

**Legislative/Nominating  
Committee Meeting - February  
10, 2026 Agenda**  
February 10, 2026



**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 - January 13, 2026

**III. Legislative Update**

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

**IV. Other Business**

- a. LD 2106 - An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review
- b. LD 2196 - An Act to Lower Health Insurance Costs, Reduce Barriers to Health Care and Ensure Fair Prices for Health Care (Human Resources)
- c. LD 2124 - An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax (Health & Human Services)
- d. LD 2040 - An Act to Survey Food Insecurity in Maine (Health & Human Services)
- e. LD 2135 - An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed (Health & Human Services)
- f. LD 2112 - An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity (Sustainability)
- g. LD 2119 - An Act to Expand Reimbursement for Treatment in Place, Community Paramedicine and Alternate Destination Transport (Fire Department)

**V. Adjournment**



**Legislative/Nominating  
Committee Meeting**  
December 15, 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 Ben Grant, Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, City Manager Danielle West, Special Assistant to the City Manager Max Wilder, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).*

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Mayor Dion made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).*

**III. Legislative Update**

- a. Follow-up from December 15, 2025 Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting
- b. Review LD List and Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

*Mayor Dion made a motion to support LD 2051; moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).*

*Mayor Dion made a motion to add LD 1870 to the tracker, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).*

**IV. Other Business**

**V. Adjournment**

*Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Grant seconded by Councilor Sykes vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 am.*



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# Memorandum

**To:** Portland, City of  
**From:** Bernstein Shur  
**Date:** February 4, 2026  
**Re:** New Legislative Bills Report

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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.

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**LD 2119** (HP1434)  
An Act to Expand Reimbursement for Treatment in Place, Community  
Paramedicine and Alternate Destination Transport



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# Memorandum

**To:** Portland, City of  
**From:** Bernstein Shur  
**Date:** January 14, 2026  
**Re:** New Legislative Bills Report

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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.

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**LD 2164** (HP1453)  
An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing

LD #	Category	Bill Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Notes	Priority	LR #
<a href="#">25</a>	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	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Carried over 6/25/25		160
<a href="#">560</a>	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency (Bond)	Sen Bailey	AFA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Testimony submitted Carried over 6/25/25		1923
<a href="#">690</a>	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide Funding for Affordable and Low-income Housing Programs (Bond)	Sen Pierce	AFA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH			Testimony submitted Carried over 6/25/25		308
<a href="#">826</a>	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Establish the School Energy Savings Revolving Loan Fund (Bond)	Sen Pierce	AFA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		4/17/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Chair Lentz is researching. Carried over 6/25/25		1987
<a href="#">836</a>	Bond	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings (Bond)	President Daughtry	AFA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	4/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bernstein Shur is to monitor. Carried over 6/25/25		1677
<a href="#">32</a>	Energy	An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing	Sen Guerin	EUT	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Oppose	2/27/25 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB	1/6/26 10:00 AM Rm 211 COB	Voted 1/6/26 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Not rpt out	Written testimony in opposition submitted Troy Moon reports possible \$1M loss to City Carried over 6/25/25		75
<a href="#">1017</a>	GA	An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement	Sen Talbot Ross	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		4/7/25 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB		Councilor Grant testified_City submitted legislation Meeting requested by Sen. Talbot Ross Carried over 6/25/25	Yes	2300
<a href="#">1996</a>	GA	An Act to Clarify Responsibilities of the State in the Laws Governing General Assistance	Sen Ingwersen	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/29/26 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			LNC voted to add to tracker and lobbying team will research		2801
<a href="#">111</a>	Health Insurance	An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance (Emergency)	Rep Dodge	LBR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	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
<a href="#">140</a>	Homestead Tax	An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Sen Baldacci	TAX	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		3/19/25 9:30 AM Rm 127 COB	4/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 COB		Carried over 6/25/25		354
<a href="#">264</a>	Homestead Tax	An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Rep Hepler	TAX	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		3/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH		1/13/26: Staff recommended NFNA and LNC's position, to monitor 12/15, LNC has not yet taken a position; staff will provide feedback Carried over 6/25/25		612

