



Remote Legislative & Nominating Committee Meeting

February 2, 2021
8:00 AM

AGENDA

I. ZOOM Information:

The Legislative Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:00 AM. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom. Virtual meetings are allowed using emergency legislation approved by LD 2167; 1 M.R.S. §403A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online.

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- a. January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Review of new bills and Legislative Tracker

- a. New Legislative Bills Report
- b. Legislative Tracking Report

V. Discussion re: Comment to ENR Committee and tank emissions legislation

VI. Review of 2021 Work Plan

VII. Adjournment



Legislative Committee January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The January 26, 2021 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor April Fournier, Mayor Kate Snyder, Jon Jennings (City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Roberto Rodriguez (School Board Chair) were present.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 26, 2021, seconded by Mayor Snyder, no amendments, vote 3-0.

Kate Knox provided the committee with an update from the State Legislation. She stated that the committees have started to meet again and that bills are slowly getting printed. The appropriation group is working through the supplemental budget and that Governor Mills budget proposal to tax PPP loans are not in alignment with the Federal government. Mayor Snyder asked for a refresher about the PPP loans, if the first round of PPP loans were subjected to State income tax. Kate Knox believed this is the first round of PPP Loans and offered some clarification but will follow up with the Mayor in regards to the federal guidance about taking PPP loans.

Kate Knox reviewed the list of new bills with the Committee. Members agreed for her to continue monitoring the following bills:

- LD132 An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine
- LD135 An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs
- LD148 An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting
- LD163 An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws
- LD175 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters
- LD179 An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax

- LD183 An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide

Kate Knox will touch base with the Director of Portland Water District in regards to LD129 (Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants).

Mr. Jennings recommended for LD 137 to be reviewed by Mrs. Gina Tapp, City of Portland, HR Director. Dena to follow up.

Kathy Jones gave feedback in regard to LD 148, stating the City of Portland pilot-tested it in 2010 and there were multiple issues that came out of it, such as ballots sent to people who had moved and ballots received from people who weren't registered. Alysia mentioned that the State is working on creating synergy between the State and municipalities for a faster process when it comes to change of addresses.

Mr. Jennings will review LD 150 (An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site) and LD 181 (An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research) with staff and report back.

Kate Knox to contact Dan Haley in regard to LD 152 (An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters) and recommended that Corporation Counsel review LD 155 (Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use) to make sure it doesn't change the City's pesticide ordinance.

Dena provided feedback in regard to LD 183 (An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday), stating that the cost to the City is about 250,000.00 per every additional paid holiday added.

The committee agreed for the following bills to be monitored by the School Department:

- LD 156 An Act To Promote School Attendance by Exempting Virtual Public Charter School and Private School Students from Immunization Requirements
- LD 176 An Act To Facilitate a Grade 9 to 16 School Project

The Committee will continue monitoring the above bills only if they hear back from the School Department regarding their prioritization..

Kathy Jones inquired about LD 186, which bill was not listed to be discussed at this meeting. All members of the committee expressed their opposition to the bill. Alysia mentioned that the bill is going to the Transportation Committee and suggested for the bill to be flagged to Senator Chipman and asked him to let us know if it is going anywhere. Kate Knox will send the bill to Dena to circulate.

Alysia gave an update about a public hearing on two election bills to allow municipalities that conduct their own elections to begin to process ballots on the seventh day instead of the fourth day immediately prior to Election Day, extending it by three days. The hearing will be happening on Monday. Kathy Jones stated that this will be very helpful to be able to start the process three days earlier. The Committee agreed for Bernstein Shur to weigh in on the subject.

Dena provided feedback from the staff that was requested by the Committee and Bernstein Shur in regards to the following bills:

- **LD 57 (An Act to Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste):** Public Works is supportive of it and has worked closely with EcoMaine.
- **LD 58 (An Act to Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating Child or Adult Abuse):** The Police Department is very supportive of it.
- **LD 69 (An Act to Reduce Duplicative Permitting Reviews for Projects Under the Site Location of Development Laws):** Permitting Department said it will not have any negative impact.
- **LD 81 (An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods):** Little to no impact in City-run shelters. Positive change for the teen shelters run by Preble Street and their guests.

- **LD 100 (An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday):** Flagged by staff due to the potential cost of it, about 250,000.00. Kathy Jones was concerned about the post office, especially during elections, although Kate Knox confirmed this bill would not result in post office closure
- **LD 102 (An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots) and LD 112 (An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period):** Kathy Jones said her staff will appreciate the extra time and was supportive of both bills
- **LD 108 (An Act To Improve Public Safety by Repealing the Single-use Plastic Carry out Bag Ban):** Per feedback provided by Corporation Counsel, this will not preclude the City own locally run program.

