Cap State General Assistance Reimbursement to Municipalities	Rep Faulkingham	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose	4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Work session reconsidered 4/28/25	DEAD	Will monitor this bill		862
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	5/21/25 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment OTP-AM Reported out 5/5/25			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	5/29/25 Public Law Ch. 147	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	5/13/25 Public Law Ch. 70			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	DEAD	Committee voted to support this bill. Testimony submitted		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		LTW Reported out 5/16/25	DEAD			196
1018	Healthcare	An Act to Protect Health Care for Rural and Underserved Areas by Prohibiting Discrimination by Participants in a Federal Drug Discount Program	Sen Bailey	HCIFS	Bill Text	Support	4/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 220 COB	5/8/25 9:00 AM Rm 220 COB	Voted 5/8/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		874
1687	Healthcare	An Act to Clarify and Increase Access to HIV Prevention Medications	Rep Moonen	HCIFS	Bill Text	Oppose	4/29/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	5/8/25 9:00 AM Rm 220 COB	Voted 5/8/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		2100
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	DEAD			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
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

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365	Housing	An Act to Respond to the Housing Affordability and Accessibility Crisis in Maine	Sen Curry	HED	Bill Text		5/14/25 1:15 PM Rm 334 SH	5/22/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Voted 5/22/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			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	DEAD			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	4/17/25 2:30 PM Rm 206 COB	DEAD	The City is gathering more information, the Portland Fire Dept would like to oppose.		2283
1036	Housing	An Act to Protect Recipients of Public Assistance from Housing Discrimination	Rep Rana	HED	Bill Text	Support	5/6/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	5/13/25 2:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Voted 5/13/25 MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		2111
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	5/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 206 COB	Voted 5/9/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted_City submitted legislation Kate, Rep. Lookner, and Greg - all in conversation about technical amendment		798
1385	Housing	An Act to Consider Municipalities Meeting Regional Housing Goals in Awarding Transportation Grants	Rep Gere	HED	Bill Text	Monitor	4/25/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	5/14/25 1:00 PM Rm 334 SH	DEAD			2163
1424	Housing	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 (Bond)	President Daughtry	AFA	Bill Text	Support	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Testimony submitted		1358
1443	Housing	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers (Emergency)	Sen Bennett	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/15/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			1363
1681	Housing	An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"	Rep Lookner	HED	Bill Text	Support	5/2/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	5/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 206 COB	OTP Reported out 5/29/25	Testimony submitted		1279
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	5/29/25 Public Law Ch. 130			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	3/21/25 Public Law Ch. 7			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	DEAD	Testimony submitted		818

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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
1641	Local Option Tax	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Implement a Local Option Sales Tax	Sen Nangle	TAX	Bill Text	Support		LTW Reported out 5/7/25	DEAD			1967
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		4/17/25 1:01 PM Rm 209 COB	5/20/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/20/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			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	5/26/25 Public Law Ch. 79			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	4/22/25 Public Law Ch. 33	Testimony submitted		939
30	Other	Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council (Title change)	President Daughtry	TRAN	Bill Text		3/4/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	4/15/25 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/28/25 Placed on the Special Highway Table pending Final Passage MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/5/25	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	5/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 5/12/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	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	Work session held 5/7/25	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 5/20/25			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	Voted 4/9/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			370

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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	5/21/25 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/12/25			525
159	Other	An Act to Require Motor Vehicle Certificates of Registration to Include a Space to List an Emergency Contact (Title change)	Rep Perkins	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 126 SH	3/25/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/29/25 Public Law Ch. 134	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	5/9/25 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH	Voted 5/12/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out			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	5/15/25 1:30 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 5/15/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			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	5/23/25 Public Law Ch. 100			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	DEAD			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	DEAD	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	5/1/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	Voted 5/1/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	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	5/19/25 11:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 5/19/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out			2267
572	Other	An Act to Improve Maine's Workers' Compensation Laws	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor		LTW Reported out 5/14/25	DEAD			2068

