



Remote Legislative & Nominating Committee Meeting

March 2, 2021

8:00 AM

AGENDA

I. ZOOM INFORMATION:

- a. The Legislative and Nominating Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 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. §403- A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online. Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be uploaded to portlandmaine.gov/livestream the next day. For public comment, you will need to use the "raise your hand" feature. To raise your hand via the telephone, please hit *9. You will be un-muted by the host when it is time for public comment.

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Staff feedback on new bills

- a. Staff Feedback

V. Upcoming public hearings and testimony

VI. Legislative Update

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

VII. Adjournment



Legislative Committee February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The February 23, 2021 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Nick Mavodones, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 18, 2021, seconded by Mayor Snyder, no amendments, vote 3-0.

Dena Libner provided the Committee with City staff feedback to new bills. She mentioned that the City staff didn't have any feedback at this time but the Economic Development and Planning staff are interested in seeing what the actual LD 502 bill will look like. As for LD 519 it will introduce provisions that are already active in the City of Portland. Kate Know will continue tracking LD 502 and LD 519.

Mayor Snyder shared a conversation she had with the City Manager regarding delegation meetings, as well as meetings scheduled by the Maine Municipal Association with U.S Representative Pingree and Senator King. She indicated that Mr. Jennings plans to give an update on the annual delegation meeting to the Council and the Committee at a later date.

The Mayor also said that the City Manager planned to give the Council an update about the City's needle exchange program at the March 1, 2021 Council meeting.

Mayor Snyder shared about a discussion held by the Mayors Coalition regarding the proposed stimulus plan presented by President Biden, and how mayors throughout the country are focusing on having additional stimulus for local and state government. A letter is being drafted by the Mayors Coalition for its members to sign to advocate for the additional support.

Kate Knox provided an update about the possibility of the State Legislature going into session on March 10 or March 11 to pass the supplemental budget and possibly working on some bills. Governor Mills will be giving the State of the State February 23, 2021 and may present her bond package. The Appropriations Committee has begun public hearings in regards to the appropriation budget.

Dena mentioned to the Committee that City staff plan to deliver testimony on LD 340 (An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs) on February 25, 2021.

Mayor Snyder inquired about LD 412 (An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings). Chris Feeney confirmed that Bernstein Shur is monitoring it. Dena expressed that Mr. Jennings was in support of it.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27AM.



CITY OF PORTLAND
Executive Department
Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Legislative Committee
FROM: Jon P. Jennings, City Manager
RE: Staff Feedback to New State Bill
DATE: March 2, 2021

Staff reviewed the list of new bills presented by Bernstein Shur in advance of the Committee's March 2, 2021 meeting. Their feedback intended to share how these bills may impact City operations or address various policy issues.

LD 525 (An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space): Staff anticipate this would result in significant enforcement challenges. Currently, individuals must be 21+ years of age to enter an Adult Use store and 18+ (with a medical card) to enter a Medical Use store. PPD and Permitting & Inspections do not believe two separate cash registers is a valid or sufficient way to ensure compliance and enable enforcement audits.

LD 553 (An Act To End At-Will Employment): Staff have concerns about the extent to which this bill would impact management of non-union employees. The vast majority of staff are covered by collective bargaining agreements, which include progressive disciplinary language. Aside for probationary, per diem, and on-call employees, all City employees can already only be removed "for cause". The more responsibility and discretion an employee has, the easier it is to remove them for cause and poor performance. This bill would remove that flexibility and impose unduly strict, progressive disciplinary steps for all employers. This model does not take into account that some violations are so egregious that progressive discipline isn't appropriate (e.g. harassment, bullying, etc.).

LD 555 (An Act to Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees): Staff believe this bill could have a significant and negative impact on City operations. Many of the services that the City provides are not covered by the public safety exception, such as Shelter Attendants, Public Works employees, Barron Center employees, etc. Allowing public employees to strike would have the potential of essentially shutting down City services, leaving many vulnerable people with no one to care for them (shelter guests, residents of the Barron Center, etc.). We currently

face significant challenges recruiting staff to cover these services, and are doubtful that we could successfully hire temporary employees to provide coverage in these instances.

LD 534 (*An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss*): This bill was requested by staff, who strongly support.

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: February 26, 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.

COP-GENERAL

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| <u>LD 521</u> | (SP204)
An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards |
| <u>LD 525</u> | (SP210)
An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space |
| <u>LD 534</u> | (SP221)
An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss |
| <u>LD 539</u> | (SP227)
An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Do a Thorough Background Check of Applicant Officers and To Require the Release of |

	Records, Including Sealed Records, to the Requesting Agency
<u>LD 543</u>	(HP388) An Act To Provide That the Minimum Wage Increases by the Cost of Living Every 3 Years
<u>LD 553</u>	(HP398) An Act To End At-will Employment
<u>LD 555</u>	(HP400) An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees
<u>LD 557</u>	(HP402) An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting
<u>LD 566</u>	(HP411) An Act To Address Labor Market Inequities in the School Funding Formula
<u>LD 576</u>	(SP229) An Act To Increase Property Tax Relief for Veterans
<u>LD 580</u>	(HP423) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting
<u>LD 582</u>	(HP425) An Act To Support the Fidelity and Sustainability of Assertive Community Treatment
<u>LD 584</u>	(HP427) Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates
<u>LD 591</u>	(HP434) An Act Regarding Agency Liquor Store Licensing
<u>LD 596</u>	(SP234) An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads
<u>LD 605</u>	(HP441) An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act
<u>LD 609</u>	(HP445) Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions
<u>LD 613</u>	(HP449)

