



Remote Legislative & Nominating Committee

April 20, 2021

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AGENDA

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. April 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Legislative Updates

- a. Discussion with Portland Police Department re: LD 1171 (An Act to Curtail No-knock Warrants) and LD 1127 (An Act To Prohibit the Use of "No-knock" Warrants")
- b. New Bills Memo
- c. Legislative Tracker
- d. Discussion of LD 987 (An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Portland Harbor Commercial Revitalization Project's Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell and Dredging Projects)

V. Upcoming Public Hearings / Testimony

- a. Staff update on LD 1401 (An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding)
- b. Testimony in opposition to LD 1378 (An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities): Submitted April 13, 2021
- c. Testimony in support of LD 746 (An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings): Submitted April 13, 2021
- d. Testimony in support of LD 32 (An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings): Submitted April 13, 2021
- e. Testimony in support of LD 805 (An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places)
- f. Testimony in support of LD 181 (An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research): Submitted April 16, 2021

VI. Adjournment

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

The April 13, 2021, remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:01 AM on Zoom.

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

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 6, 2021, seconded by Councilor Fournier, vote 3-0.

Councilor Fournier inquired about **LD 805** (*An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places*), for which a public hearing was held on April 12. She requested that testimony be submitted prior to the Committee's work session.

Kate Knox and Alysia Melnick led review of a list of newly released bills with the Committee.

LD 1278 (*An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center*) - Councilor Mavodones said he will not be in support of dissolving MIAC. Councilor Fournier said she would be in support of dissolving MIAC, and that it comes down to the surveillance, use and misuse of information. She requested additional information related to **LD 12**, which proposes additional oversight of MIAC. Councilor Ali also strongly supported the bill and recommended that testimony in opposition to LD 1278 be submitted. Councilor Mavodones expressed that he would support LD 12.

LD 1378 (*An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities*) - Councilor Ali strongly opposes the bill and inquired if it would be beneficial for City of Portland to testify. Mr. Jennings agreed that the City should testify.

LD 1396 (*An Act To Provide for Remote Notarization*) - Mr. Jennings said that it will provide a more efficient process when we are in this type of situation and recommends following the MMA in support of it.

LD 1401 (*An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding*) - Councilor Fournier would like the committee to testify in opposition of this bill, and that it is important for the City to be standing behind the trans community. Councilor Mavodones agreed with the

importance of the issue, but added that the bill is primarily an issue for the School Board or administration. Mr. Jennings clarified that the absence of City staff's stated opposition does not mean that staff are neutral from a policy standpoint, only that the bill would not have a fiscal or operational impact on City administration.

Mr. Jennings asked the committee to revisit **LD 1367** (*An Act To Create a Grant Program To Promote Innovation in Municipal Carbon Reduction Initiatives*), and expressed that he believes it is worth significant support. The Committee agreed, and Mr. Jennings confirmed staff would testify in support of the bill.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to recommend testimony in opposition to **LD 1278** (*An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center*), seconded by Councilor Mavodones. The motion passed (2-1).

Councilor Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: April 16, 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

LD 1416

(SP466)

An Act To Limit Qualified Immunity of Law Enforcement Officers in Maine Civil Rights Act Claims

According to staff, this could have a chilling effect on police officers and deter their responsiveness in critical situations or willingness to make split-second decisions while protecting the public and themselves. Additionally, this would impact recruitment and retention, further impacting community and officer safety.

LD 1418

(SP468)

An Act To Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Meals and Lodging

Staff support.

LD 1419

(SP469)

An Act To Support Health Care Providers during State Public Health Emergencies

This would not impact City operations.

LD 1428

(HP1044)

An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings

Staff support.

LD 1432

(HP1048)

An Act To Update the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund

LD 1434

(HP1050)

An Act Regarding Controlled Entry Areas within Retail Marijuana Stores

This would not impact City operations.

LD 1436

(HP1052)

An Act To Protect Certain Essential Workers from Infectious Disease

Staff have concerns about this bill based on the significant impact it would have on the budget and the lack of differentiation for different agencies' requirements when it comes to supplies. Its mandates impact too broad an employee population, and its requirements do not take into account the different needs, methods, and best practices of various agencies. Staff question the

requirement of supplying admin support with the required PPE despite their not being in contact with an infected individual. Staff recommend monitoring.

LD 1440

(HP1056)

An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters
Staff support. (City of Portland already does this.)

LD 1446

(HP1062)

An Act To Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits
This will not impact City operations.

