



Remote Legislative & Nominating Committee

April 6, 2021

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AGENDA

I. ZOOM INFORMATION:

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. March 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Legislative Update by Bernstein Shur

- a. New Bill Report /Tracker

V. Upcoming Public Hearings / Testimony

- a. Testimony in Opposition to LD 1241 (April 7, 2021)
- b. Testimony in support of LD 910 (March 31, 2021)

VI. Other Business

- a. Staff memo on new legislation (from week of March 29, 2021)

VII. Adjournment

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2021

The March 30, 2021, remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:01 AM 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) and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) were present.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23, 2021, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, no amendments, vote 4-0.

Kate Knox provided the committee with an update of upcoming hearings, printing of bills and legislative meetings in regards to the budget.

Councilor Fournier inquired about ***LD 1086 (An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce)***. Kate Knox shared that the bill is sponsored by Representative Bailey and that he had an information session with the local delegation and Portland and Bangor Jetport administrations regarding the need to add customs to the Jetport to allow direct international flights and expand the use of the Portland Jetport. As for the Bangor Airport, they have the customs facilities but are missing the commercial goods. This bill will offer the opportunity to expand the use of both locations and expand the opportunity for direct international travel. Mr. Jennings said that he has been working for several years with Mr. Bradbury and his team has developed a plan to build that type of facility at the Jetport as it is a major priority to welcome direct international flights into Portland. Councilor Fournier said she would like to advocate for that expansion but is concerned if there is going to be any detention center that is part of the plan, and would like for the Committee to have a chance to discuss it. Committee agreed to testify in support of LD 1086. Mr. Jennings recommended for Mr. Bradbury to testify on behalf of the City. Councilor Fournier said that she would like to include her concerns and ask that any sort of detention facility is in the forefront of our mind as we are welcoming international travel.

Kate Knox asked the committee whether they would like to testify in regards to ***LD 910 (An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement)***, Mr. Jennings expressed the importance of this bill for Social Services. The Committee members agreed to support and testify.

Dena Libner reviewed the City staff feedback on new bills. The following were discussed by the Committee:

LD 1171 *An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants* -Staff supports this bill but recommend some minor modifications to the language. Councilor Fournier asked about the modification to the language and if this was something that the Committee should testify in support of. Dena agreed to provide more information about staff recommendations regarding language.

LD 1127 *An Act To Prohibit the Use of "No-knock" Warrants* -Staff oppose this bill. The use of these warrants is rare, but staff believe they should continue to be an option to protect the suspect(s), occupants, others nearby, and officers. Committee members indicated they would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.

LD 1143 *An Act To Protect Tenants from Unnecessary Evictions* - Staff are reviewing this bill, with feedback to be provided at the next meeting. Mayor Snyder expressed her concerns about it and asked for the bill to be flagged.

LD 1164 *An Act To Expand the Application Period for Absentee Ballot Requests and Allow Early Processing of Absentee Ballots* - Maine Town and City Clerks Association will be testifying in opposition. Councilor Ali asked Kathy Jones why the Association opposes it, and Kathy said that they aren't in favor of the part where the third-day cut off or absentee ballots is taken away. This bill is restricting that, and allowing absentee voting all the way up to election day at 8:00 pm in the presence of the Clerk's office which will cause a hardship on all municipal and town clerks.

LD 1177 *An Act To Increase Access to Intranasal Naloxone Hydrochloride for Syringe Services Programs* -With Portland's exchange program being open 7 days along with other mechanisms for NARCAN distribution in Portland, staff believe they're generally meeting the need for NARCAN availability in this community. The need for this increased access may be greater in other parts of the State. Council Fournier asks if the vending machine will allow greater access to NARCAN during hours when the program is not in operation. Dena will provide additional information at the next meeting.

LD 1226 *Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice* - Staff are reviewing this bill and will provide feedback as soon as possible.

LD 1238 *An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters* - City of Portland does not operate a single-sex shelter, but staff is supportive of this change from a public safety perspective.

Councilor Fournier felt perplexed with the language of the bill. She requested for the bill to be monitored closely and is strongly opposed if the bill limits access to shelter to members of the LGBTQ community.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, vote 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: April 2, 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 1322</u>	(HP974) Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Allow Rental Housing Owners To Apply for Emergency Rental Relief Assistance <i>Staff does not have feedback as this does not impact City operations.</i>
<u>LD 1333</u>	(HP984) An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers <i>Staff support this bill.</i>

LD 1335

(HP986)

An Act To Provide for Exemption from the Sales Tax for Basic Needs Products and Offset the Loss of Revenue

Staff does not have feedback as this does not impact City operations.