Mr. Jennings asked for clarification in regards to LD 69 that there will not be any loss to the City.

Chairman Councilor Ali moved forward to discuss the Legislative Committee Work Plan, scheduled to be discussed in the City Council workshop scheduled for later in the day.

Chairman Councilor Ali confirmed with the Committee members that there will not be any amendments done to the work plan, and that he will be presenting the work plan in tonight's council workshop. Mayor Snyder made a motion and it was second by Councilor Fournier. Vote 3-0

Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Fournier, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: January 29, 2021
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 189](#) (SP77)
An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies

[LD 191](#) (SP79)
An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes

[LD 192](#) (SP80)
An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads

[LD 194](#) (SP82)
An Act To Prohibit Contributions, Expenditures and Participation by Foreign Government-owned Entities To Influence Referenda

[LD 197](#) (SP85)
Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds

[LD 198](#) (SP86)

An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils

[LD 202](#) (SP91)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting

[LD 205](#) (SP94)

An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go

[LD 206](#) (HP141)

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 234: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

[LD 208](#) (HP143)

An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots

[LD 211](#) (HP146)

An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

[LD 242](#) (SP103)

An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

[LD 244](#) (SP105)

An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law

[LD 250](#) (HP171)

An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds

[LD 253](#) (HP174)

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

[LD 256](#) (HP177)

An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees

[LD 258](#) (HP179)

An Act To Expand Eligibility for Special Emergency Medical Services Registration Plates to Ambulance Operators

[LD 259](#) (HP180)

An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management

[LD 261](#) (HP182)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study Truancy Trends in the State and Develop Recommendations for Increasing Student Attendance and Reducing Truancy

[LD 264](#) (HP185)

An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

[LD 269](#) (SP120)

An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters

[LD 270](#) (SP121)

An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries

[LD 278](#) (HP194)

An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to Mandated Instruction or Training for Students

[LD 281](#)

(HP197)

An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps

[LD 286](#)

(HP202)

An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday

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<u>24</u>	185	An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death	Carney	HHS	This bill amends the laws regulating certificates of birth, marriage and death. It clarifies that the signatures on a marriage license of the parties to the intended marriage may be obtained at the issuance of the license or at the time the marriage is solemnized. It requires that when a death or marriage occurs in an unincorporated place, it must be recorded or registered in the electronic registration system. It also clarifies that a birth certificate may be amended by the replacement of a genetic parent. The bill also corrects a conflict created by Public Law 2019, chapters 82 and 340, which affected the same provision of law, by incorporating the changes made by both laws.	Monitor - city staff to check	2/10/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Certificates	
<u>32</u>	325	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	Stewart	JUD	This bill authorizes municipal, county and school boards to adopt a policy allowing members of the body to participate remotely in a public proceeding. It extends the same authority to the University of Maine System, Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Community College System and other state and regional boards and commissions. Under the policy, a public body may allow the public to attend and observe via remote means. If the public may attend remotely, the notice of the public proceeding must inform the public how to attend remotely. Unless the only way for the public to attend is by remote means, the notice must also identify the location where the public can attend in person.	Support	2/2/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH			Public meetings	

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<u>37</u>	336	An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program (Emergency)	Libby	LH	This bill amends language contained in Public Law 2019, chapter 446 governing contributions under the open enrollment provisions of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. Currently, the law requires a person hired on or after October 1, 2019 to enroll no later than 5 years after hire, conditioned on the enrollment and eligibility requirements of the applicable health plan; this bill removes that condition. The bill also changes the percentage of gross wages for contributions and the time period during which contributions of gross percentages must be made. The bill removes the requirement of 60 months of contributions by enrollees. The bill also changes the State's payment of certain premium subsidies from payment to the plan to payment directly to enrollees. The amendments to the open enrollment provisions are retroactive to September 19, 2019, and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Human Resources, office of employee health and benefits is required to ensure correct contribution amounts for those who enrolled between September 19, 2019 and the effective date of this legislation.	Monitor - city staff to check	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Insurance	
<u>39</u>	539	An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban	Guerin	ENR	This bill repeals the law restricting the use of single-use carry-out plastic bags by retail stores and instead allows a retailer to use plastic bags to bag products at the point of retail sale if the retailer locates inside the store or within 20 feet of the main entrance to the store a receptacle for collecting any used plastic bags and ensures that the plastic bags collected are recycled or delivered to a person engaged in recycling plastics.	Monitor				Plastic bags	