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<a href="#">438</a>	Homestead Tax	An Act to Allow Municipalities to Limit Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions	Rep Hymes	TAX	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		5/6/25 3:00 PM Rm 127 SH	1/8/26 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	12/15, LNC has not yet taken a position; lobbying team will take stock and follow up  Carried over 6/25/25		1411
<a href="#">1424</a>	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	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	4/10/25 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Testimony submitted  Carried over 6/25/25		1358
<a href="#">1443</a>	Housing	An Act to Ensure the Financial Stability of Behavioral Health Service Providers and Housing Assistance Providers (Emergency)	Sen Bennett	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	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
<a href="#">2135</a>	Housing	An Act to Provide Funding to Keep Maine Veterans Housed	Sen Nangle	VLA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Track/ Monitor	1/21/26 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH			1/13/26: Landlord incentives for housing veterans		2883
<a href="#">2164</a>	Housing	An Act to Assist Communities with Converting Vacant School Buildings into Housing	Rep Gere	HED	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>							2846
<a href="#">2173</a>	Housing	An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Housing Developments and Accessory Dwelling Units (Emergency)	Rep Collamore	HED	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>							2757
<a href="#">35</a>	MaineCare	An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services (Emergency)	Sen Curry	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		4/17/25 1:01 PM Rm 209 COB	9/9/25 2:15 PM Rm 209 COB	ONTP Reported out 9/16/25	Carried over 6/25/25		241
<a href="#">34</a>	Other	An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers	Sen Pierce	EDU	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Monitor	2/26/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	5/12/25 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		Monitor; Defer to school board  Carried over 6/25/25		233
<a href="#">245</a>	Other	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State (Emergency)	Sen Ross	CJPS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		2/10/25 10:30 AM Rm 436 SH	5/15/25 1:30 PM Rm 436 SH	<a href="#">1/11/26 Public Law Ch. 520</a>	Held by the Governor 7/8/25		202
<a href="#">574</a>	Other	An Act to Improve Labor Conditions for Workers in the State	Sen Tipping	LBR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Monitor				Carried over 6/25/25		2334
<a href="#">605</a>	Other	An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	Rep Campbell	ENR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Monitor		5/15/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Tabled 5/15/25	Carried over 6/25/25		7
<a href="#">634</a>	Other	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates	Rep Tuell	SLG	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	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
<a href="#">799</a>	Other	An Act to Report Gender Wage Gaps	Rep Roeder	LBR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		3/12/25 10:30 AM Rm 202 COB	3/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB		Staff to research before taking a position  Carried over 6/25/25		1179

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<a href="#">1870</a>	Other	An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters	Sen Brenner	ENR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		5/5/25 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	1/28/26 10:30 AM Rm 216 COB	Voted 1/28/26 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Not rpt out	Carried over 6/25/25		2359
<a href="#">2040</a>	Other	An Act to Survey Food Insecurity in Maine	Rep Pluecker	ACF	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/7/26 2:00 PM Rm 214 COB	1/27/26 2:00 PM Rm 214 COB	Voted 1/27/26 OTP-AM Not rpt out	1/13/26: Consistency in info re food insecurity		2744
<a href="#">2051</a>	Other	An Act to Ensure Access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Maine	Rep Pluecker	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/14/26 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			1/13/26: SNAP for lawfully present immigrants; Maggie preparing testimony for Mark's signature		2773
<a href="#">2079</a>	Other	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Municipal Reporting on Residential Buildings	Rep Gere	HED	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/20/26 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	1/27/26 1:00 PM Rm 206 COB	Voted 1/27/26 MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Not rpt out			2639
<a href="#">2106</a>	Other	An Act to Prohibit the Disclosure of Nonpublic Records Without Proper Judicial Review (Emergency)	Rep Sato	JUD	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/29/26 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	2/5/26 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH				2939
<a href="#">2119</a>	Other	An Act to Expand Reimbursement for Treatment in Place, Community Paramedicine and Alternate Destination Transport	Rep DeBrito	HHS	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		2/11/26 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB					2793
<a href="#">2137</a>	Other	An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public (Emergency)	Sen Nangle	TRA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/22/26 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH			1/13/26: Lobbying team to investigate bill		2938
<a href="#">1665</a>	Property Tax	An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Families	Sen Carney	TAX	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	5/1/25 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Work session reconsidered 5/22/25		Testimony submitted Carried over 6/25/25		1107
<a href="#">1177</a>	Public Health	Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf (Title change)	Rep Gramlich	ENR	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Oppose	4/9/25 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/30/25 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB		Testimony submitted Carried over 6/25/25		1210
<a href="#">2042</a>	Public Notice	An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper	Sen Black	SLG	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/21/26 11:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/4/26 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB		1/13/26: Staff recommendation is to support and that is now the COP position; lobbying team will develop testimony in support of LD 2042  12/15/25, LNC has not yet taken a position; staff will provide feedback		2804
<a href="#">1259</a>	Public Safety	An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement	Rep Rana	JUD	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	5/19/25 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	6/4/25 2:00 PM Rm 438 SH		Testimony submitted Carried over 6/25/25		2275
<a href="#">2062</a>	Safety	An Act to Enhance the Safety of Public Transit Bus Operators Through the Installation of Vehicle Security Barriers	Sen Pierce	TRA	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/15/26 10:00 AM Rm 126 SH	1/29/26 10:30 AM Rm 126 SH	Voted 1/29/26 OTP-AM Not rpt out			2647

LD #	Category	Bill Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Notes	Priority	LR #
<a href="#">2121</a>	Safety	An Act to Enhance the Safety of Judicial and Elected Officials, Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor by Allowing Certain Personal Information to Be Removed from Designated Public Records	Rep Faircloth	JUD	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>		1/20/26 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH					2650
<a href="#">1892</a>	School Construction	An Act to Establish Procedures for School Construction Projects	Rep Brennan	EDU	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Support	5/9/25 10:30 AM Rm 208 COB	1/21/26 10:01 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 1/21/26	1/13/26: Testimony support-lobbying team to work with COP on testimony  Carried over 6/25/25		903
<a href="#">2124</a>	Shelter	An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax	Rep Gattine	HED	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>					1/13/26: Investigate impact of LD 2124, re: public records		2746
<a href="#">1694</a>	Tax	An Act to Provide an Income Tax Credit for Certain Disaster Mitigation Projects for Working Waterfront Property	Rep Riley	TAX	<a href="#">Bill Text</a>	Monitor	5/16/25 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	1/8/26 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	Carried over 6/25/25		72