



Remote Legislative & Nominating Committee Meeting

March 9, 2021

8:00 AM

AGENDA

I. ZOOM Information:

- a. The Legislative and Nominating Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 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. March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Staff Feedback to New Bills

- a. Staff Feedback Memo

V. Legislative Update

- a. New Bills
- b. Legislative Tracker
- c. Upcoming Hearings
 - i. LD 534 (An Act to Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss): March 18, 2021
 - ii. LD 328 (An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing) and LD 409 An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing): March 9, 2021
 - iii. LD 403 (An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing): March 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM

VI. Review of 2021 Work Plan

Legislative Committee Work Plan

VII. Adjournment



**Legislative Committee
March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The March 2, 2021 remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:01AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor April Fournier, Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Nick Mavodones, Jon Jennings (City Manager), 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 Fournier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 25, 2021, seconded by Mayor Snyder, no amendments, vote 4-0.

Dena Libner provided the Committee with City staff feedback to new bills

LD 525 (An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space)- staff is concerned about the enforcement challenges that PD and possibly Permitting and Inspections will face given the difference in age restrictions in entering each door of type of store.

LD 553 (An Act To End At-Will Employment) – staff believes there is significant value in the flexibility they have in determining when Department’s Directors or Assistant Directors need to be removed because of infractions that can’t be remedied by progressive disciplinary steps. Also the majority of City staff is covered by collective bargain agreements and this bill will not have a positive impact in them.

LD 555 (An Act to Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees)- many of the services that the City provides are not covered by the Public Safety exemptions included in this bill, allowing those employees to strike, shutting down essential City services including shelters, Barron Center, etc.; putting vulnerable population at risk.

LD 534 (An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss) -The Assessors is strongly in agreement of it and recommends for it to be supported.

Councilor Mavodones expressed his support to City Staff in particular to bills **LD 553 (An Act To End At-Will Employment)** and **LD 555 (An Act to Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees)**

Mr. Jennings expressed that the Legislative Policy Committee decided not to support **LD 553 (An Act To End At-Will Employment)** and **LD 555 (An Act to Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees)**

Kate Knox asked for clarification from the Committee to regards to their support to **LD 534 (An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss)**, also asked if the Assessors plans to testify on the bill. Dena confirmed that the Assessors plans to testify in favor of it.

Councilor Mavodones and Mayor Snyder agreed their opposition to support **LD 553 (An Act To End At-Will Employment)** and **LD 555 (An Act to Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees)**. Kate Knox confirmed that opposition testimony will be needed. Councilor Fournier would like to hear from Representative Sylvester before agreeing or opposing to the bills. Councilor Ali asked Kate Knox to obtain a short statement from Representative Sylvester in regards to the bills.

Mr. Jennings asked the Committee for permission for the Bernstein Shurs team to review some of the outstanding bills. He expressed how helpful it is to hear from the Bernstein Shurs team as to where bills are standing and the impact to the City.

Mr. Jennings asked Kate Knox about the financial impact contemplated on bill **LD 521 (An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards)**. He asked if there is any expectation from county and municipal jails to improve to a certain standard that will increase cost for running a jail. Kate Knox said that more information will be known during the hearings but based on the language sounds that they are trying to set a baseline that everybody will have to meet. Alysia stated that the languages does mention the minimization of additional cost and that if the bill were to pass this will be the first step of a lengthy process giving multiple opportunities for comments and modifications. Mr. Jennings asked for the committee to agree to continue to monitor the bill which to the committee was in agreement.

Mr. Jennings asked the City Clerk about **LD 580 (RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting)**, Kathy Jones said that the Maine Town and City Clerk Assn Legislative Policy Committee will be discussing the bill today but she believes that they will be in favor of the bill because it will minimize the process when it comes to voting. Kathy said she will know more information after today's meeting.