An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes

COP-SCHOOL

<u>LD 549</u>	(HP394) An Act To Include Community Service Hours in High School Graduation Standards
<u>LD 550</u>	(HP395) Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom
<u>LD 552</u>	(HP397) An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process
<u>LD 572</u>	(HP417) An Act To Assist Students in Preparing for Opportunities To Live and Work in Maine
<u>LD 598</u>	(SP237) An Act To Prohibit Discrimination in Employment and School Based on Hair Texture or Hairstyle
<u>LD 604</u>	(HP440) An Act To Promote Accountability in Maine's Charter Schools

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<u>32</u>	325	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	Stewart	JUD	Bill Text	Support				Public meetings	
<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	Bill Text	Support	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 2/17/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Insurance	Monitor - City staff to check
<u>39</u>	539	An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban	Guerin	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB		Plastic bags	
<u>44</u>	428	An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund	Pierce	ECA	Bill Text		2/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 2/17/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	School	
<u>47</u>	269	An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics	Brennan	HHS	Bill Text		2/10/21 1:00 PM RM 209 COB	2/23/21 1:00 PM RM 209 COB	Voted 2/23/21 Anticipated Divided Report Not rpt out	Health	
<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	Bill Text					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	Bill Text					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	Bill Text					Bond	

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<u>52</u>	278	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers	Brennan	LH	Bill Text					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	Bill Text		2/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	OTP Reported out 2/25/21	School	
<u>57</u>	279	An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor				Landfill	
<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	Bill Text	Monitor	2/10/21 10:00 AM RM 436 SH	2/17/21 10:00 AM RM 436 SH	Tabled 2/17/21	Information sharing	
<u>68</u>	724	An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level	Crockett	ECA	Bill Text					School	
<u>69</u>	136	An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text		3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB			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	Bill Text		2/24/21 1:00 PM RM 208 COB	3/3/21 10:00 AM RM 208 COB		School	
<u>81</u>	70	An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods	Meyer	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor				Shelter	
<u>84</u>	322	An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers (Emergency)	Faulkingham	ECA	Bill Text		2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 2/24/21	Insurance	

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<u>87</u>	1961	An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text					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	Bill Text					Tax	
<u>96</u>	22	An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions	Faulkingham	ECA	Bill Text					School	
<u>97</u>	219	An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union	Faulkingham	LH	Bill Text		2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			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	Bill Text	Monitor	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/24/21 Anticipated Divided Report Not rpt out	Holiday	
<u>102</u>	467	An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots	Moriarty	VLA	Bill Text	Testify in support	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/10/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 2/10/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Ballots	
<u>107</u>	212	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Faulkingham	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor/ Oppose	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/3/21 11:00 AM RM 437 SH		Electors	

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<u>111</u>	474	An Act To Allow Career Educators To Retire without Penalty	Tuell	LH	Bill Text		2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	2/22/21 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 2/22/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School	
<u>112</u>	657	An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period	Roberts	VLA	Bill Text	Testify in support	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/10/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	ONTP Reported out 2/22/21	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	Bill Text		2/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Water	Bernstein Shur to reach out to Water District.
<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	Bill Text	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	Bill Text	Support				Bond	
<u>135</u>	1063	An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor				School funding	
<u>137</u>	837	An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response	Grohoski	LH	Bill Text	Staff to review	2/22/21 10:00 AM RM 202 COB			Employment	No concerns
<u>148</u>	354	An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting	Fecteau	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	2/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/22/21 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	Tabled 2/22/21	Voting	
<u>150</u>	140	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Hazardous Substance Site Cleanups (Bond)	Fay	AFA	Bill Text	Staff to review				Bond	This is in line with the City's own regulations. No issues.

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155	838	Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use	Grohoski	ACF	Bill Text	Monitor	2/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 214 COB	3/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB		Pesticides	
163	701	An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor				Environment	
175	1096	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters (Bond)	Cloutier	AFA	Bill Text	Support				Bond	
179	30	An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax	Kessler	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	2/23/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/4/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		Tax	
181	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	Bill Text	Staff to review				Bond	
183	15	An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday	Talbot Ross	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/24/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Holiday	
187	202	An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide	Luchini	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor				School	
189	572	An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies	Jackson	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Insurance	
191	395	An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes	Bailey	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor				Tax	

