



Meeting Between Legislative Committee and Portland Delegation
January 25, 2022

AGENDA

ZOOM INFORMATION:

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II. Call to Order

III. Welcome & Introductions (Councilor April Fournier, Chair, 5 minutes)

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (3 minutes)

- a. Minutes from the January 18, 2022 Meeting

V. Bills to Discuss (5 minutes)

- a. LD 1909 (An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs)

VI. Other Business

- a. Resettlement Discussion (25 minutes)
- b. Housing Report Discussion (5 minutes)
- i. Report: Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions

The Commission's final report was issued in December 2021, and can be reviewed [here](https://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33442/Commission-to-Increase-Housing-Final-Report) (<https://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/33442/Commission-to-Increase-Housing-Final-Report>).

- c. Delegation Bills (10 minutes)
 - i. For Background Purposes: Legislative Tracker
This document contains bills released by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes so far this session and that the Legislative & Nominating Committee have decided to track the progress of.
- d. Reminder: Flavored Tobacco Ban Council Workshop on February 2, 2022
- e. Discussion: National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference (Kate Snyder, Mayor)

VII. Adjournment



Legislative and Nominating Committee Minutes

January 11, 2022

The January 11, 2022 Legislative Committee meeting was called to order by Chair April Fournier at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor Ali joined the meeting at 8:13 AM.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Chair Fournier, vote (2-0).

The Committee discussed LD 1771, Rep. Zager's advisory panel on genetic information. Mayor Snyder, Chair Fournier, and Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the draft testimony on behalf of LD 1771, seconded by Chair Fournier, vote (2-0).

The Committee discussed LD 1879, an act to support law enforcement officers, corrections officers, 911 Dispatchers, firefighters and Emergency Medical Services persons diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, sponsored by Representative Sylvester and which would repeal a provision of the law that would repeal the rebuttable presumption that the diagnosis stemmed from that work. The committee decided to track this legislation closely going forward.

The Committee discussed LD 1899, an act to ensure safe entry and access for people seeking medical care and other constitutional rights, which is co-sponsored by Representative Rachel Talbot Ross. This legislation would establish a medical safety zone around buildings where people receive medical services and makes blocking or violating access a class D crime. The committee requested additional information, and postponed voting until additional background information was received.

Kathy Jones highlighted LD 1821, which would make attacks on election officials a class C crime, LD 1658, which would make changes to campaign finance rules and would result in municipalities with populations over 35,000 to have the State elections commission handle campaign finance reports. Kathy Jones also highlighted that the Omnibus bill LD 1830 adds Federally recognized Indian Tribe identification cards as valid identification for voting purposes.

Councilor Fournier asked for workplan updates to be submitted in advance of voting to approve the work plan at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

Chair Fournier introduced the recent housing report, which has generated significant discussion, and legislation is expected to come out of the report's findings. Councilor Ali asked that the Executive department provide feedback detailing how housing legislation may impact housing availability in the City of Portland.

Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote (3-0).

City of Portland | Executive Department

Danielle West, *Interim City Manager*



To: Mayor and City Councilors

From: Danielle West, Interim City Manager

Date: January 21, 2022

Re: Staff feedback on LD 1909 (An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs)

City of Portland staff recognize and strongly support efforts to improve treatment of substance use disorders, and are grateful for legislators' consideration of how this may be effectively tackled at the State level. However, as it is written, staff believe LD 1909 may have unintended public health, community safety, and fiscal consequences.

Specifically, staff is concerned that requiring hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to provide clients with as many needles as they request may result in an increase in needle waste in public spaces. Today, even with the current limitations in place, Portland residents regularly encounter needles on the shoreline, in parks, on trails, and on the sidewalk. An increase in improperly disposed needles would result in more public safety hazards, along with an increase in costs related to staff cleanup and biohazard disposal.

Second, we believe that prohibiting staff discretion in the implementation of an important public health program may negatively affect the program's outcomes. Public Health staff are highly trained professionals committed to serving their clients with fairness and compassion, and the changes proposed in LD 1909 would hamper their ability to work with and treat their clients as effectively as possible.

Again, staff appreciate legislators' efforts to address this pressing public health issue. We look forward to working with you to develop alternative solutions and/or amendments to the bill that improve community safety and effective service delivery, while still expanding access to and the capacity of drug treatment programs.

City of Portland | Health & Human Services Department

Kristen Dow, *Director*



To: Mayor and City Councilors

CC: Danielle West, Interim City Manager

From: Kristen Dow, HHS Director

Date: January 14, 2022

Re: HHS Homelessness and Emergency Shelter Update

Over the past several months we have continued to see a steady increase in the number of asylum seeking families arriving from the southern border. As of the date of this memo, we are providing shelter to 225 families for 735 individuals, and we have seen a total of 30 new families arrive since January 3, 2022.