Councilor Fournier requested additional information in regards the following bills:

- **LD 570 - An Act To Provide for Fairness in the Taxation of Extraordinary and Unearned Income by Establishing a 3 Percent Surcharge on Net Capital Gains and Dividends Income over \$250,000 for Taxpayers Filing Single or Married Separate Returns and over \$500,000 for Taxpayers Filing Joint Returns**

- **LD 498 - An Act To Reauthorize a 3 Percent Tax on Income over \$200,000 To Lift All Maine Workers out of Poverty**
- **LD 488 – Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine**
- **LD 227 - Resolve, To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Extending Passenger Rail Service from Brunswick through Augusta and Waterville to Bangor**
- **LD 182- An Act To Expand the Definition of "Essential Worker" To Include Retail and Food Service Workers**

Councilor Ali asked Dena to look into them and get City staff feedback about them. Mr. Jennings said that they will look at all of them and prepare a memo to facilitate the discussion but staff might not have a definite recommendation as the bills are more policy than what the City is responsible for. Kate mentioned that **LD 182- An Act To Expand the Definition of "Essential Worker" To Include Retail and Food Service Workers** had a public hearing already. As for **LD 570 - An Act To Provide for Fairness in the Taxation of Extraordinary and Unearned Income by Establishing a 3 Percent Surcharge on Net Capital Gains and Dividends Income over \$250,000 for Taxpayers Filing Single or Married Separate Returns and over \$500,000 for Taxpayers Filing Joint Returns** and **LD 498 - An Act To Reauthorize a 3 Percent Tax on Income over \$200,000 To Lift All Maine Workers out of Poverty**; they are part of a series of bills that are looking to increase revenue based on individuals income, LD 498 will have a hearing next week.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM.



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 9, 2021

Staff feedback is intended to share how proposed bills may impact City operations, or provide expert insight to inform Committee recommendations.

LD 708 (An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000): There are two separate issues to consider regarding this bill: the amount of the exemption itself and the reimbursement percentage from the State. Based on the number of homesteads in Portland. The below table compares the impact of the current and proposed exempted values:

	Current (\$25,000)	Proposed (\$50,000)
Total Exempted Value	\$216,675,000	\$433,350,000
Lost Revenue at Current Mill Rate	\$5,050,694	\$10,101,389
State Reimbursement (70%)	\$3,535,486	\$7,070,972
Net Lost Revenue	\$1,515,208	3,030,417

If this bill passed, staff would recommend increasing the City's mill rate to make up for the additional and significant loss of revenue.

LD 724 (An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value): Staff have concerns about impact this bill would have on revenue and administrative operations. Currently, the maker's list price is used to determine the value of motor vehicles. Requiring a municipality to determine local value involves considering a number of factors and sources, including determination of mileage. We also anticipate that the subjective nature of this determination may lead to disputes with vehicle owners. Secondly, the actual value of vehicles

and mobile homes is likely to be less than the maker's list price, which would lead to a decrease in revenue generated via excise tax. While we are unable to estimate the amount by which revenue would decrease, we anticipate it would be significant.

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 677 (*An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws*): Staff oppose making everything binding at arbitration, as they believe it undermines the ability of municipal officers to set and approve a budget, as well as manage taxes and public services. The "factors" that the arbitrator has to consider should be made by elected officials, not by an arbitrator who is not guaranteed to have knowledge about the municipality.

¹LD 488 (*Resolve, To Expand Recovery Community Organizations throughout Maine*): Staff supports this resolve. The proposal would help provide access to services to individuals closer to the communities they reside in.

LD 668 (*To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation*): While staff strongly supports the ability to hold meetings remotely, they expressed concerns regarding the complications this bill introduces to remote meeting capabilities. Specifically, the bill would 1) require Council committees to have at least one member present in the physical location included in the public notice, as well as 2) prohibit holding executive sessions remotely. Staff believe this bill would introduce an undue burden to remote meeting capabilities.