LD 1447

(HP1063)

An Act To Require Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and To Establish Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates
Staff support.

LD 1448

(HP1064)

An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Staff support. We recommend adding a provision to eliminate the 12-month eligibility requirement to satisfy the goal of LD 1482, as well.

LD 1449

(HP1065)

An Act To Provide for Education Funding Reform for More Equitable State Support to Communities
Staff review TBD.

LD 1453

(HP1069)

An Act To Protect Small Employers by Prohibiting Municipalities from Adopting Ordinances Regarding Employee Work Benefits Other Than Ordinances Regarding Minimum Wage Rates

Staff do not support such a significant curtailing of local authority.

LD 1473

(SP476)

An Act To Exempt Land-based Aquaculture Facilities from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Requirements

This does not impact City operations.

LD 1475

(HP1090)

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure

Staff support.

LD 1478

(HP1093)

An Act To Decriminalize Homelessness

City of Portland PD and HHS currently work closely in diversion efforts, offering access to shelter and other resources to any member of the public as appropriate. This bill assumes that offering services and maintaining public safety are mutually exclusive, which is not the case. Consistently and fairly enforcing ordinances that help ensure the safety and security of all Portland residents is essential to a safe and liveable City. Staff oppose this bill.

LD 1479

(HP1094)

An Act To Make Certain Traffic Infractions Secondary Offenses

This will not impact City operations.

LD 1480

(HP1095)

An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force

This will not impact City operations.

LD 1482

(HP1097)

An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners

While staff support the removal of the 12-month eligibility requirement, they oppose this bill due to the significant administrative burden it would create and the inadequacy of the additional 30% state reimbursement. Staff recommend an amendment to LD 1448 to achieve this bill's primary goal.

LD 1489

(HP1103)

An Act To Update the Classification of Service Employees

This will not impact City operations.

LD 1499

(HP1109)

An Act To Improve Accountability in Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting

This will not impact City operations.

LD 1504

(HP1114)

An Act To Enhance Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams for Firefighters

Staff support.

LD 1505

(HP1115)

An Act To Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam

This would not impact City operations.

LD 1507

(SP484)

An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation

Staff support.

LD 1508

(SP485)

An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing an Eviction Mediation Program

Staff support.

LD 1513

(HP1121)

An Act To Require the Maintenance of a Discontinued Public Road That Provides the Sole Access to One or More Residences

This would not impact City operations.

LD 1514

(HP1122)

An Act To Provide for Fairness in Property Taxation by Assessing a One-time Tax on Financial Assets

This would not impact City operations.

COP-SCHOOL

LD 1502

(HP1112)

An Act To Clarify Safety Issues in Schools with Respect to Health-related States of Emergency

An Act To Provide That Maine's School Bus Drivers Are
Eligible for Unemployment Insurance in Certain
Circumstances

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category	Notes	Priority
17	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	High Priority	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	2/23/21 1:30 PM Rm 209 COB	Tabled 2/23/21	MaineCare		High
133	930	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Crockett	AFA	Bill Text	Support				Bond		High
340	611	An Act To Allow for the Establishment of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs	Sanborn	EUT	Bill Text	Support	2/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB	3/23/21 10:30 AM Rm 211 COB	Voted 3/23/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Energy	Testified last session	High
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	3/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Tax	Tax assessor will testify	High
609	384	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (Emergency)	Fecteau	LH	Bill Text	Support/ Written testimony	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
910	284	An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement	Brennan	HHS	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	4/1/21 12:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		General Assistance	Written testimony submitted	High
1448	1597	An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	Talbot Ross	TAX	Bill Text					Homestead Exemption		High
1482	1310	An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners	Grohoski	TAX	Bill Text					Property tax		High
	547	An Act Regarding Paid Family Medical Leave								FML		High

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	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
	1594	An Act To Create the Cabinet on Aging	Fay							Aging		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			Need language				Contact chain		High
	1849	An Act To Assist Maine's Working Waterfront	Sanborn			Need language				Waterfront		High
<u>32</u>	325	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings	Stewart	JUD	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH			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	<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>	Monitor	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	<u>4/7/21</u> <u>Public Law</u> <u>Ch. 32</u>	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	Voted 4/9/21 ONTP Not rpt out	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>		4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/7/21	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	<u>3/17/21</u> <u>Public Law</u> <u>Ch. 25</u>	School		
<u>57</u>	279	An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste	Tucker	ENR	<u>Bill Text</u>	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Monitor	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	4/23/21 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	Monitor	4/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	4/16/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 4/16/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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				LTW Reported out 4/14/21	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	4/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 4/8/21 ONTP Not rpt out	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	Monitor	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	Support/ Testify	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	Oppose/ Monitor	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	Support/ Testify	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	Monitor	2/11/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	4/21/21 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH		Profiling		