In addition to newly arriving families, as other temporary shelters around the state close, we have also continued to see new intakes coming to the Oxford Street Shelter (OSS) from outside of Portland. In the first thirteen days of January, OSS has had 29 new intakes. Of those intakes, 17 were from outside of Portland, accounting for 59% of our intakes.

These increasing numbers have pushed us to the highest nightly average of those in emergency shelters that we have seen to date. With these growing numbers, we continue to have to utilize a combination of shelter beds and hotel placements to shelter both individuals and families. We are now using ten different hotels in five municipalities in addition to our two 24-hour shelters.

City management and HHS leadership continue to notify State officials of the increasing numbers that we are experiencing and urge for assistance with a state and/or regional approach for both resettlement and emergency sheltering. With the continued support of our community partners, we are actively working to ensure the needs of all those in emergency shelters are met. However, as we have stated multiple times over the past several months, the resources of our community are being stretched to the point where the families and individuals we serve will not have access to the resources they need to be successful.

We wanted to make the City Council aware of the current situation and hereby request continued support and advocacy with local, county, state and federal appointed and elected officials for the following: a regional approach to emergency homelessness; the state to take the lead on resettlement efforts; and for uniform General Assistance administration across the state.



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Staff Feedback on Housing Report

Dena Libner <dlibner@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 2:18 PM

Bcc: April Fournier <afournier@portlandmaine.gov>, Pious Ali <pali@portlandmaine.gov>, Kate Snyder <ksnyder@portlandmaine.gov>, Danielle West-Chuhta <dwest@portlandmaine.gov>

Please see below, from Planning & Urban Development:

We are already doing most of the recommendations in the report, or something similar. That said, there are also some recommendations in the report that represent the varied views of the Commission members. Regarding individual recommendations:

Recommendation #1. Allow accessory dwelling units by right in all zoning districts currently zoned for single-family homes. [We already do this.](#)

Recommendation #2. Eliminate single-family zoning restrictions in all residential zones across the State by allowing up to four residential units on all lots, in compliance with ii any health and safety requirements such as minimum septic and lot sizes, with a sunrise clause to provide adequate time for municipalities to prepare for this change. [Staff believes this is fairly arbitrary, although the intent is fine.](#)

Recommendation #3. Prohibit municipal growth caps on the production of new housing. [We don't prohibit or implement growth caps.](#)

Recommendation #4. Provide technical and financial assistance for all communities seeking support in making zoning improvements and in identifying opportunities for increasing affordable housing. [More technical and financial assistance to municipalities is a great idea.](#)

Recommendation #5. Create density bonuses in all residential zones throughout the State, giving low to middle-income housing projects 2.5 times the density of the existing zone, with a parking requirement of no more than .66 spaces per unit for the additional units, and with the requirement that those units be protected as affordable for a specific period of time. [We support this concept, but it's very specific on what the bonus and the parking ratio should be and I don't know if those are the numbers to shoot for in all conditions and contexts. Our parking requirements are more relaxed than this in much of the city, and we give affordable bonuses in many zones, though not all.](#)

Recommendation #6. Create a three-year statewide incentive program for municipalities as follows: in Year 1, a qualifying community must make a commitment to reviewing zoning and land use restrictions. In Years 2 and 3, adopt zoning and land use policies to promote housing opportunities; qualifying communities would receive a state financial reward for up to three years, so long as they remain in good standing with the program requirements. [We're already reviewing our code, and already encourage housing creation and affordability. We believe we would meet this standard today, and don't have concerns about this being a state requirement, and would welcome the financial reward aspect for the City;](#)

Recommendation #7. Create a system of priority development areas, where multifamily housing is permitted with limited regulatory barriers. [This is a fine idea. Our comp plan highlights priority areas in the Future Land Use section, and we reference it often when considering zoning and other policy changes](#)

Recommendation #8. Strengthen Maine's Fair Housing Act by eliminating the terms "character," "overcrowding of land," and "undue concentration of population" as legal bases for zoning regulations. [We have no concerns here.](#)

Recommendation #9. Create a state-level housing appeals board to review denials of affordable housing projects made at the local level. [We do not believe the housing appeals board is a good idea, and the recommendation comments reflect our and others' concerns.](#)