¹ At the March 2, 2021 meeting, Councilor Fournier requested staff review of a few different bills, which included LD 488. This bill was not included in the new bill tracker provided by Bernstein Shur on March 3, 2021.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: March 5, 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

<u>LD 638</u>	(HP469) An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine
<u>LD 646</u>	(SP251) An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers
<u>LD 647</u>	(SP252) An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption
<u>LD 650</u>	(HP477) An Act To Increase Funding for School Construction Projects
<u>LD 651</u>	(HP478)

	An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula
<u>LD 654</u>	(HP481) An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program
<u>LD 659</u>	(HP486) An Act To Ease the Property Tax Burden by Authorizing Municipalities To Require Payments in Lieu of Taxes from Certain Exempt Organizations
<u>LD 660</u>	(HP487) An Act Regarding Protection from Power Outages for Tenants 65 Years of Age and Older in Subsidized Housing
<u>LD 661</u>	(HP488) An Act To Ensure Equity in Petitions for Rulemaking under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act
<u>LD 662</u>	(HP489) An Act To Provide Chiefs of Police the Discretion To Allow the Use of Light Bars on Emergency Vehicles
<u>LD 668</u>	(HP495) An Act To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation
<u>LD 669</u>	(HP496) An Act To Ensure Public Ways Are Compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
<u>LD 677</u>	(SP264) An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws
<u>LD 684</u>	(SP272) Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use
<u>LD 706</u>	(HP518) RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age
<u>LD 708</u>	(HP520) An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000
<u>LD 711</u>	(SP276) An Act To Allow Certain Police Officers To Return to Participation in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

<u>LD 724</u>	(HP535) An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value
<u>LD 730</u>	(SP281) An Act To Protect Economic Competitiveness in Maine by Extending the End Date for Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits
<u>LD 740</u>	(HP545) An Act To Provide Municipalities a Percentage of the Revenue Generated from the Taxes Imposed on the Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Those Municipalities
<u>LD 743</u>	(HP548) An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Species
<u>LD 744</u>	(HP549) An Act To Extend the Right-of-way Surrounding Power Lines for the Purpose of Tree Trimming
<u>LD 746</u>	(HP551) An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings
<u>LD 754</u>	(HP559) An Act To Promote Municipal Climate Action
<u>LD 757</u>	(HP562) An Act Concerning Large-scale Water Extraction
<u>LD 771</u>	(HP576) An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification
<u>LD 774</u>	(HP579) An Act To Promote Minimum Wage Consistency
<u>LD 775</u>	(HP580) An Act To Include within the Definitions of "Public Employee" and "Judicial Employee" Those Who Have Been Employed for Less Than 6 Months
<u>LD 780</u>	(HP585) An Act Regarding Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites
<u>LD 787</u>	(HP592) An Act To Comprehensively Address Homelessness and Affordable Housing in Maine

<u>LD 793</u>	(SP55) An Act To Include as a Factor in Sentencing the Selection of a Victim Based on the Victim's Employment as a Law Enforcement Officer
<u>LD 795</u>	(SP62) An Act To Address Rental Housing Policies
<u>LD 800</u>	(SP87) An Act To Amend Credit and Debit Card Surcharges Imposed by Governmental Entities
<u>LD 805</u>	(SP123) An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places
<u>LD 806</u>	(SP130) An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use
<u>LD 819</u>	(SP203) An Act To Reduce Lung Cancer Rates in Maine by Requiring Testing for and Mitigation of Radon in Residential Buildings by Landlords
<u>LD 822</u>	(SP225) An Act To Affirm That Food Seeds Are a Necessity in Maine
<u>LD 824</u>	(SP235) An Act To Extend the Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Labor Contracts to Other Public Sector Employees
<u>LD 829</u>	(HP597) An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle
<u>LD 830</u>	(HP598) An Act To Restructure the Taxation of Adult Use Marijuana
<u>LD 832</u>	(HP600) An Act To Promote Immigrant Workforce Development and Community Integration
<u>LD 845</u>	(HP613) An Act To Make a Vehicle Registration Violation a Secondary Offense
<u>LD 857</u>	(HP625) An Act To Create a Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development