LD 1337

(HP988)

An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences

Staff strongly support vacancy fees, but do not support this bill in its current form. They believe this program should be administered locally, with revenue staying in the municipality to further affordable housing goals and/or reducing the tax burden.

LD 1338

(HP989)

An Act To Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights

These rights already exist with respect to FMLA, and this would extend them to other types of discrimination. They also generally exist for all other types of leave or rights through the Whistleblower Protection Act. The major addition here is the significant extension of liquidated damages for violations. Staff does not believe this would significantly impact City operations.

LD 1339

(HP990)

An Act To Clarify That Municipal Firefighters, Volunteer First Responders and Substitute Teachers Are Excluded from Maine Earned Paid Leave

Staff do not believe this would significantly impact City operations.

LD 1340

(HP991)

An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws

Staff oppose this bill. This could impact City funding depending on its interpretation, as well as the legal interpretation of Sec. 2-21 that limits staff ability to inquire or gather information regarding immigration status.

LD 1342

(HP993)

An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief

Staff support.

COP-SCHOOL

LD 1323

(HP975)

An Act To Maximize Service to Students by Adopting Conditional Allowances for Participation by Families of School Board Members in School Activities

LD 1329

(HP981)

An Act To Establish the Career Advancement and Navigation Initiative in the Department of Education To Lower Barriers to Career Advancement

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category	Notes	Priority
<u>17</u>	373	Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program	Maxmin	HHS	Bill Text	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	2/23/21 1:30 PM Rm 209 COB	Tabled 2/23/21	MaineCare		High
<u>133</u>	930	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Crockett	AFA	Bill Text				Bond		High
<u>340</u>	611	An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs	Sanborn	EUT	Bill Text	2/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB	3/23/21 10:30 AM Rm 211 COB	Voted 3/23/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Energy	Testified last session	High
<u>534</u>	1848	An Act To Allow Tax Abatements for Catastrophic Loss	Chipman	TAX	Bill Text	3/18/21 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Tax	Tax assessor will testify	High
<u>609</u>	384	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (Emergency)	Fecteau	LH	Bill Text	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/26/21 OTP Not rpt out	Housing		High
<u>910</u>	284	An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement	Brennan	HHS	Bill Text	4/1/21 12:00 PM Rm 209 COB			General Assistance		High
	547	An Act Regarding Paid Family Medical Leave							FML		High
	1095	An Act To Expand and Strengthen Maine's Workforce by Awarding Grants To Create Industry-specific English Language Acquisition and Workforce Training Programs and To Expand English Language Acquisition Instruction	Cloutier						Grants		High

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	1310	An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners	Grohoski						Property tax		High
	1594	An Act To Create the Cabinet on Aging	Fay								High
	1597	An Act To Expand the Value of the Homestead Exemption and the State Reimbursement to Municipalities							Homestead Exemption		High
	1630	An Act To Increase Access To Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs							Transportation		High
	1847	An Act To Allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Assist in the Critical Incident Contact Chain	Sanborn						Contact chain		High
	1849	An Act To Assist Maine's Working Waterfront	Sanborn						Waterfront		High
<u>32</u>	325	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	Stewart	JUD	<u>Bill Text</u>				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>	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	<u>3/17/21</u> <u>Public Law</u> <u>Ch. 19</u>	Insurance	Monitor - City staff to check	
<u>39</u>	539	An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban	Guerin	ENR	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	Plastic bags		
<u>44</u>	428	An Act To Require the Department of Education To Report Annually on Summer Educational Programs (Title change)	Pierce	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/9/21	School	Xavier Botana_ doing a careful review.	

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<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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/26/21	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>	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	4/9/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB		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		
<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	<u>Bill Text</u>				Bond		
<u>52</u>	278	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers	Brennan	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Referred to ECA 3/11/21 ONTP	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/17/21 <u>Public Law</u> Ch. 25	School		
<u>57</u>	279	An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste	Tucker	ENR	<u>Bill Text</u>				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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/10/21 10:00 AM RM 436 SH	3/29/21 10:00 AM RM 436 SH	Tabled 3/29/21	Information sharing		

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68	724	An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level	Crockett	ECA	Bill Text				School		
69	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	3/8/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	OTP Reported out 3/18/21	Permitting		
70	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	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	School	Xavier Botana_monitor; follow MSMA's lead	
81	70	An Act To Ensure the Safety of Children Experiencing Homelessness by Extending Shelter Placement Periods	Meyer	HHS	Bill Text	4/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Shelter		
84	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		
87	1961	An Act To Implement the State Climate Action Plan, Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Enhance Maine's Economy	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text				Environment		
94	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	4/2/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Tax		
96	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	