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573	Other	An Act to Improve Penalty Collection for Labor Protection Violations	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor		LTW Reported out 5/14/25	DEAD			2148
574	Other	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor			Carry over approved 5/19/25			2334
605	Other	An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	Rep Campbell	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor		5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Carry over approved 5/19/25			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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/22/25			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
698	Other	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	5/27/25 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending Enactment MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 5/20/25	Bernstein Shur will develop and deliver testimony unless the Mayor or City staff can testify.		205
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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 5/29/25	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	4/16/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 4/16/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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	DEAD	Testimony submitted		1684
1020	Other	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	Sen Brenner	TRAN	Bill Text	Support	4/3/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/7/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	Voted 5/7/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		1879

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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	DEAD	Testimony submitted		1522
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	4/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	5/9/25 Public Law Ch. 68	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	4/29/25 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Voted 4/29/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		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	DEAD	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	4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	DEAD	Testimony submitted		594
1244	Other	An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters	Rep Milliken	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Work session held 4/16/25	DEAD			2007
1287	Other	An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund	President Daughtry	HED	Bill Text	Support	4/25/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	5/1/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 5/30/25	Testimony submitted		1976
1399	Other	An Act to Allow Action Against a Person Violating the Confidentiality of an Executive Session of a Public Body or Agency	Rep Carlow	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose	4/11/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/23/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	DEAD	Will monitor this bill		2224
1410	Other	An Act to Provide Due Process in Confiscation and Destruction of Personal Items of Unhoused Persons	Rep Rana	JUD	Bill Text	NFNA	4/28/25 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	5/27/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	ONTP Reported out 5/29/25	Testimony submitted		2115
1423	Other	An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging	Sen Baldacci	ENR	Bill Text	Oppose	4/23/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	4/30/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Voted 4/30/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		987
1476	Other	An Act to Support Maine's Homeless Shelters by Imposing a Fee for Booking Hotels, Short-term Rentals and Recreational Vehicle Camping Reservations (Emergency)	Rep Copeland	HED	Bill Text	Support	5/2/25 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	5/14/25 1:00 PM Rm 334 SH	Voted 5/14/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		2392

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1479	Other	An Act to Protect Senior Homeowners in Home-sharing Agreements by Providing for an Expedited Eviction Process	Rep Smith	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	4/11/25 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH	5/5/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 5/5/25 A. ONTP B. OTP-AM C. Ref to HED Not rpt out			1241
1517	Other	An Act to Replace Participation Thresholds with Approval Thresholds in Certain School, Municipal and County Measures	Rep Sato	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/25 9:59 AM Rm 214 COB	5/12/25 11:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 5/12/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			1837
1633	Other	An Act to Promote the Recycling and Reuse of Construction Materials	Rep White	ENR	Bill Text	Support	4/28/25 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	5/7/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	DEAD	Testimony submitted		1302
1707	Other	An Act to Require a Person to Be a United States Citizen to Receive State or Local Financial Assistance and to Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws	Rep Greenwood	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose	5/2/25 11:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/16/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		1808
1400	PFML	An Act to Exempt Certain Public School Districts and Their Employees from the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program	Rep Carlow	LBR	Bill Text	Oppose	4/23/25 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	5/7/25 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 5/7/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		2088
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		5/6/25 3:00 PM Rm 127 SH	5/20/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Carry over requested 5/23/25			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	DEAD	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	DEAD	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	DEAD	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	Voted 4/15/25 MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		1003
1464	Property Tax	An Act to Provide for an Alternative Municipal Property Tax Assessment Rate	Rep Malon	TAX	Bill Text		5/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	5/15/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	Assessor recommended that the City not support this bill		2265

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1481	Property Tax	An Act to Amend the Law Governing Stabilization of Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older	Rep Parry	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	4/15/25 2:00 PM Rm 127 SH	5/15/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD			323
1665	Property Tax	An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families	Sen Carney	TAX	Bill Text	Support	5/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Work session held 5/22/25	Voted 5/22/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		1107
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	4/30/25 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending enactment MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/18/25	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	4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	DEAD			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	5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 5/15/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			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	DEAD	Testimony submitted		567
1177	Public Health	Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf (Title change)	Rep Gramlich	ENR	Bill Text	Oppose	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/30/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	5/27/25 Placed on the Special Appropriations Table pending Final Passage OTP-AM Reported out 5/21/25	Testimony submitted		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	5/7/25 2:00 PM Rm 214 COB	OTP Reported out 5/22/25	Ask corporate counsel		135
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	DEAD	Testimony submitted_ City submitted legislation		1249