<u>LD 859</u>	(HP627) An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections
<u>LD 876</u>	(SP290) An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government
<u>LD 878</u>	(SP292) Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Services Provided by Direct Care Workers
<u>LD 881</u>	(SP295) An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
<u>LD 882</u>	(SP296) An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
<u>LD 894</u>	(HP650) An Act To Increase Government Accountability by Removing the Restriction on the Dissemination of Information Regarding Investigations
<u>LD 897</u>	(HP653) An Act To Protect Maine Veterans from Unfair Consequences of Taxation Policy
<u>LD 908</u>	(HP664) An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Organizations from Unreasonable and Illegal Surveillance, Monitoring or Tracking
<u>LD 910</u>	(HP666) An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement
<u>LD 911</u>	(HP667) An Act To Prohibit the Reception of Foreign Waste Plastic in Maine Ports
<u>LD 914</u>	(HP670) An Act To Meet the State's Obligation To Pay 55 Percent of Education

Costs

LD 916

(HP672)

An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections

LD 920

(HP676)

An Act To Promote Oversight of and Competitive Parity among Video Service Providers

LD 925

(HP681)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Develop a Plan To Redevelop Exit 5 of Interstate 295 in Portland

LD 928

(HP684)

An Act To Require Adequate Training for Police Officers Who Use Speed Measurement Devices

LD 938

(HP694)

An Act To Ensure Maine Workers' Right To Request a Schedule Change at Their Places of Employment

LD 939

(HP695)

An Act To Support Maine's Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access

LD 941

(HP697)

An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters

COP-SCHOOL

(SP247)

<u>LD 633</u>	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Implement Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Educators
<u>LD 636</u>	(SP250) An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools
<u>LD 639</u>	(HP470) An Act To Improve Professional Training for School Counselors
<u>LD 643</u>	(HP474) An Act To Direct the Department of Education To Establish a Working Group To Determine Best Practices and Accountability Standards for School Boards To Manage the Performance of Superintendents
<u>LD 655</u>	(HP482) An Act To Require at Least a 30-minute Lunch Period for Students
<u>LD 701</u>	(HP513) An Act To Require the Education of High School Students in Certain Life Skills
<u>LD 702</u>	(HP514) An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund
<u>LD 703</u>	(HP515) An Act To Increase the Amount to Which a State Employee or Teacher Retiree's Cost-of-living Adjustment Is Applied from \$20,000 to the Retiree's Actual Retirement Benefit
<u>LD 705</u>	(HP517) Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Maine's Public Schools
<u>LD 707</u>	(HP519) An Act To Promote Student Health by Requiring School Administrative Units To Offer Extracurricular Sports as a Requirement of Receiving State Education Funds
<u>LD 723</u>	(HP534) An Act To Amend the Laws Establishing Regional School Units
<u>LD 734</u>	(HP539) An Act To Set a Minimum Wage for School Support Staff
<u>LD 772</u>	(HP577) An Act To Permit Naloxone Possession, Prescription, Administration and Distribution in Public and Private Schools

<u>LD 773</u>	(HP578) An Act To Assist Public School Students and Families Who Are Homeless
<u>LD 778</u>	(HP583) An Act To Enable Electronic Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect for Certain Mandated Reporters
<u>LD 807</u>	(SP139) An Act To Ensure Equitable Access to Mobile Hotspots for Maine Students
<u>LD 815</u>	(SP184) An Act To Support School Decarbonization
<u>LD 816</u>	(SP185) An Act To Improve Communication between School Boards and Educators by Requiring Notice of Discussion of Labor Matters
<u>LD 833</u>	(HP601) An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions
<u>LD 838</u>	(HP606) An Act To Exempt Substitutes, Coaches and Temporary Employees in the Education System from Paid Sick Leave Requirements
<u>LD 839</u>	(HP607) An Act To Address Unemployment Issues Facing School Employees
<u>LD 852</u>	(HP620) Resolve, To Review Public Safety around School Buses and School Bus Stops
<u>LD 864</u>	(HP632) An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction
<u>LD 867</u>	(HP635) An Act To Prohibit Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccinations for 5 Years To Allow for Safety Testing and Investigations into Reproductive Harm
<u>LD 880</u>	(SP294)