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135	1063	An Act To Address Issues in Funding Prekindergarten Programs	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor				School funding	Xavier Botana_supports	
137	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	3/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	Employment	No concerns	
148	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		
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	A. OTP-AM B. OTP-AM C. ONTP Reported out 4/5/21	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	4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			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	4/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 4/1/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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)	Sylvester	AFA	Bill Text	Staff to review	4/20/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bond		

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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	MAJ: OTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 4/8/21	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	3/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/15/21	Insurance		
191	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	3/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 4/15/21	Tax		
192	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	3/17/21 Public Law Ch. 13	Private roads		
197	666	Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds	Breen	HHS	Bill Text	Support	4/15/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/21/21 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB		Stimulus	City staff to review Staff supports	
198	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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/26/21	Labor	Do not support - may submit testimony	
202	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	3/26/21 11:30 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 3/26/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Ranked choice		
205	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	3/17/21 Public Law Ch. 3	Alcohol	Plan to testify. Supportive until emergency order.	

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206	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	3/18/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/18/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Lead testing		
208	1124	An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots	Brooks	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH			Ballots		
211	1094	An Act To Support Emergency Shelter Access for Persons Experiencing Homelessness	Cloutier	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/15/21	Shelter	Monitor/most likely support. Staff to look into GA/shelter bills; Staff supports (carryover from 129th - LD 1909)	
242	519	An Act To Support the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission	Cyrway	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/1/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 3/8/21	Fire protection	Dena to reach out to the fire chief	
244	360	An Act To Repeal Maine's Single-use Plastic Bag Law	Davis	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor	2/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/3/21 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP Reported out 3/30/21	Plastic bags	The Council repealed the City's bag fee because the statute preempted municipalities from regulating bags. Assuming this completely repeals the existing state bag ban the Council would need to "unrepeal" our ordinance if they wanted to have some sort of bag program. We would like to make sure there is language in the bill that allows municipalities to have their own programs.	
250	1098	An Act To Assist Nursing Homes in the Management of Facility Beds	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	City staff to check	3/17/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/6/21 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Voted 4/6/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Nursing homes	No issue (will not affect BC unless we reduced bed size and then increased bed size).	

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253	311	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Cebra	VLA	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	Voted 4/14/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Photo ID		
256	480	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	3/4/21 9:30 AM Rm 211 COB	Voted 3/4/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Lien fees		
259	886	An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management	McDonald	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor				Solid waste		
264	583	An Act To Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Pluecker	ACF	Bill Text	Support	4/1/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	4/15/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Tabled 4/15/21	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.	
269	634	An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters	Sanborn	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	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?	
270	352	An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries	Stewart	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/6/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/6/21	School	Check with Superintendent Xavier Botana_defer to Rep. Brennan	
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	

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286	1460	An Act To Make Election Day a State Holiday	Collings	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	2/17/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/11/21	Elections		
290	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?	

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311	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	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.	
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	Voted 3/18/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Revenue sharing	Mayor will testify	
343	1804	An Act To Set Aside Funds from Federal Block Grants for Certain Communities	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Grants	Concerns 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	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/17/21	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	ONTP Reported out 4/12/21	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	ONTP Reported out 4/12/21	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	Voted 3/16/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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 10:10 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 3/29/21 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	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	4/16/21 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 4/16/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
555	906	An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees	Sylvester	LH	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor				Employment		
557	276	An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting	Johansen	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	Voted 4/14/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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	3/17/21 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH	Voted 3/17/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Voting	Clerks likely to support	
596	1115	An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads	Claxton	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Roads		

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605	644	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act	Pierce	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
613	255	An Act To Amend the Adult Use Marijuana Program Rules and Make Other Technical Changes	Pierce	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/29/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
638	475	An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine	Tuell	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/19/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	3/26/21 11:30 AM Rm 437 SH	ONTP Reported out 4/2/21	Elections		
646	1865	An Act To Improve the Administration of Elections by Ensuring an Adequate Number of Poll Workers	Bennett	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 4/12/21 ONTP Not rpt out	Elections		
647	517	An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption	Keim	TAX	Bill Text	Monitor	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/20/21 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	Voted 4/6/21 ONTP Not rpt out	School funding	School board to check	
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	4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB		School funding		
654	1665	An Act To Create a 24-hour Shelter Capital Project Funding Program	Arford	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	3/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	4/21/21 12:00 PM 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	Support/ Monitor	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/21/21 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	Monitor	3/24/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/1/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Voted 4/2/21 ONTP Not rpt out	Housing		