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<u>192</u>	396	An Act To Define the Responsibilities of Residential Property Owners for the Maintenance and Repair of Private Roads	Bailey	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	2/18/21 11:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH		Private roads	
<u>197</u>	666	Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds	Breen	HHS	Bill Text	Support				Stimulus	City staff to review Staff supports
<u>198</u>	717	An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils	Chipman	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	2/23/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/4/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		Labor	Do not support - may submit testimony
<u>202</u>	758	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Implement Ranked-choice Voting	Miramant	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH		Ranked choice	
<u>205</u>	451	An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go (Emergency)	Luchini	VLA	Bill Text	Testify	2/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 2/24/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Alcohol	Plan to testify. Supportive until emergency order.
<u>206</u>	1712	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 (Emergency)	Meyer	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Lead testing	
<u>208</u>	1124	An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots	Brooks	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH			Ballots	

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211	1094	An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness	Cloutier	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Shelter	Monitor/most likely support. Staff to look into GA/shelter bills; Staff supports (carryover from 129th - LD 1909)
242	519	An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission	Cyrway	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH		Fire protection	Dena to reach out to the fire chief
244	360	An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law	Davis	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB		Plastic bags	The Council repealed the City's bag fee because the statute preempted municipalities from regulating bags. Assuming this completely repeals the existing state bag ban the Council would need to "unrepeal" our ordinance if they wanted to have some sort of bag program. We would like to make sure there is language in the bill that allows municipalities to have their own programs.
250	1098	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	City staff to check				Nursing homes	No issue (will not affect BC unless we reduced bed size and then increased bed size).
253	311	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Cebra	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor/ Oppose				Photo ID	
256		An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees	Doudera	EUT	Bill Text	City staff to check	2/18/21 9:45 AM Rm 211 COB	3/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 211 COB		Lien fees	
259	886	An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management	McDonald	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor				Solid waste	

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<u>264</u>	583	An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Pluecker	ENR	Bill Text	Support				PFAS	Support - have city staff check if it aligns with city ordinance. Not relevant in Portland; primarily relevant to northern Maine where aerial spraying is used in large timber tracts.
<u>269</u>	634	An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters	Sanborn	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Smoking	Metro?
<u>270</u>	352	An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries	Stewart	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Check with Superintendent
<u>278</u>	582	An Act To Establish a Process for the Consideration and Implementation of Changes to Mandated Instruction or Training for Students	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School	
<u>281</u>	297	An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	
<u>286</u>	1460	An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday	Collings	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/24/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Election	

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<u>290</u>	346	An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years	Stewart	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	Oppose				Tax	The property tax amount is not a number that can just be frozen in our internal systems. The property tax for each individual parcel is a computation derived of two parts - the assessed value of the property multiplied by the tax rate for the corresponding fiscal year. In order to keep a tax amount "stabilized" there would need to be an adjustment made to one of these parts or at the very least, an abatement done to subtract the overall difference to arrive at the same "stabilized" tax amount each year. I object to the provision that someone eligible for a "stabilized" tax could move it with them to another municipality. Imagine someone living in Machias in a 1500 sq. ft., 3 bed, 1.5 bath home assessed at \$200,000 and paying \$4,000 in taxes downsizes and moves to a condo in Portland where the taxes may be \$6,000 otherwise. Let's say instead of downsizing, the eligible individual upsizes to create a larger home for extended family. Who wouldn't want to move their grandmother to an Eastern or Western Promenade property to take advantage of her "stabilized" eligibility to pay only \$4,000 in taxes on a property that would otherwise be taxed at \$8,000, \$10,000 or \$12,000 with the State picking up the difference?
<u>311</u>	1007	An Act To Require Third-party Certification for Persons Undertaking Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation Projects for Public Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure and Bridges	Chipman	TRAN	<u>Bill Text</u>	Strong opposition	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/11/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Another layer of expense and bureaucracy. Bernstein Shur to check with Senator Chipman. Public works director out – need to find backup person to check with.

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328	711	An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Harnett	TAX	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH				Mayor will testify
340	611	An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs	Sanborn	EUT	Bill Text	Support	2/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB	3/4/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB			Testified last session
343	1804	An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Concerns/ Monitor					Ask for language from Rep. Talbot Ross
353	1276	An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives	Warren	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH				
359	1142	An Act To Promote Energy Production from Recyclable Plastics	Faulkingham	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor					
382	1835	An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Warren	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH				
395	696	An Act To Remove the Authorization for Temporary Signs To Be Placed in the Public Right-of-way	Ordway	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Staff is concerned
403	622	An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Madigan	TAX	Bill Text	Support	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH				Potentially testify
409	1054	An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Riseman	TAX	Bill Text	Support/ Monitor	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH				
412	606	An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings	Carlow	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	3/2/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH				

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<u>419</u>	501	An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates	Costain	CJPS	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH			Need more information
<u>426</u>	1566	An Act Relating to Solar Energy Installation	Lawrence	EUT	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor					
<u>534</u>	1848	An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss	Chipman	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	Need language				Tax	
	1258	An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use	Carney			Monitor closely					Track closely. Staff believes this may have some complicated legal implications. MMA shares our concerns and is looking into it as well.
	1847	An Act To Allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Assist in the Critical Incident Contact Chain	Sanborn			Need language				Contact chain	
	1849	An Act To Assist Maine's Working Waterfront	Sanborn			Need language				Waterfront	