An Act To Protect School Employees from Workplace Bullying

(HP652)

LD 896

An Act Concerning Mental Health in Public Schools

(HP668)

LD 912

An Act To Extend Family Medical Leave to Hourly School Employees

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category	Notes
<u>32</u>	325	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	Stewart	JUD	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	Voted 3/3/21 Anticipated Divided Report Not rpt out	Plastic bags	
<u>44</u>	428	An Act To Establish the Summer Success Pilot Program Fund	Pierce	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		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	Xavier Botana_ doing a careful review.
<u>47</u>	269	An Act To Fund the State's Free Health Clinics	Brennan	HHS	<u>Bill Text</u>		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	<u>Bill Text</u>					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	<u>Bill Text</u>					Bond	

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<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	
<u>52</u>	278	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers	Brennan	LH	Bill Text				Voted 2/18/21 Anticipated Divided Report Not rpt out	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	Voted 3/3/21 ONTP Not rpt out	School	Xavier Botana_monitor; follow MSMA's lead

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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	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	
<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	Xavier Botana_opposes
<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	Support/ Testify	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/10/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/4/21	Ballots	

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<u>107</u>	212	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Faulkingham	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/3/21 11:00 AM RM 437 SH		Electors	
<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	Support/ Testify	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	Xavier Botana_supports
<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	

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150	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.
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	3/9/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Tabled 3/2/21	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	Tabled 3/4/21	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	Xavier Botana_supports
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	

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<u>191</u>	395	An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes	Bailey	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	3/18/21 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH			Tax	
<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	Voted 3/4/21 OTP Not rpt out	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	Voted 3/4/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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	

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<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	
<u>211</u>	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)
<u>242</u>	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	Voted 3/1/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Fire protection	Dena to reach out to the fire chief
<u>244</u>	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	Voted 3/3/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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.
<u>250</u>	1098	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	City staff to check	3/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Nursing homes	No issue (will not affect BC unless we reduced bed size and then increased bed size).
<u>253</u>	311	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Cebra	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor				Photo ID	
<u>256</u>		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	Voted 3/4/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Lien fees	
<u>259</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support			2/25/21 Refer to other	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Check with Superintendent Xavier Botana_defer to Rep. Brennan
<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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School	Xavier Botana_supports
<u>281</u>	297	An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps	Brennan	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Xavier Botana_supports
<u>286</u>	1460	An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday	Collings	SLG	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	Bill Text	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	Bill Text	Strong opposition	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	Voted 3/4/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Water supply/ Wastewater	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	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		Revenue sharing	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			Energy	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				Grants	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			Marijuana	
359	1142	An Act To Promote Energy Production from Recyclable Plastics	Faulkingham	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor				Energy	
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			Vehicles	
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	Voted 3/4/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Signs	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	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		Revenue sharing	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	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		Revenue sharing	

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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	3/16/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH		TIF	
419	501	An Act Regarding Participation in Public Works Projects by Pretrial Inmates	Costain	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 3/3/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Public works	Need more information
426	1566	An Act Relating to Solar Energy Installation	Lawrence	EUT	Bill Text	Monitor				Energy	
521	1173	An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards	Baldacci	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor				Jails	Concerned about costs
525	995	An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space	Miramant	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor				Marijuana	
534	1848	An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss	Chipman	TAX	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	3/18/21 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH			Tax	Tax assessor will testify
553	1940	An Act To End At-will Employment	Sylester	LH	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify				Employment	
555	906	An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees	Sylester	LH	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify				Employment	
557	276	An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Johansen	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor				Voting	
580	1525	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting	Moriarty	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH			Voting	Clerks likely to support
596	1115	An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads	Claxton	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor				Roads	
605	644	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act	Pierce	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor				Marijuana	