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97	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	3/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/26/21 Anticipated Divided Report Not rpt out	Union		
100	468	An Act To Establish the General Election Date in United States Presidential Election Years as a State Holiday	Moriarty	SLG	Bill Text	2/3/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	DEAD	Holiday		
102	467	An Act To Extend the Time Frame for Processing Absentee Ballots	Moriarty	VLA	Bill Text	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/10/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/17/21 Public Law Ch. 11	Ballots		
107	212	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Faulkingham	VLA	Bill Text	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/3/21 11:00 AM RM 437 SH	DEAD	Electors		
111	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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/8/21	School		
112	657	An Act To Facilitate the Timely and Accurate Counting of Absentee Ballots By Extending the Processing Period	Roberts	VLA	Bill Text	2/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/10/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	DEAD	Ballots		
129	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.	
132	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	2/11/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/25/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH		Profiling		

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<u>135</u>	1063	An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text				School funding	Xavier Botana_supports	
<u>137</u>	837	An Act Regarding Absence from Work for Emergency Response	Grohoski	LH	Bill Text	2/22/21 10:00 AM RM 202 COB	3/17/21 10:00 AM RM 202 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	Employment	No concerns	
<u>148</u>	354	An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting	Fecteau	VLA	Bill Text	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				Bond	This is in line with the City's own regulations. No issues.	
<u>155</u>	838	Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use	Grohoski	ACF	Bill Text	2/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 214 COB	3/9/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 3/9/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Pesticides		
<u>163</u>	701	An Act To Revise Maine's Environmental Laws	Tucker	ENR	Bill Text				Environment		
<u>175</u>	1096	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters (Bond)	Cloutier	AFA	Bill Text				Bond		
<u>179</u>	30	An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax	Kessler	TAX	Bill Text	2/23/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	4/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 4/1/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Tax		
<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)	Sylvester	AFA	Bill Text				Bond		

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<u>183</u>	15	An Act To Establish Juneteenth as a Paid State Holiday	Talbot Ross	SLG	<u>Bill Text</u>	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		
<u>187</u>	202	An Act To Require Education about African-American History and the History of Genocide	Luchini	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>				School	Xavier Botana_supports	
<u>189</u>	572	An Act To Permit All Public Employers To Implement Payroll Deductions for Disability and Life Insurance Policies	Jackson	LH	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/26/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Insurance		
<u>191</u>	395	An Act To Permit Municipalities To Provide Assistance to Veterans in Paying Property Taxes	Bailey	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/18/21 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/25/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/18/21 11:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	<u>3/17/21</u> <u>Public Law</u> <u>Ch. 13</u>	Private roads		
<u>197</u>	666	Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds	Breen	HHS	<u>Bill Text</u>	4/15/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/23/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/4/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/26/21	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/26/21 11:30 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 3/26/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Ranked choice		

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<u>205</u>	451	An Act To Extend the Ability of Restaurants and Bars To Serve Alcohol To Go (Emergency)	Luchini	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/17/21 <u>Public Law</u> <u>Ch. 3</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/18/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/18/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Lead testing		
<u>208</u>	1124	An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots	Brooks	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/17/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 3/8/21	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	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.	

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<u>250</u>	1098	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	3/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/6/21 2:00 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	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Photo ID		
<u>256</u>	480	An Act To Adjust Sewer and Wastewater Lien Fees	Doudera	EUT	Bill Text	2/18/21 9:45 AM Rm 211 COB	3/4/21 9:30 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				Solid waste		
<u>264</u>	583	An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Pluecker	ACF	Bill Text	4/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB			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	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	3/18/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	OTP Reported out 3/26/21	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	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/6/21 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	Bill Text	2/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 2/24/21	School	Xavier Botana_supports	

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<u>281</u>	297	An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps	Brennan	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 3/17/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School	Xavier Botana_supports	
<u>286</u>	1460	An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday	Collings	SLG	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/11/21	Elections		