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668	1348	An Act To Ensure Public Accountability While Implementing a Practical Approach to Remote Participation	Babbidge	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH			Remote participation	Have concerns	
677	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	Monitor				Labor	Strong concerns	
684	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	Voted 4/6/21 OTP-AM Not rpt out	MaineCare	Staff to check	
708	221	An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000	Faulkingham	TAX	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify				Homestead Exemption		
740	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	Support/ Testify	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/22/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Tax	Staff strongly support this bill and suggest closely monitoring and providing testimony	
746	11	An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings	Dillingham	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH			Municipal	Staff strongly opposes due to the new constraints this bill proposes. Staff recommends monitoring closely.	
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	4/21/21 12:00 PM Rm 202 COB		School	Review further	
805	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	4/21/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB		Firearms		

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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	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.	
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	4/12/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Voted 4/12/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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				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	Support	4/2/21 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	4/23/21 12:30 PM 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	Support	4/21/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH			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			Video service providers		
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	Support/ Monitor				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	Oppose				Gender		
953	1463	An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address Homelessness	Deschambault	TAX	Bill Text	Support/ Monitor	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/21/21 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.	

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<u>959</u>	1576	An Act To Protect Small Businesses by Ensuring That a Prevailing Wage Is Paid on Public Works Construction Projects	Miramant	LH	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor				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	
<u>968</u>	908	Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services	Supica	HHS	Bill Text	Support	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	Support	4/9/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/16/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/16/21	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	Support/ Testify				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	Support/ Testify				Transportation	Staff to provide information on impact to City – Study should have community input, how will it impact environment and communities in Portland?	

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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		Ref to LH Reported out 4/12/21	Infectious disease	Reviewing against our current provisions	
994	914	An Act To Promote Public Health by Eliminating Criminal Penalties for Possession of Hypodermic Apparatuses	McDonald	CJPS	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	4/21/21 2:00 PM Rm 436 COB			Public health	Submit testimony on behalf of legislative committee	
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	Voted 4/7/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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				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	Support/ Testify				Bond	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	Support	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	4/21/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB		Site location	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.	

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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	Support	4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bond		
1115	1215	An Act To Improve Access to HIV Prevention Medications	Sanborn	HCIFS	Bill Text	Support	4/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 220 COB	4/15/21 2:00 PM Rm 220 COB	Voted 4/15/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Medications	City will support by signing on to letter of support	
1132	1418	An Act To Encourage the Renovation of Available Housing Stock	Morales	TAX	Bill Text	Support	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/21/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Housing		
1139	1588	An Act To Authorize and Regulate Visitation of Essential Caregivers at Long-term Care Facilities (Emergency)	Libby	HHS	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor closely	4/5/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		Long-term care	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	Oppose	3/29/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Emergency	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	Oppose	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/20/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Property tax	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.	

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1185	675	An Act To Distribute Tax Revenue To Offset Costs Incurred by Adult Use Marijuana Host Municipalities	Perry	TAX	Bill Text	Strong support/ Testify	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/22/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Marijuana		
1195	800	An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue	Roberts	TAX	Bill Text	Strong support/ Testify	4/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/22/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Marijuana	Staff will submit written testimony	
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	Monitor			Ref to MAR Reported out 4/12/21	Conservation	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.	
1222	246	An Act To Reduce Property Taxes of Seniors in an Amount Equal to the Cost of Education	Black	TAX	Bill Text	Oppose				Property tax	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.	
1226	1700	Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Examine Restorative Justice	Talbot Ross	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	4/22/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH			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	
1230	753	An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of Bicycles on Public Ways	Hepler	TRAN	Bill Text	Monitor	4/8/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH	4/20/21 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH		Bicycle	Staff support, but acknowledge this would be challenging to enforce.	
1238	1651	An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters	Keim	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose/ Potentially				Shelter	COP does not operate a single-sex shelter. Staff is supportive of this change from a public safety perspective. Councilor Fournier willing to testify.	