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1024	Public Safety	An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance	Sen Haggan	CIPS	Bill Text	Oppose	3/31/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	4/9/25 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	DEAD	Written testimony, drafted by Council Sykes		1404
1259	Public Safety	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	Rep Rana	JUD	Bill Text	Support	5/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	5/30/25 2:00 PM Rm 438 SH		Testimony submitted		2275
1743	Public Safety	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Prohibit Firearms Within Their Municipal Buildings and Voting Places and at Their Municipal Public Proceedings	Rep Arford	JUD	Bill Text	Support	5/1/25 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	5/22/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 5/22/25 ONTP / OTP Not rpt out	Testimony submitted		932
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	4/15/25 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH	DEAD	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
1537	Revenue Sharing	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Lowering Property Taxes by Revising the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Program	Sen Nangle	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	5/1/25 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	5/15/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD			1500
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	DEAD	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	5/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	DEAD	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	DEAD	Testimony submitted Committee voted to oppose this bill.		548
1518	School Budget	An Act to Clarify the Amount and Use of Unallocated Balances in a School Administrative Unit Budget	Rep Frost	EDU	Bill Text	Monitor	4/29/25 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	5/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	DEAD			2405
318	School Funding	An Act Regarding School Funding and General Purpose Aid for Local Schools	Rep Brennan	EDU	Bill Text		5/16/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Work session held 5/16/25	Voted 5/16/25 OTP-AM Not rpt out			1718

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178	Step Therapy	An Act Regarding Coverage for Step Therapy for Metastatic Cancer (Title change)	Rep Mathieson	HCIFS	Bill Text		2/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 220 COB	2/12/25 1:00 PM Rm 220 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 5/23/25			578
1694	Tax	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Credit for Certain Disaster Mitigation Projects for Working Waterfront Property	Rep Riley	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	5/16/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	5/21/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Carry over requested 5/23/25			72
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	OTP-AM Reported out 5/22/25			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	Voted 4/18/25 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	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	4/15/25 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH	5/9/25 Public Law Ch. 66			132

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25	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects (Bond)
242	Bond	An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds
351	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Build a Warehouse for Goods and Cargo at Bangor International Airport
362	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Replenish the Land for Maine's Future Program
367	Bond	An Act to Authorize General Fund Bond Issues to Improve Highways, Bridges and Nonhighway Modes of Transportation
483	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Secure Prosperity for Maine Families and Businesses

506 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization
507 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund LifeFlight of Maine
560 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency (Bond)
690 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide Funding for Affordable and Low-income Housing Programs (Bond)
691 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Further Investment in Maine-based Businesses
762 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites
798 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Mass Timber Manufacturing
826 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund (Bond)

836 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings (Bond)
1014 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Develop Maine Talent and Innovation by Improving the Infrastructure of the University of Maine System
1140 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy
1424 Bond	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
1739 Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural Sector, to Create an Agricultural Buildings Property Tax Exemption and to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study Barriers to Its Financial Assistance Programs and Study the Potential for a Common Application for Those Programs

1912 Bond An Act Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Address Maine's
Housing Shortage

Current as of 5/20/25

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Sen Brenner	AFA	Bill Text
Sen Pierce	EDU	Bill Text
Sen Baldacci	AFA	Bill Text
Sen Black	AFA	Bill Text
Sen Farrin	AFA	Bill Text
Speaker Fecteau	AFA	Bill Text

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Sen Pierce	AFA	
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Summary

\$50,000,000, will be used for grants to assist municipalities, quasi-municipal entities and unorganized townships with wastewater treatment facility planning and construction of infrastructure projects facilitating proper management and disposal of wastewater sludge or biosolids.

Amends the provisions of law governing the borrowing power belonging to school administrative districts and regional school unit boards. The bill amends the provisions governing temporary notes issued in anticipation of a sale of school construction bonds to extend the time period that applies when bonds are issued to fund temporary notes from a maximum period of 25 years to a maximum period of 30 years.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to to build a temperature-controlled international warehouse for goods and cargo at Bangor International Airport.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used by the Land for Maine's Future Board for the acquisition of land and interest in land for conservation; water access; wildlife or fish habitat including deer wintering areas; outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing; working farmland preservation; and working waterfront preservation.