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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>				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>	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/29/21	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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<u>328</u>	711	An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Harnett	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Revenue sharing	Mayor will testify	
<u>343</u>	1804	An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Talbot Ross	HHS	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Grants	Concerns Ask for language from Rep. Talbot Ross	
<u>353</u>	1276	An Act To Establish Medical Marijuana Cooperatives	Warren	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
<u>359</u>	1142	An Act To Promote Energy Production from Recyclable Plastics	Faulkingham	ENR	<u>Bill Text</u>				Energy		
<u>382</u>	1835	An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Warren	TRAN	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Vehicles		
<u>395</u>	696	An Act To Remove the Authorization for Temporary Signs To Be Placed in the Public Right-of-way	Ordway	TRAN	<u>Bill Text</u>	2/25/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	3/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/17/21	Signs	Staff is concerned	
<u>403</u>	622	An Act To Assist Service Center Communities by Adjusting State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Madigan	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/21 ONTP Not rpt out	Revenue sharing	Potentially testify	
<u>409</u>	1054	An Act To Provide Funding To Restore Fully State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Riseman	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/9/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/18/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/18/21 ONTP Not rpt out	Revenue sharing		
<u>412</u>	606	An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings	Carlow	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/2/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	3/16/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/16/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	TIF		

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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>	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/3/21 10:10 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 3/29/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Public works	Need more information	
<u>426</u>	1566	An Act Relating to Solar Energy Installation	Lawrence	EUT	<u>Bill Text</u>				Energy		
<u>521</u>	1173	An Act To Modify the Rule-making Process for Establishing County and Municipal Jail Standards	Baldacci	CJPS	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH			Jails	Concerned about costs	
<u>525</u>	995	An Act To Allow Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Stores To Share a Common Space	Miramant	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
<u>555</u>	906	An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees	Sylvester	LH	<u>Bill Text</u>				Employment		
<u>557</u>	276	An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Johansen	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Voting		
<u>580</u>	1525	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting	Moriarty	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/8/21 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH	3/17/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 3/17/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Voting	Clerks likely to support	
<u>596</u>	1115	An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads	Claxton	SLG	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Roads		
<u>605</u>	644	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act	Pierce	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
<u>613</u>	255	An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes	Pierce	VLA	<u>Bill Text</u>	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		

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638	475	An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine	Tuell	VLA	Bill Text	3/19/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/26/21 11:30 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 3/26/21 ONTP Not rpt out	Elections		
646	1865	An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers	Bennett	SLG	Bill Text	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Elections		
647	517	An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption	Keim	TAX	Bill Text	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Tax	Staff to get additional information	
650	1941	An Act To Increase Funding for School Construction Projects	Bailey	ECA	Bill Text	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/6/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School funding	School board to check	
651	1881	An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula (Emergency)	Millett		Bill Text	4/13/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School funding		
654	1665	An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program	Arford	LH	Bill Text	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Tabled 3/26/21	Shelter	Concerned as meant to only cover hotel purchases.	
659	1016	An Act To Ease the Property Tax Burden by Authorizing Municipalities To Require Payments in Lieu of Taxes from Certain Exempt Organizations	Tuell	TAX	Bill Text	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Property tax	Concerned about lack of time to negotiate with property owners.	
660	1044	An Act Regarding Protection from Power Outages for Tenants 65 Years of Age and Older in Subsidized Housing	Head	JUD	Bill Text	3/24/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/1/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH		Housing		
668	1348	An Act To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation	Babbidge	JUD	Bill Text				Remote participation	Have concerns	

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<u>677</u>	641	An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws	Jackson	LH	Bill Text				Labor	Strong concerns	
<u>684</u>	953	Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Reimbursement Provisions Governing Supplemental Payments to Nursing Facilities with High MaineCare Use (Emergency)	Timberlake	HHS	Bill Text	3/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/6/21 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB		MaineCare	Staff to check	
<u>708</u>	221	An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000	Faulkingham	TAX	Bill Text				Homestead Exemption		
<u>740</u>	459	An Act To Provide Municipalities a Percentage of the Revenue Generated from the Taxes Imposed on the Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Those Municipalities	O'Connell	TAX	Bill Text	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Tax	Staff strongly support this bill and suggest closely monitoring and providing testimony	
<u>746</u>	11	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings	Dillingham	JUD	Bill Text				Municipal	Staff strongly opposes due to the new constraints this bill proposes. Staff recommends monitoring closely.	
<u>773</u>	295	An Act To Assist Public School Students and Families Who Are Homeless	Brennan	LH	Bill Text	4/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			School	Review further	
<u>805</u>	737	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places	Breen	SLG	Bill Text	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Firearms		
<u>806</u>	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	4/7/21 10:15 AM Rm 214 COB			Bicycle	Track closely. Staff believes this may have some complicated legal implications. MMA shares our concerns and is looking into it as well.	