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1241	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	Oppose/ Testify	4/7/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB		DHHS	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. Testimony submitted.	
1246	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	Monitor	4/16/21 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	4/21/21 12:00 PM Rm 202 COB		Housing	Staff support. Similar goal to LD 48.	
1247	755	An Act To Place a Moratorium on Property Revaluations for Tax Purposes during a State of Emergency	Dill	TAX	Bill Text	Strong opposition	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/21/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Tax	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.	
1250	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	Oppose				Weapon		

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<u>1254</u>	1658	An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability	Pebworth	JUD	<u>Bill Text</u>	Strong support	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	4/21/21 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH		Liability	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	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support	4/21/21 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB			Climate impact		
<u>1257</u>	752	An Act To Encourage Inclusionary Zoning in Municipalities by Increasing Revenue Sharing	Lookner	TAX	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support	4/15/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH			Revenue sharing	Staff support and believe the City would be able to qualify, but have some technical concerns with how the bill is written.	
<u>1278</u>	1274	An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center Program	Warren	CJPS	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH				Staff indicate that MIAC is a key resource when it comes to information sharing, providing bulletins in areas including wanted or missing people and current trends or techniques used elsewhere in the country that may impact office safety strategies. MIAC also provides a mechanism for law enforcement officers throughout the State to share information broadly regarding reported or unsolved crimes. Council is split. Mayor is going to submit written testimony	

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1322	1540	Resolve, Directing the Maine State Housing Authority To Allow Rental Housing Owners To Apply for Emergency Rental Relief Assistance (Emergency)	Drinkwater	LH	Bill Text	Monitor				Housing	May testify if needed	
1333	1889	An Act Concerning the Dispensation of Naloxone Hydrochloride by Emergency Medical Services Providers	Zager	HHS	Bill Text	Support	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Naloxone	Staff support the bill - Fire Chief will testify and suggest amendments	
1337	103	An Act To Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences	Kessler	TAX	Bill Text	Support w/ changes	4/14/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	4/21/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH		Housing	Bernstein to contact sponsor to discuss. Staff strongly support vacancy fees, but believe program should be local with revenue staying in the municipality to further affordable housing goals and/or reducing the tax burden	
1338	810	An Act To Protect Employees' Exercise of Workplace Rights	Millett	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Workplace rights	No testimony	
1340	1796	An Act To Ensure Municipal Compliance with Federal Immigration Laws	Greenwood	SLG	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify				Immigration laws	Staff strongly oppose, and will testify	
1342	559	An Act To Authorize a Local Option Sales Tax on Lodging and Other Goods and Provide Funding for Tax Abatement and Rental Relief	Sylvester	TAX	Bill Text	Support w/ changes				Local option sales tax	Bernstein to call sponsor to sort out details of bill. Staff supports, but would prefer revenue not be directed to specific program	
1364	861	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Incentives for Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems	Bailey	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor					Staff support	
1365	213	An Act To Prohibit Municipalities from Prohibiting Short-term Rentals	Faulkingham	SLG	Bill Text	Monitor/ MMA	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB				Staff oppose this degree of restriction on local rule.	

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1367	1825	An Act To Create a Grant Program To Promote Innovation in Municipal Carbon Reduction Initiatives	Bailey	ENR	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	4/26/21 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB				Staff support.	
1378	1768	An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities	Lyford	JUD	Bill Text	Oppose/ Testify	4/13/21 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH	Work session held 4/13/21 Referred to SLG			Staff strongly oppose this bill, which is similar to but even more aggressive than LD 1340. (It includes penalties, but does not make municipalities in violation of the statue ineligible for GA, as LD 1340 does.)	
1386	923	Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (Emergency)	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/21 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB				This will not directly affect City operations, but staff is supportive from a policy perspective.	
1388	905	An Act To Require Testing of Public Drinking Water Supplies for Toxic Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and To Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels	Pluecker	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/13/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB				This would impact PWD, not City operations.	
1399	1710	An Act To Provide for Remote Notarization	Doudera	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor/ MMA	4/30/21 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH				City staff support.	
1401	1367	An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding (Emergency)	Kinney	JUD	Bill Text						This does not impact City operations. Dena to contact the school board to see if they are going to testify. Other bill is LD 926.	
1402	1386	An Act To Remove a Requirement Regarding Payment of Union Fees	Stetkis	LH	Bill Text		4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB				This would not impact City operations.	