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<u>44</u>	428	An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund	Pierce	ECA	This bill establishes the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund and requires the Commissioner of Education to use the fund to encourage the facilitation of high-quality summer success pilot programs in school administrative units throughout the State and does the following: 1. It provides that the fund is established as a General Fund carrying account within the Department of Education to be directed and administered by the commissioner and held by the Treasurer of State and that only General Fund appropriations may be paid into the fund; 2. It requires the commissioner to establish standards and approval for the allocation and use of fund money for summer success pilot programs offered at elementary and secondary schools in the State. It also allows the commissioner to include the following in the standards: A. Guidelines similar to those of the federal 21st Century Community Learning Centers program to close the achievement gap between high-performing and low38 performing students; B. Effective models of summer success programs that involve networking and partnerships with community-based organizations that provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development; and C. Implementation of the formative and summative assessment methods to measure student achievement in order to monitor the progress of students participating in summer		2/8/21 10:00 AM RM 208 COB			School	
<u>47</u>	269	An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics	Brennan	HHS	This bill provides one-time funding to support free health clinics in the State.		2/10/21 1:00 PM RM 209 COB			Health	

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<u>48</u>	270	Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Request a Waiver Relating to Support Services and To Provide Funds To Prevent Homelessness	Brennan	HHS	This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver from the requirements of federal law and regulations to allow Maine to provide Medicaid-funded direct support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition, the resolve provides ongoing funds to the Housing First Assistance Program established within the Maine State Housing Authority to be distributed to community action agencies to assist individuals on the verge of becoming homeless.					Support services	
<u>49</u>	271	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to improve waterfront and coastal infrastructure in municipalities to address sea level rise.					Bond	
<u>50</u>	272	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used for capital construction costs for housing for persons who are homeless.					Bond	

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<u>52</u>	278	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers	Brennan	LH	Current law provides that public employers of teachers must meet and consult but not negotiate with respect to educational policies. This bill provides that educational policies related to preparation and planning time and transfer of teachers are permissive subjects of negotiation if both parties agree. This bill also specifies the obligation of public employers of teachers regarding the meet and consult process. It is the intent of the amendment to put in statute the meet and consult process as outlined in Southern Aroostook Teachers Association v. Southern Aroostook Community School Committee, MLRB No. 80-35, 80-40 (April 14, 1982). In addition, the bill provides that the bargaining agent may initiate the meet and consult process by notifying the public employer of teachers when an existing educational policy of the public employer of teachers is changed by practice or if the written notice required from the public employer of teachers is inadvertently omitted.					School	
<u>55</u>	261	An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized Religious Holiday	Fecteau	ECA	This bill removes the requirement for prior approval for a school absence for a recognized religious holiday.		2/8/21 10:00 AM RM 208 COB			School	
<u>57</u>	279	An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste	Tucker	ENR	This bill repeals the existing \$2 per ton municipal solid waste surcharge statute in the laws governing solid waste management. It also amends the State's waste handling fee statute to impose a \$1 per ton disposal fee on all municipal solid waste disposed of at a commercial, municipal, state-owned or regional association landfill.	Monitor				Landfill	

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<u>58</u>	105	An Act To Improve Information Sharing by Criminal Justice Agencies with Government Agencies Responsible for Investigating Child or Adult Abuse	Harnett	CJPS	This bill expands the authority of criminal justice agencies to share confidential intelligence and investigative record information with government agencies responsible for the investigation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of children or incapacitated or dependent adults.	Monitor	2/10/21 10:00 AM RM 436 SH			Information sharing	
<u>68</u>	724	An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level	Crockett	ECA	This bill requires school administrative units operating a secondary school to offer a career and fiscal management course to students.					School	
<u>69</u>	136	An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws	Tucker	ENR	Under current law, a structure that is from 3 acres to 7 acres is exempt from review under the site location of development laws if certain criteria are met. This bill changes the upper acreage limit from 7 acres to 10 acres.					Permitting	
<u>70</u>	309	An Act To Allow a Parent or Guardian of a Student Who Has Been Affected by COVID-19 To Keep the Student in the Student's Current Grade Level (Emergency)	Fecteau	ECA	This bill allows a parent or legal guardian of a student to request, by written notice to the principal of the student's school or to the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the student attends school, that the student not be promoted to the next grade level or graduated due to the various effects of COVID-19 and the related pandemic on the student's learning during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. It requires the principal or superintendent to approve the request as long as the student's school can accommodate adding the student to the affected grade level.					School	
<u>73</u>	9	An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Allow Harbor Masters and Deputy Harbor Masters To Use Red and White Auxiliary Lights and Sirens When Responding to Emergencies	McCreight	TRAN	This bill allows a municipality to authorize a harbor master or deputy harbor master to use a siren and a combination of red and white auxiliary lights on a vehicle when responding to a watercraft emergency.		1/26/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	2/2/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH		Harbor	