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816	1038	An Act To Improve Communication between School Boards and Educators by Requiring Notice of Discussion of Labor Matters	Rafferty	ECA	Bill Text	3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		Labor	Subverts the role of the Superintendent as the school district's chief executive officer	
833	414	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions	Kinney	ECA	Bill Text				Religion	Vaccine exemptions	
838	1037	An Act To Exempt Substitutes, Coaches and Temporary Employees in the Education System from Paid Sick Leave Requirements	Poirier	LH	Bill Text	4/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Sick leave	Exempting certain employees from the paid leave requirements in the current law	
864	1302	An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction	Dodge	ECA	Bill Text				Privacy	Teacher privacy during remote instruction	
920	463	An Act To Promote Oversight of and Competitive Parity among Video Service Providers	Kessler	EUT	Bill Text	4/6/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB					
925	1619	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Develop a Plan To Redevelop Exit 5 of Interstate 295 in Portland	Lookner	TRAN	Bill Text				Transportation	Staff is supportive, and recommends monitoring.	
926	1672	An Act To Ban Biological Males from Participating in Women's Sports	O'Connor	JUD	Bill Text				Gender		
953	1463	An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address Homelessness	Deschambault	TAX	Bill Text	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Housing	Staff are supportive of this bill and recommend that it be monitored. Housing & Economic Development staff plan to testify.	
959	1576	An Act To Protect Small Businesses by Ensuring That a Prevailing Wage Is Paid on Public Works Construction Projects	Miramant	LH	Bill Text				Prevailing wage	Staff oppose this bill. It would lower the threshold at which prevailing wages are required from \$50K to \$15K projects and most likely reduce the competitive bidding process. They recommend monitoring it closely	

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<u>968</u>	908	Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services	Supica	HHS	Bill Text	4/12/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Mental Health		
<u>969</u>	1496	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State (Bond)	Bailey	AFA	Bill Text				Bond	Staff to provide a memo.	
<u>975</u>	460	An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools	Fecteau	ECA	Bill Text	4/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			Teacher certification	Licensing Industrial Arts Teachers	
<u>987</u>	1638	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects (Bond)	Chipman	AFA	Bill Text				Bond	Staff strongly support and recommend direct lobbying, close monitoring and testimony.	
<u>991</u>	1628	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Complete a Feasibility Analysis To Initiate a Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	Chipman	TRAN	Bill Text				Transportation	Staff to provide information on impact to City – Study should have community input, how will it impact environment and communities in Portland?	
<u>993</u>	1907	An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools (Emergency)	White	ECA	Bill Text	4/2/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			Infectious disease	Reviewing against our current provisions	
<u>994</u>	914	An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses	McDonald	CJPS	Bill Text				Public health	Submit testimony on behalf of legislative committee	

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1050	841	An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools	Cuddy	ECA	Bill Text	3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School	OK with it. We have policies in place already	
1082	1229	An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools	Sampson	ECA	Bill Text				Charter schools	It is a way of getting around the vaccination provisions	
1086	1440	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce (Bond)	Bailey	AFA	Bill Text					Paul Bradbury to testify, watch for ICE detention facility integration	
1089	983	An Act To Increase Municipal Oversight in the Site Location of Development Laws	Keim	ENR	Bill Text	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB				Staff supports this change as it would make for a more streamlined and efficient site plan review process. Very similar to LD 69, introduced earlier this session.	
1094	1816	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects (Bond)	Pouliot	AFA	Bill Text						
1132	1418	An Act To Encourage the Renovation of Available Housing Stock	Morales	TAX	Bill Text	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH					

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1139	1588	An Act To Authorize and Regulate Visitation of Essential Caregivers at Long-term Care Facilities (Emergency)	Libby	HHS	Bill Text	4/5/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB				Staff has concerns, as this bill directly conflicts with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance issued in March 2021. Staff recommend monitoring closely.	
1142	1912	An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency	Fecteau	SLG	Bill Text	3/29/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB				Staff oppose this bill as they believe flexibility was an essential part of navigating the recent/current pandemic.	
1166	1844	An Act To Increase the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans by 50 Percent	Dodge	TAX	Bill Text	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH				This bill would increase the exemption amount by \$3,000 for Veterans (from \$6,000 to \$9,000). In FY21, Portland had 719 approved Veteran exemptions. Passage of this bill would increase the total exempted amount by \$2,157,000. As the State reimburses us for 50% of the lost tax revenue, this would result in an additional loss of \$25,140. This bill lacks language increasing the reimbursement rate from the State.	
1185	675	An Act To Distribute Tax Revenue To Offset Costs Incurred by Adult Use Marijuana Host Municipalities	Perry	TAX	Bill Text	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH					
1195	800	An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue	Roberts	TAX	Bill Text	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH					
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1211	593	Resolve, To Create the Study Group To Research Balancing Development and Conservation in Maine's Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands (Emergency)	Williams	ACF	Bill Text					Staff has concerns regarding moves toward what would essentially be a regional zoning board for the larger bays in Maine. It would minimize local control.	