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<u>44</u>	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	4/7/21 Public Law Ch. 32	School	Xavier Botana_doing a careful review.	
<u>52</u>	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	Voted 4/7/21 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP 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	3/17/21 Public Law Ch. 25	School		
<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>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	MAJ: ONTP MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/21	School	Xavier Botana_monitor; follow MSMA's lead	
<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>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	Carried Over 3/30/21 MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/8/21	School		

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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	
270	352	An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries	Stewart	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	3/8/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/6/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/6/21	School	Check with Superintendent Xavier Botana_defer to Rep. Brennan	
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	
552	857	An Act To Strengthen the Individualized Education Program Process	Millett	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose	3/22/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/5/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 4/5/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out		From Xavier Botana: It is a special ed bill that has significant potential costs associated with it. MSMA is strongly opposed and has prepared a fact sheet. I have personally spoken to Rep. Millett about the bill and it's better than it started, but still fundamentally problematic. Anything the team can do to help get it stopped would be appreciated.	
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	Voted 4/6/21 ONTP Not rpt out	School funding	Support - Xavier Botana Shifting capital projects funding out of the formula	

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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	4/21/21 1:00 PM 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	4/12/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Voted 4/12/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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	
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	4/23/21 12:30 PM 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	4/21/21 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH			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	4/16/21 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		4/12/21 Referred to LBHS	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	Voted 4/7/21 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School	OK with it. We have policies in place already	

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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	Support	4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/14/21	School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification Exemptions. Would like to add the same provision for individuals who have a degree from a foreign university	
1169	821	An Act To Improve Teacher Certification during Staffing Shortages	Sampson	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/14/21	School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification during shortages	
1172	1002	An Act To Delay State-mandated Teacher and Principal Evaluation	McCrea	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/20/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB		School	Support - Xavier Botana Delay evaluation during COVID	
1186	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	Bill Text	NFNA				School	NFNA - Xavier Botana Course on the Constitution	
1188	602	An Act To Include Librarians and Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative (Emergency)	Millett	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/12/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/20/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB		School	Support - Xavier Botana Including Librarian and CTE instructors in 40K minimum salary	
1189	1315	An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/7/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/14/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 4/14/21	School	Support - Xavier Botana Certification Changes (sent separate suggestions to Rep. Brennan)	
1198	605	An Act Authorizing an Increase to the Maximum Annual Fund Balance for Public School Districts	Carlow	ECA	Bill Text	Support	4/13/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB		School	Support - Xavier Botana Fund balance	

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<u>1383</u>	1758	An Act To Limit Homework in Public Schools	Collings	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	Oppose	4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB				From Xavier Botana: We oppose the portion of the bill that prohibits homework be assigned to students in PK-5. While it allows a school Board to adopt a policy to allow homework, it is overly broad to say that homework is not allowed at all unless that specific action is taken. School districts should retain the ability to empower administrators and teachers to assign homework. We support the aspect of the bill that calls for a study of homework, but would like to see it extended throughout all grades and focus in particular on ways in which homework can be used to support what students are learning but not be used as a punishment or negatively impact a student's performance.	
<u>1393</u>	1699	An Act To Protect a Parent's and Guardian's Right to Educational Information Regarding a Juvenile Student	Skolfield	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>		4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB				From Xavier Botana: Let's follow the lead of MSMA on this. I have not been able to discuss with our legal counsel, but it appears duplicative of FERPA protections currently in place. There are instances (i.e., a transitioning student who does not want their parents to know that they are transitioning) where our district policies protect a students right to keep some school records from being divulged to a parent	
<u>1426</u>	1902	An Act To Provide for the Equitable Funding of Education Chosen by Maine Families	Greenwood	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	Oppose Strongly	4/27/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB				From Xavier Botana: This is a school voucher bill. It would be devastating to public education and we strongly oppose it.	

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<u>1444</u>	1951	An Act To Prohibit Cyberbullying of School Employees by Students	Stover	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support					From Xavier Botana: Support in principle. Would like to have language that makes it clear that a student is not precluded from bringing forth complaints on behalf of other students who wish to remain anonymous even if after investigation it is determined that the allegations were unfounded.	
<u>1451</u>	825	An Act To Align the Expulsion Process with School Disciplinary Policies	Cuddy	ECA	<u>Bill Text</u>	Support	4/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB				From Xavier Botana: Support in general. Am concerned with the aspect that allows administrators discretion to fashion discipline. I would want to have safeguards that under no circumstance could a student be excluded from school with appropriate peers for more than 10 days without invoking the expulsion provisions. I wouldn't want this discretion to be used to circumvent the current prohibition from suspending beyond 10 days.	