The funds provided in Part A by this bond issue, put out to referendum in November 2025, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funding for improvements to roads and bridges and nonhighway modes of transportation. The funds provided in Part B by this bond issue, put out to referendum in November 2026, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funding for improvements to roads and bridges and nonhighway modes of transportation.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$300,000,000, will be used to support the State's tax credit for affordable housing and the Maine State Housing Authority's rural affordable housing rental program and first-time homebuyer program, create child care-public school partnerships for children up to 4 years of age and child care-private industry partnerships and expand residential public water and public sewer systems.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development and commercialization as prioritized by the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board's most recent innovation economy action plan and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation's most recent science and technology action plan. The funds must be allocated in support of technological innovation leading to commercialization in the targeted sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, environmental and renewable energy technology, information technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, aquaculture and marine technology, composites and advanced materials and precision manufacturing. The funds must be awarded through a competitive process and to Maine-based public and private institutions to leverage matching private and federal funds on at least a one-to-one basis.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$13,485,000, will be used to improve emergency aviation infrastructure, including hospital helipads, fuel systems, automated weather observation systems, communications systems and emergency transport, to improve the safety of and access to critical emergency medical services.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$75,000,000, will be used for grants for county, municipal and tribal governments, as well as regional councils, to improve their coastal climate resiliency and upgrade their engineered beaches.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to support the Maine State Housing Authority's programs for rural rentals, the low-income housing tax credit, affordable homeownership and home repairs, with 20% of the funding provided to the rural affordable housing rental program, the low-income housing tax credit program and the affordable homeownership program made available for projects using or involving modular construction.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used for the Small Enterprise Growth Fund to support operations and make direct investments into small, independent Maine companies in order to accelerate their growth and enable additional investment programs aimed at providing financing for a wider array of businesses.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$18,000,000, will be used to fund the capital costs associated with the ongoing maintenance, preservation and promotion of state historic sites.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to help finance the design and construction or the retrofitting of a manufacturing facility to produce mass timber in the State using sustainably harvested Maine forest products.

This bill provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, to capitalize the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund, which the bill establishes to support energy and energy efficiency projects in Maine schools to be administered by the Department of Education.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to improve infrastructure at all University of Maine System campuses to enhance education and economic development activities and meet the needs of Maine employers for more skilled workers and research-driven innovation.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$45,000,000, will be used to strengthen and expand infrastructure investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products economy; to support the State's dairy sector; to protect working farmland; and for farmer disaster relief.

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used by the Maine State Housing Authority to finance workforce housing in the State's opportunity zones through its Affordable Homeownership Program. Part B directs the Maine State Housing Authority to change the income limit of homebuyers participating in the Affordable Homeownership Program from 120% to 150% of the area median income in all counties outside of Cumberland, Sagadahoc and York. It also allows the authority to require leveraged funds.

This bill does the following. 1. The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$55,600,000, will be used to support the agricultural sector in the State. 2. Part B establishes a property tax exemption for certain agricultural and horticultural structures and buildings. 3. Part C requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to direct staff of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to study the bureau's financial assistance programs for farmers and food producers to identify barriers to accessing these programs and methods to eliminate those barriers and increase the effectiveness of the programs in addressing farmer and food producer needs. The study must also include an examination of how to create a simple common application for all of the department's financial assistance programs. The commissioner is required to submit a report by January 15, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters, which may report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Part A funds, in the amount of \$60,000,000, will be used for the Innovative Housing Incentive Program to support manufacturers of manufactured and other innovative housing in the by providing grants for operating expenses, manufacture of affordable and energy-efficient housing and low-interest loans to develop new factories or expand existing factories by apitalizing the Home Accessibility and Repair Program Fund, provide funds to support theHousing Authority's home accessibility and repair program by capitalizing the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund, provide funds for the Weatherization Plus program to provide grants to eligible low-income households for weatherization readiness and weatherization projects and provide funds to support a pilot program to issue grants to nonprofit housing developers to rehabilitate existing aging housing stock in the State for purchase by qualified first-time home buyers.

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