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<u>1222</u>	246	An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education	Black	TAX	Bill Text					Possibly testify. Staff indicate that this bill would add to the property tax burden in an amount equal to the exemption for all other taxpayers. It would also add significant administrative burden. The City of Portland already has additional tax incentives for seniors.	
<u>1230</u>	753	An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of Bicycles on Public Ways	Hepler	TRAN	Bill Text	4/8/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH				Staff support, but acknowledge this would be challenging to enforce.	
<u>1238</u>	1651	An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters	Keim	JUD	Bill Text					COP does not operate a single-sex shelter. Staff is supportive of this change from a public safety perspective. Councilor Fournier willing to testify.	
<u>1241</u>	1774	An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses	Fecteau	HHS	Bill Text	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB				Staff may submit written testimony on 4/7/21. Significant administrative burdens to the licensing department and inspections team	
<u>1241</u>	1774	An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses	Fecteau	HHS	Bill Text	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB				Staff have significant concerns related to the administrative burden this would place on business licensing and enforcement operations. This bill would mandate a less efficient and more complicated enforcement process; the Department already implements the sections of this bill considered to be best practices. Staff will testify.	
<u>1246</u>	1616	Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities	Gere	LH	Bill Text	4/16/21 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB				Staff support. Similar goal to LD 48.	

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<u>1247</u>	755	An Act To Place a Moratorium on Property Revaluations for Tax Purposes during a State of Emergency	Dill	TAX	Bill Text	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH				Staff oppose this bill. They indicate this would negatively impact the City. As an example, if this had been in place during the COVID pandemic, this would have delayed our current revaluation program for 2 years, putting us further below the minimum assessment standards required by law. (Both the 4/1/20 and 4/1/21 annual assessment dates fall under our current state of emergency). As the assessment ratio drops, multiple property tax exemptions have to be adjusted by this ratio which reduces the amount of tax reductions these eligible property owners receive.	
<u>1250</u>	1693	An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Officers with Federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Clearance To Carry a Concealed Weapon	Morris	CJPS	Bill Text						
<u>1254</u>	1658	An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability	Pebworth	JUD	Bill Text	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH				Amendments/possible testimony. Staff support, and recommend minor amendments including its application to code enforcement officers as well as language that nothing in the section is intended to impact any protections that a FD or municipality would have under the Maine Tort Claims Act. Staff ask that this be monitored closely so testimony can be considered once a hearing is scheduled.	
<u>1256</u>	375	An Act Requiring Climate Impact Notes on Proposed Legislation and Agency Rules	Lookner	SLG	Bill Text						

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<u>1257</u>	752	An Act To Encourage Inclusionary Zoning in Municipalities by Increasing Revenue Sharing	Lookner	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	4/15/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH				Staff support and believe the City would be able to qualify, but have some technical concerns with how the bill is written.	

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44	428	An Act To Require the Department of Education To Report Annually on Summer Educational Programs (Title change)	Pierce	ECA	Bill Text		2/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/9/21	School	Xavier Botana_doing a careful review.	
52	278	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining Negotiations by Public Employers of Teachers	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text		3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Referred to ECA 3/11/21 ONTP	School		
55	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	3/17/21 Public Law Ch. 25	School		
68	724	An Act To Introduce a Career and Fiscal Management Elective Course at the High School Level	Crockett	ECA	Bill Text					School		
70	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	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	School	Xavier Botana_monitor; follow MSMA's lead	
96	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	
111	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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/8/21	School		
135	1063	An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor				School funding	Xavier Botana_supports	
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	

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278	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	Tabled 2/24/21	School	Xavier Botana_supports	
281	297	An Act To Address Student Achievement Gaps	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 3/17/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School	Xavier Botana_supports	
650	1941	An Act To Increase Funding for School Construction Projects	Bailey	ECA	Bill Text		3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/6/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School funding	Support - Xavier Botana Shifting capital projects funding out of the formula	
651	1881	An Act To Stabilize Student Count in Maine's School Funding Formula (Emergency)	Millett		Bill Text	Monitor	4/13/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School funding		
773	295	An Act To Assist Public School Students and Families Who Are Homeless	Brennan	LH	Bill Text		4/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			School	Review further	
816	1038	An Act To Improve Communication between School Boards and Educators by Requiring Notice of Discussion of Labor Matters	Rafferty	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose	3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School - Labor	Subverts the role of the Superintendent as the school district's chief executive officer	
833	414	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions	Kinney	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose				School - Religion	Vaccine exemptions	