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Re:**Pious Ali** <pali@portlandmaine.gov>

Wed, Apr 14, 2021 at 9:22 AM

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Cc: Kate Snyder <ksnyder@portlandmaine.gov>, April Fournier <afournier@portlandmaine.gov>, Nick Mavodones <nmm@portlandmaine.gov>

Mr Haley,

Thanks for sharing this with us, since we cant discuss it via email, I will ask staff to add it to next week's agenda, if you have the time you should join us to answer any question my colleagues may have, if not we can gather the questions and send them to you. I am copying the city manager and his chief of staff, in case there is the need for a follow up from the committee or staff. Thanks

*Respectfully***Pious Ali**

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On Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:50 AM Dan Haley <danhaley@portlandharbor.org> wrote:

Good Morning Pious, I wanted be sure you are aware of a State of Maine Bonding request by the Portland Harbor Commission to support the dredging of Portland Harbor.

Attached is LD 987 and my correspondence with Senator Ben Chipman sent with my original request for his support. As you know the Portland Harbor Commission, the Cites of Portland and South Portland and the State of Maine DOT were unsuccessful in the BUILD Grant request for 24 Million last year.

I initiated a 28 Million request for State of Maine bonding this year. The total projected cost for the dredging and CAD is 30 Million.

We do plan to apply for a 24 Million Federal grant again this year and would be notified by September of an award but should the Federal Grant request be denied the State of Maine would be the fallback position at the November ballot. Under the State ballot question the Cities of Portland and So Portland would only have to provide a match of two Million.

If you have any questions or want more information please give me a call anytime at 939 3803. Dan

Dan Haley

4/14/2021

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CITY OF PORTLAND

To: Committee on Judiciary
From: Kate Snyder, Mayor
Date: April 13, 2021
RE: Testimony in opposition to LD 1378 (*An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities*)

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Harnett and distinguished members of the Committee on Judiciary:

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 opposition to LD 1378, *An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities*.

Since 2003, the City of Portland has had an ordinance in place that prohibits Portland police officers and other employees from inquiring into the immigration status of any person, unless otherwise required by law. In addition to the exception for inquiries where required by law, our ordinance also has certain exceptions for police officers investigating felony crimes where other factors are present. For nearly 20 years, the City has found this ordinance sufficient to protect our City from criminals, while also protecting our citizens and guests from inadvertent profiling, intrusive questioning, and other ill effects.

Besides potentially penalizing the City of Portland for local policies that have proven to be effective and fair, this bill would destroy the partnership and trust built over the last 20 years between the Portland Police Department and Portland's non-U.S. citizens, who make up almost 14% of Portland's population and constitute 75% of Portland's total demographic growth since 2011.

Additionally, this bill sets unrealistic standards. For example, not only must a local government "comply with" immigration law, but must also "to the full extent permitted by law support the enforcement of federal immigration law." It's not at all clear what "support" would look like, but we do not believe the State should be directing local municipalities as to what laws they should and should not support. Finally, the reporting and investigation process will be onerous and time consuming for both municipalities and the Attorney General's Office, ultimately leading to unnecessary disputes and litigation.

In summary, I ask that you vote in opposition to LD 1378. Thank you for your time and consideration.



CITY OF PORTLAND

Kate Snyder, Mayor

To: Judiciary Committee
From: Kate Snyder, Mayor
Date: April 13, 2021
RE: Testimony in support of LD 746 (*An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings*)

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Harnett and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am Kate Snyder, Mayor of Portland, and I am here on behalf of the Legislative Committee of the City of Portland to support LD 746, *An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Municipal Meetings*.

As we all know, COVID-19 tested local and state governments' flexibility and resiliency in many unprecedented ways. In the midst of addressing a public health crisis, as well as the enormous economic impact of the pandemic, the City of Portland was also faced with the questions: how do we safely continue to operate legislatively? How do we consider and approve emergency operational changes that might benefit the people or business of Portland in a time of crisis? How do we continue to consider and act on the multitude of policy issues that deserve our attention now?

Governor Mill's March 18, 2020 Executive Order to allow towns to conduct meetings remotely answered that question. Since that Order was issued, the City of Portland has held well over 400 public meetings via Zoom. The City Council, along with its Committees and Boards, has been able to continue its work reviewing, recommending, and approving ordinances. Without the Executive Order, City business would have come to a grinding halt. Just as important, members of the public have continued to have "face-to-face" interactions and the ability to provide public comment with these bodies and elected officials, maintaining a connection that is essential to a responsive and accountable City government.