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613	255	An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes	Pierce	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor				Marijuana	
805	737	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places	Breen	SLG	Bill Text					Firearms	
806	1258	An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use	Carney	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor closely				Bicycle	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	



CITY OF PORTLAND

To: Committee on Taxation
From: Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director
Date: March 9, 2021
RE: Testimony regarding LD 403 (*An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing*)

Good morning, Senator Chipman, Representative Terry and distinguished members of the Committee on Taxation: My name is Brendan O'Connell, Finance Director, and I am here on behalf of the City of Portland in support of LD 403, An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing.

The City of Portland is in strong support of all efforts to restore the State's revenue sharing percentage up to the statutorily required 5%. The Legislative Committee of the Portland City Council fully supports this bill, which brings the revenue sharing percentage to 4.25% for the next two years. This change would have a significant positive impact on residents across the State. Locally, this bill would allow us to retain many critical services which are at risk of being cut over the next two budget cycles.

In Portland, the decrease in revenue sharing dollars over the past decade has manifested itself in our local budget in a number of different ways. The most painful cuts have been to critical City services including Public Works (most notably to non-arterial sidewalk plowing and clearing, as well as to minor construction work like roadway and pothole repairs), the Fire Department (position cuts including cuts to ambulance and EMS services, pieces of fire apparatus and other deferred maintenance on vehicles), the Waterfront Division (10 position cuts over the last decade, massive deferred maintenance) and Public Health (many non-grant funded positions, programs and services have been cut from the City budget). In many instances, due to the severity of the cuts required, the revenue sharing shortfall has been filled by local residents in the form of fee increases and property tax increases. Our millage rate here has suffered over the last decade, rising to \$23.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value - one of the highest rates in southern Maine.

If this bill was enacted today, the local property tax rate would be approximately 70 cents

lower than the current rate. However, even with last year's restoration, the impact of COVID resulted in 60+ City full-time equivalent positions being cut, the biggest cut since the financial crisis of 2009-2010. We desperately need additional revenue streams to avoid further cuts or significant property tax increases in FY22 and FY23. Over the last five years alone the average Portland homeowner has paid more than \$1,000 extra in property taxes due 1) to the State's non-compliance with statute and 2) the revenue sharing program being funded at less than 5%. Between FY14 – FY21, Portland has lost in excess of \$40 million dollars of revenue sharing due to the program being funded at below required levels.

As Portland's Finance Director, I have seen our property tax bills rise significantly over this time period. Portland doesn't just hope this bill will pass - we need it to pass. It will have a significant impact on our residents and the services provided in our community.

In summary, I ask that you vote in support of LD 403, as currently drafted. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Legislative/Nominating Committee 2021 WORK PLAN

Committee Goals

- Review Committee goals in context of Council goals
- Review interview questions and process for nominating activities
- Revise City of Portland website to reflect process and timing regarding all Boards and Committees
- Develop strategy to engage and collaborate with Portland delegation to Augusta
- Finetune work plan / communications / organizational process re: nominating work
- Establishing support and focus of City Clerk, City Manager, and Corporation Counsel
- Connect with policy stakeholders (Portland delegation, school board)

Committee Activity by Quarter

Q1 (January through March)

- Review State legislation
- Staff develop Federal priorities memo for Committee review
- Review/interview applicants to boards/commissions
- Review nominating work scheduling and process
- Ensuring legislative priorities align with Council goals

Q2 (April through June)

- Charter Commission election
- Any open board/commission seats and nominating work
- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination work process
- Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections

Q3 (July through September)

- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination outreach process

Q4 (October through December)

- Staff develop State priorities memo for Committee review (November)
- Committee requests councilors' input on State/Federal priorities (November)