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838	1037	An Act To Exempt Substitutes, Coaches and Temporary Employees in the Education System from Paid Sick Leave Requirements	Poirier	LH	Bill Text	Support	4/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB			School - Sick leave	Exempting certain employees from the paid leave requirements in the current law	
864	1302	An Act To Protect Teachers' Privacy While Delivering Remote Instruction	Dodge	ECA	Bill Text	Support				School - Privacy	Teacher privacy during remote instruction	
975	460	An Act To Create an Additional Pathway To Certify Industrial Arts Teachers To Foster Career and Technical Subjects in Maine Schools	Fecteau	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School - Teacher certification	Licensing Industrial Arts Teachers	
993	1907	An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools (Emergency)	White	ECA	Bill Text		4/2/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			School - Infectious disease	Reviewing against our current provisions	
1050	841	An Act Regarding the Duties of School Boards Pursuant to the Laws Governing Attendance at Elementary and Secondary Schools	Cuddy	ECA	Bill Text		3/29/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School	OK with it. We have policies in place already	
1082	1229	An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools	Sampson	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose				School - Charter schools	It is a way of getting around the vaccination provisions	
1149	268	An Act To Provide Exemptions from Certain Teacher Certification Examination Requirements	Fecteau	ECA	Bill Text		4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification Exemptions. Would like to add the same provision for individuals who have a degree from a foreign university	

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<u>1169</u>	821	An Act To Improve Teacher Certification during Staffing Shortages	Sampson	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification during shortages	
<u>1172</u>	1002	An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation	McCrea	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Delay evaluation during COVID	
<u>1186</u>	1443	An Act To Require a Course Regarding the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Maine To Be Taught to High School Seniors	Cebra	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>					School	NFNA - Xavier Botana Course on the Constitution	
<u>1188</u>	602	An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative (Emergency)	Millett	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Including Librarian and CTE instructors in 40K minimum salary	
<u>1189</u>	1315	An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes	Brennan	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification Changes (sent separate suggestions to Rep. Brennan)	
<u>1198</u>	605	An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts	Carlow	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/13/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School	Support - Xavier Botana Fund balance	



CITY OF PORTLAND

To: Health & Human Services Committee
From: Jessica Hanscombe, Acting Director of Permitting & Inspections
Date: April 4, 2021
RE: Testimony in opposition to LD 1241 (*An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses*)

Good morning, Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Jessica Hanscombe, Acting Director of Permitting & Inspections for the City of Portland, and I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1241 (*An Act To Establish More Transparency, Due Process, Education and Understanding between the Department of Health and Human Services and Certain Maine Businesses*).

The City of Portland is a delegated municipality with the Department of Health and Human Services. We regularly perform inspections of licensed establishments on behalf of the City and the State; in 2019, we performed a total of 1,454 inspections.

If enacted, LD 1241 would introduce significant inefficiencies and increase our administrative burden unnecessarily. Among the issues we have identified with this bill are the following:

1. Complainants' names and contact information are protected under FOAA and case law. Additionally, we have experienced business owners seeking this information with the clear intent to retaliate against the information and would recommend against enabling retaliation.
2. Enforcement officers in Portland currently advise owners of the relevant violation and direct them to digital resources where additional information can be found. The lack of printed violations has not resulted in many, if any, complaints from businesses.
3. The expectation that officers must have scientific and educational material on hand at all times creates an unnecessary administrative burden. Again, we regularly direct business owners to all relevant resources either during our inspections or in follow-up communications.
4. Requiring officers to provide written confirmation that the issue has been resolved would require a follow-up visit in every instance, potentially doubling the amount of time officers spend on each violation since follow-up inspections are not routinely conducted today. This could also require a significant amount of time and cost to draft and send written confirmations.
5. While enforcement officers are frequently willing to voluntarily help businesses troubleshoot specific problems, requiring that they do so would create a significant amount of additional work.

Secondly, other activities that would be mandated under LD 1241 are considered by

Portland's Department of Permitting and Inspections to be best practices, and are already important parts of our regular operations:

1. Enforcement officers identifying themselves and their role;
2. Identifying the rule violated;
3. Identifying where business owners can find a copy of the rule;
4. Collaborating to identify corrective actions and determine clear timelines;
5. Advise them of their rights and the appeal process.

That being said, we recommend that this Committee allow local municipalities to determine what strategies work best for their enforcement officers and customers.

In summary, I ask that you vote in opposition to LD 1241. Thank you for your time and consideration.