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<u>81</u>	70	An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods	Meyer	HHS	This bill amends the laws governing facilities for children. It amends the definition of "emergency children's shelter" to extend placement from 30 consecutive days or less to 60 consecutive days or less, and it amends the definition of "shelter for homeless children" to extend the limit on overnight lodging and supervision from 30 consecutive overnights to 60 consecutive overnights.	Monitor	2/11/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Shelter	
<u>84</u>	322	An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers (Emergency)	Faulkingham	ECA	This bill requires the State to pay 55% of a retired teacher's share of the premium for group accident and sickness or health insurance after June 30, 2021. It also removes some outdated language.					Insurance	
<u>87</u>	1961	An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy	Tucker	ENR	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to implement strategies in the state climate action plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions through a variety of high-priority, cost-effective measures that will help strengthen the State's economy.					Environment	
<u>94</u>	253	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Exempt Volunteer Firefighters from Paying Excise Tax on Their Vehicles Used To Respond to Fire Calls	Doudera	TAX	This bill authorizes municipalities to adopt an ordinance extending a vehicle excise tax exemption to volunteer firefighters.					Tax	
<u>96</u>	22	An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions	Faulkingham	ECA	Current law allows a student covered by an individualized education plan who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021 to continue to attend school after September 1, 2021 without being immunized as long as certain statements regarding acknowledgement of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize are provided. This bill extends that exemption to any student who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021.					School	

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<u>97</u>	219	An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union	Faulkingham	LH	This bill prohibits a person, either in the public or private sector, from being required to join a labor organization or pay any labor organization dues or fees as a condition of employment or continuation of employment, notwithstanding any state law to the contrary. A violation is a Class D crime and is also subject to civil damages and injunctive relief. The Attorney General is responsible for enforcement and is required to prosecute all violations.					Union	
<u>100</u>	468	An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday	Moriarty	SLG	This bill designates Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, as a state holiday in any year in which the President of the United States is elected.	Monitor	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Holiday	
<u>102</u>	467	An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots	Moriarty	VLA	Current law allows a municipality or jurisdiction that conducts its own elections to process absentee ballots beginning on the 4th day immediately prior to election day. This bill allows a municipality or jurisdiction to process absentee ballots beginning on the 7th day immediately prior to election day.	Testify in support	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Ballots	
<u>111</u>	474	An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty	Tuell	LH	This bill allows teachers and school administrators in service after 35 years of creditable service to retire and collect retirement benefits without penalty. It also requires that a reemployed retired teacher or retired school administrator pay the same employee contribution rate to the retirement system as is required for the position if the position were filled by an employee who is not retired.		2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			School	

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<u>112</u>	657	An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period	Roberts	VLA	Current law allows a municipality or jurisdiction that conducts its own elections to process absentee ballots beginning on the 4th day immediately prior to election day. This bill allows a municipality or jurisdiction to process absentee ballots beginning on the 7th day immediately prior to election day.	Testify in support	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Ballots	
<u>129</u>	405	Resolve, To Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants	Stewart	HHS	The purpose of this resolve is to adopt measures to protect consumers of public drinking water in Maine from potential health impacts associated with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS. The resolve requires community water systems and schools and child care facilities regulated as nontransient, noncommunity water systems to conduct monitoring for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. If the monitoring results detect the presence of perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid or perfluoroheptanoic acid at a level in excess of an interim standard, the water system is required to conduct additional monitoring. The resolve also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake rulemaking to establish an enforceable maximum contaminant level for the 5 PFAS by June 1, 2024, which can include adoption of a federal maximum contaminant level if one is available and at least as restrictive as the interim standard.	BSSN reach out to Water Dist	2/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Water	