In our case, remote meetings have not resulted in less public engagement and

participation, rather we have seen more participation as a result of remote access. Portland's residents and business owners have been fully able to participate in the public process, and the Council, Boards, and Committees have been able to conduct their work as efficiently as they did in-person. The majority of our meetings have had more attendees than we would have seen if we were meeting in person. Anecdotally, we have received feedback from members of the public that remote meetings have made it easier for them to participate in their government. The challenges many people faced in attending an in-person meeting - child care, travel, long work days, and physical limitations - are no longer an issue with remote meetings. Councilors and Board and Committee members have also been able to participate in meetings that they would have otherwise had to miss due to similar restrictions.

Today, I ask that you approve LD 746 without reservation. The ability for elected officials and the public to participate in meetings remotely is a legislative and administrative necessity that have important applications whether or not we are in the midst of a pandemic. Thank you for your time and consideration.



CITY OF PORTLAND

Kate Snyder, Mayor

To: Judiciary Committee
From: Kate Snyder, Mayor
Date: April 13, 2021
RE: Testimony in support of LD 32 (*An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings*)

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Harnett and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

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In our case, remote meetings have not resulted in less public engagement and participation, in fact, public participation has increased. Portland's residents and business owners have been fully able to participate in the public process, and the Council, Boards, and Committees have been able to conduct their work as efficiently as they did in-person. The majority of meetings have had more attendees than we would have seen if we were meeting in person. Anecdotally, we have received feedback from members of the public that remote meetings have made it easier for them to participate in their government. The challenges many people faced in attending an in-person meeting - child care, travel, long work days, and physical limitations - are no longer an issue with remote meetings. Councilors and Board and Committee members have also been able to participate in meetings that they would have otherwise had to miss due to similar restrictions.

Today, I ask that you approve LD 32 without reservation. The ability for elected officials and the public to continue to participate in meetings remotely is a legislative and administrative necessity that will, no doubt, have important applications whether or not we are in the midst of a pandemic. Thank you for your time and consideration.



CITY OF PORTLAND

To: Committee on State and Local Government
From: Kate Snyder, Mayor
Date: April 14, 2021
RE: Testimony in support of LD 805 (*An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places*)

Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack and distinguished members of the Committee on State and Local Government:

On behalf of the Portland City Council's Legislative Committee, I am testifying in strong support of LD 805.

This bill grants municipalities the ability to enable their citizenry to vote without fear of physical harm or intimidation - a Constitutional right that is fundamental to the operation of local, state, and federal governments.

I believe that each municipality should be given the opportunity to determine whether such a prohibition would accurately reflect its communities values and priorities. Currently, firearms are prohibited on public school property - presumably because the safety of our children is paramount. That prohibition helps parents and children to feel safe. Maine State government offices prohibit firearms year-round, presumably so that legislators and government employees need not fear violent retribution throughout the course of their diligent administration and policy-making.

I believe voters deserve to have that same confidence when casting their vote alongside poll volunteers and municipal staff - it ought to be the jurisdiction of a municipality to offer its residents the same sense of security afforded at the State House.

In summary, I ask that you vote in support of LD 805. Thank you for your time and consideration.



City of Portland, Maine

To: Sen. Cathy Breen, Senate Chair, Rep. Theresa Pierce, House Chair, and members of the Committee

From: Bill Needelman, Waterfront Coordinator, City of Portland, Maine

Date: April 16, 2021

Regarding: City of Portland, Maine testimony to the State of Maine 130th Legislature's JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS in support of L.D. 181, "***An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research***"

Senator Breen, Representative Pierce, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the City of Portland in support of L.D. 181, "***An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research***".

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) occupies a unique place in Portland Harbor – geographically and functionally.

Geographically, GMRI is an anchor of the Central Waterfront. Located in the heart of the Central Waterfront, GMRI is the proximate neighbor to the City of Portland Fish Pier to the east and the privately held Hobson's Wharf to the west. Structural problems at GMRI have the potential to compromise fishing and commercial marine activity within the Central Waterfront at a time when these industries face challenges on multiple fronts.

More important than the risks to its neighbors, GMRI provides significant benefits to the local marine economy. As a stable platform for research, education, and learning, GMRI remains Portland Harbor's sole research facility and one of its larger employers. The facility has significant opportunities to grow and expand these benefits into the future. A stable and safe facility is critical to retaining current benefits and building toward future opportunities. Additionally, as home to US Coast Guard berthing, the facility contributes to the safety and security of the harbor, the Portland Waterfront, and mariners region wide.

The City of Portland is also a waterfront property owner and manager. We recognize and appreciate that all waterfront infrastructure needs investment. To guarantee GMRI's future as a contributor to the regional marine economy, we hope that the Committee will look favorably on L.D 181.