CITY OF PORTLAND

To: Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
From: Kate Snyder, Mayor
Date: March 31, 2021
RE: Testimony in support of LD 910 (*An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Eligibility and Reimbursement*)

Good morning, Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

My name is Kate Snyder, Mayor of the City of Portland, and I am here on behalf of the Portland City Council's Legislative Committee in support of LD 910, An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Eligibility and Reimbursement.

Portland operates the State of Maine's largest adult homeless shelter, providing shelter for approximately 1,700 people, or nearly 75,000 bed nights, every year. Of the people we serve, over 30 percent resided in towns outside of Portland immediately prior to entering the shelter, demonstrating that the City shoulders a disproportionate burden in the delivery of social services to Maine residents. As the costs associated with that service delivery have increased, State funding has decreased. LD 910 would help to correct this imbalance. This bill also aims to return the funding formula for General Assistance back to levels prior to 2015, which is a far more equitable solution for larger service center communities.

I urge you to support LD 910 to provide a more equitable funding formula for communities like Portland and other large municipalities that have become statewide service providers. Thank you for your time and consideration.



CITY OF PORTLAND

Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

To: Legislative Committee
From: Jon P. Jennings, City Manager
Date: April 2, 2021
RE: Feedback on New Bills

At their March 29, 2021 meeting, Legislative Committee members requested additional information on certain bills. The requested information is provided below for their review:

LD 1177 (An Act To Increase Access to Intranasal Naloxone Hydrochloride for Syringe Services Programs)

The City's needle exchange program operates 35 hours per week on-site, with 10 additional hours of outreach. Amistad is in the early stages of launching its syringe services program and is operating for approximately 11 hours per week.

The benefits of making naloxone available after-hours through a vending machine system include increased provision of privacy of service recipients who, because of stigma, might hesitate to access services otherwise (though the proposed bill would only allow only enrolled syringes services clients to be eligible). The availability of this after-hours resource might also be helpful for those who may have logistical issues with connecting with staff/volunteers.

The downsides to this proposed service include fewer opportunities for engagement with service recipients, including the possibility to potentially debrief a traumatic overdose or to collect data on overdose reversal, as well as a lack of clarity over whether funding would be made available for the purchase of the vending machines or the staff time to maintain them. In addition, placement of these machines could present a challenge as naloxone is intended to be stored at room temperature, thus likely requiring placement in a building which would also afford privacy for those accessing the machines.

LD 1143 (An Act To Protect Tenants from Unnecessary Evictions)

The local ordinance allows "no cause" evictions as long as 90 days notice is given to tenants. This bill would prohibit them entirely. If passed, this bill would preempt our local ordinance.

LD 1226 (Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice)

Staff do not foresee any impact on City operations. The City Manager and staff are supportive of this important effort to examine restorative justice.

LD 1171 (An Act To Curtail No-knock Warrants)

As stated on March 29, staff are supportive of efforts to curtail no-knock warrants but believe some technical changes to the bill as it's drafted would be helpful.

Per Maine Rule of Criminal Procedure 41, no-knock warrants may currently be issued by a Judge if there is "reasonable cause" that (1) The property sought may be quickly or easily altered, destroyed, concealed, removed, or disposed of if prior notice is given; (2) The escape of the person sought may be facilitated if prior notice is given; (3) *The person sought, the person from whom or from whose premises the property is sought, or an occupant thereof, may use deadly or nondeadly force in resistance to the execution of the warrant, and dispensing with prior notice is more likely to ensure the safety of officers, occupants, or others;* (4) Such facts and circumstances exist as would render reasonable the warrant's execution without notice.

LD 1171 would essentially eliminate the authority of no-knock warrants to be issued for purposes of subsections (1), (2) & (4), above, leaving something closely resembling subsection (3) as the sole justification for these warrants. Instead of the newly proposed "imminent risk of death or bodily harm" standard used in the draft exception, staff suggests something more closely along the lines of the language found in subsection (3), above: *"...does not apply if the person sought, the person from whom or from whose premises the property is sought, or an occupant thereof, may use deadly or nondeadly force in resistance to the execution of the warrant, and dispensing with prior notice is more likely to ensure the safety of officers, occupants, or others."* This is already the primary basis for most no-knock warrants in Portland today. Knowing that a situation will likely pose an "imminent risk of death or bodily harm," hours or more in advance is a difficult, if not impossible, standard to meet in a practical sense. If the risk of harm was that extreme, either (1) an exigency might exist that would preclude the need for a warrant, or (2) if time was not of the essence, police would seek alternatives to direct warrant execution in order to reduce the threat. This is something done in Portland now via a required Threat Assessment prior to any anticipated search warrant execution.