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<u>132</u>	151	An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine	Talbot Ross	JUD	This bill requires all law enforcement agencies, beginning July 1, 2023, to collect information about each person stopped for a traffic violation. The information must include the characteristics of race, color, ethnicity, gender and age of those persons. The identification of such characteristics must be based on the observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for reporting the stop. The person stopped may not be required to provide the information. The information must also include whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest was made or a search was conducted as a result of the stop. Each law enforcement agency must report the information to the Attorney General, who is required to report the information, along with analysis and any recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and criminal justice and public safety matters beginning January 15, 2024 and annually thereafter. The report must be made available to the public. The Attorney General is directed to adopt rules governing the recording, retention and reporting of the information. In adopting the rules, the Attorney General must consult with the Commissioner of Public Safety and other interested parties, including law enforcement agencies and community, professional, research, civil liberties and civil rights organizations and persons with lived experience of being profiled. The Attorney General must ensure that the parties consulted represent the racial and ethnic diversity of the State. The name and personally identifiable information of a law	Monitor	2/11/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH			Profiling	
<u>133</u>	930	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Crockett	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used for the rehabilitation or new construction of fire stations by municipalities.	Support				Bond	
<u>135</u>	1063	An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs	Brennan	ECA	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would direct the Department of Education to develop solutions to the challenges coronavirus disease 2019, also known as COVID-19, has brought to ensuring equitable funding for prekindergarten programs.	Monitor				School funding	

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<u>137</u>	837	An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response	Grohoski	LH	Current law requires that, in order to avoid being subject to discharge or discipline for failure to report for work or being absent when responding to an emergency, an employee who is also a firefighter or emergency medical services person must have presented to the employer within 30 days of employment a copy of a fire department or emergency medical services provider policy that specifies the circumstances under which the employee is needed to respond to an emergency and that affirms that the employee will be released as soon as practicable. This bill removes the requirement that the employee present the copy within 30 days of employment and instead requires that the employee present the copy within 30 days of notifying the employer of the employee's status as a firefighter or emergency medical services person.	Staff to review				Employment	
<u>148</u>	354	An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting	Fecteau	VLA	This bill provides a process for a voter to request ongoing absentee voter status, which allows the voter to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each statewide election, municipal election and any other election until the status is terminated. It provides that if the clerk notes a discrepancy in signature on the return envelope of an absentee ballot, the return envelope is missing a signature or the affidavit on the return envelope is not properly completed, the clerk shall make a good faith effort to notify the voter within 24 hours by mail, telephone or e-mail of the procedure by which the voter may cure the discrepancy, correct the missing signature or properly complete the affidavit on the return envelope. It provides an effective date of January 1, 2023.	Monitor	2/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Voting	

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<u>150</u>	140	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups (Bond)	Fay	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for state match on federal superfund sites and for uncontrolled hazardous substance site investigation and remediation and response actions at dry-cleaner sites, sites contaminated with emerging contaminants like perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and brownfield sites.	Staff to review				Bond	
<u>152</u>	6	An Act To Address Training Requirements for Harbor Masters	McCreight	MR	This bill amends the basic training requirements for harbor masters and deputy harbor masters. The bill also adds new requirements for advanced training and continuing education.	BSSN reach out to Dan Haley	2/9/21 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB			Training	
<u>155</u>	838	Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use	Grohoski	ACF	This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to prohibit the use of any product containing certain neonicotinoids used for application in outdoor residential landscapes such as on lawn, turf or ornamental vegetation. The resolve also provides that products used for preserving wood, controlling or treating indoor insects and treating pets are specifically exempt from the prohibition.	Monitor				Pesticides	
<u>163</u>	701	An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws	Tucker	ENR	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to revise laws governing environmental protection.	Monitor				Environment	
<u>175</u>	1096	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters (Bond)	Cloutier	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to create and enhance regional homeless shelters.	Support				Bond	
<u>179</u>	30	An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax	Kessler	TAX	This bill provides property tax exemptions for energy efficiency improvements and requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to identify and make available and list such improvements.	Monitor				Tax	

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<u>181</u>	955	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research (Bond)	Sylester	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,000,000, will be used to complete the renovation of a wharf and bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland to bring the wharf back into operation for a fishing vessel berthing resource to support marine research at sea and for continued long-term marine job development.	Staff to review				Bond	
<u>183</u>	15	An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday	Talbot Ross	SLG	This bill establishes June 19th of each year as Juneteenth and as a state holiday.	Monitor				Holiday	
<u>187</u>	202	An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide	Luchini	ECA	This bill requires that African-American studies be taught in schools, aligned with the parameters for essential instruction and graduation requirements and included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the system of learning results. The bill directs the Department of Education to convene 2 volunteer advisory groups to collect information and prepare and make available materials for teaching African-American history and culture and the history of genocide in accordance with this legislation.	Monitor				School	
	1847	An Act To Allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Assist in the Critical Incident Contact Chain	Sanborn			Need language					
	1848	An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss	Sanborn			Need language					
	1849	An Act To Assist Maine's Working Waterfront	Sanborn			Need language					