

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - December
15, 2025 Agenda**
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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 - September 26, 2025

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review LD List and Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting**
October 6, 2025



MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Ben Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 am. In attendance were Mayor Mark Dion, Councilor Kate Sykes, Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, Representative Grayson Lookner, Representative Dylan Pugh, City Manager Danielle West, Special Assistant to the City Manager Max Wilder, Police Chief Mark Dubois, Associate Counsel Nicole Albert, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur)

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mayor Mark Dion made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Mayor Dion vote (2-0)

III. Legislative Update

- a. Legislative Update (Bernstein Shur)
- b. Discussion of Legislative Priorities

IV. Other Business

- a. General Assistance

V. Adjournment

Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Sykes seconded by Mayor Dion vote (2-0, Grant absent). The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 am.

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		Carried over 6/25/25			160
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		Carried over 6/25/25	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		Carried over 6/25/25	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		Carried over 6/25/25	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		Carried over 6/25/25	Bernstein Shur is to monitor.		1677
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	9/18/25 10:00 AM Rm 211 COB	Tabled 9/18/25	Written testimony in opposition submitted Troy Moon reports possible \$1M loss to City		75
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	Carried over 6/25/25	Councilor Grant testified_City submitted legislation Meeting requested by Sen. Talbot Ross	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	Carried over 6/25/25			176
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	Carried over 6/25/25			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	Carried over 6/25/25			612
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		Carried over 6/25/25	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	Carried over 6/25/25			1363

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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	9/9/25 2:15 PM Rm 209 COB	ONTP Reported out 9/16/25			241
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	Carried over 6/25/25	Monitor; Defer to school board		233
245	Other	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State (Emergency)	Sen Ross	CIPS	Bill Text		2/10/25 10:30 AM Rm 436 SH	5/15/25 1:30 PM Rm 436 SH	7/8/25 Held by the Governor			202
574	Other	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State	Sen Tipping	LBR	Bill Text	Monitor			Carried over 6/25/25			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	Carried over 6/25/25			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	Carried over 6/25/25			816
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	Carried over 6/25/25	Staff to research before taking a position		1179
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	Carried over 6/25/25			1411
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	Carried over 6/25/25	Testimony submitted		1107
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	Carried over 6/25/25	Testimony submitted		1210
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	6/4/25 2:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Carried over 6/25/25	Testimony submitted		2275
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	Carried over 6/25/25			72
		An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Building Permits, Dwelling Units Permitted and Demolished and Certificates of Occupancy Issued	Rep Gere									2639
		An Act to Enhance the Safety of Public Transit Bus Operators Through the Installation of Vehicle Security Barriers	Sen Pierce									2647

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		An Act to Enhance the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officers	Rep Faircloth									2650
		An Act to Stabilize Emergency Shelter Funding	Rep Gattine									2746
		An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units	Rep Collamore									2757
		An Act to Expand Reimbursement for On-scene Medical Treatment, Community Paramedicine and Transport to a Medical Facility That Is Not an Emergency Department	Rep DeBrito									2793
		An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper	Sen Black									2804
		An Act to Assist Communities with Repurposing Vacant School Buildings into Housing	Rep Gere									2846
		An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Lots Accessible to the Public	Sen Nangle									2938
		An Act to Improve Constitutional Protections Against Unreasonable Search and Seizure in Public Schools and Public Health Facilities	Rep Sato									2939



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: December 11, 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 2042 (SP831)
An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide
Public Notice in a Newspaper



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From: Bernstein Shur
Date: December 8, 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 1996 (SP809)
An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing
General Assistance

LD 2018 (HP1348)
An Act to Amend the Requirements Governing Self-insurance Plans in
the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program