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1866	2507	An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access After-school Services	Gramlich	HHS	Bill Text		1/25/22 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			After school services	Provides new reimbursement to schools for after school programs	
1386	923	Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care (Emergency)	Perry	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/14/21 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB	4/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Bariatric care	This will not directly affect City operations, but staff is supportive from a policy perspective.	
49	271	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	Bill Text		4/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond		
50	272	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	Bill Text		4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond		
133	930	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Crockett	AFA	Bill Text	Support	4/27/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond		High
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	4/26/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	This is in line with the City's own regulations. No issues.	
175	1096	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create and Enhance Regional Homeless Shelters (Bond)	Cloutier	AFA	Bill Text	Support/ Testify	4/21/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	Provided testimony.	
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		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond		

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969	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		4/27/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	Staff to provide a memo.	
987	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	4/29/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	Staff strongly support and recommend direct lobbying, close monitoring and testimony.	
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	4/29/21 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	Paul Bradbury to testify, watch for ICE detention facility integration	
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		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond		
1475	1621	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure (Bond)	Talbot Ross	AFA	Bill Text	Monitor	4/20/21 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH		Carry over approved 7/13/21	Bond	Staff support	
1555	1863	An Act To Fund Broadband Internet Infrastructure for Marginalized Groups in the State	Talbot Ross	EUT	Bill Text		4/27/21 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB	Work session held 5/27/21	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Broadband	Will not impact City operations.	
1894	2293	An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition	Vitelli	EUT	Bill Text		2/3/22 9:00 AM Rm 211 COB			Broadband		

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	1847	An Act To Allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles To Assist in the Critical Incident Contact Chain	Sanborn			Need language				Contact chain		High
1874	2397	An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Paid Leave for School Employees (Emergency)	White	LH	Bill Text		1/31/22 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB			COVID-19		
1845	2310	An Act To Amend the Education Statutes	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text	Monitor	1/13/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	1/27/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 1/20/22	Education		
1830	2351	An Act To Amend the Election Laws	Luchini	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	1/12/22 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	1/28/22 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH		Elections	Kathy testified for MTCA.	
555	906	An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Sector Employees	Sylvester	LH	Bill Text	Oppose/ Monitor	1/19/22 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Work session held	Voted 1/19/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Employment		
1898	2313	An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Fixed Gear Fishing Industry (Emergency)	Stover	MR	Bill Text		2/1/22 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB			Fishing Industry		
1772	2382	An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act	Harnett	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor	2/1/22 1:00 PM Rm 438 SH			FOIA	Staff is supporting	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	General Assistance	Written testimony submitted	High
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	Work session held 5/20/21	Carry over approved 6/3/21	Grants	Concerns Ask for language from Rep. Talbot Ross	
1899	2386	An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights	McCreight	JUD	Bill Text					Health Care	Support. Would like more information. Adds municipal requirements to patrolling health care provider sites	

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1909	2384	An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs (Emergency)	McDonald	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/1/22 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB			Health Care	Staff recommends tracking.	
1448	1597	An Act To Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption (Title change)	Talbot Ross	TAX	Bill Text		5/4/21 11:00 AM Rm 127 SH	5/10/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Homestead Exemption		High
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	4/30/21 12:30 PM Rm 202 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Housing	Staff support. Similar goal to LD 48.	
1300	684	An Act To Require County Governments To Coordinate with Municipalities To Create Plans To Address Homelessness	Supica	SLG	Bill Text		4/16/21 9:00 AM Rm 214 COB	4/26/21 10:30 AM Rm 214 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Housing		
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	5/20/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Carry over approved 6/3/21	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	
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 (Emergency)	Maxmin	HHS	Bill Text	High Priority	2/10/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	5/13/21 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	MaineCare		High
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	MaineCare	Staff to check	

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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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Marijuana	Staff will submit written testimony	
1930	2582	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Adult Use Marijuana Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy (Emergency)	Caiazzo	VLA	Bill Text		1/31/22 11:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Marijuana		
1428	1626	An Act To Increase the Availability of Nasal Naloxone in Community Settings	Dodge	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 209 COB			Naloxone	Staff support	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Nursing homes	No issue (will not affect BC unless we reduced bed size and then increased bed size).	
1482	1310	An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners	Grohoski	TAX	Bill Text		5/4/21 11:00 AM Rm 127 SH	5/10/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Property tax		High
1879	2421	An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder	Sylvester	LH	Bill Text		1/31/22 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB			PTSD	Support. FD & PD may testify.	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Ranked choice		
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Revenue sharing	Mayor will testify	

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1440	1401	An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters	Roeder	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	4/21/21 2:00 PM Rm 436 SH	4/30/21 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Safety	Staff support, City of Portland already does this.	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	School		
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	5/21/21 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Carry over approved 6/3/21	School	Check with Superintendent Xavier Botana_defer to Rep. Brennan	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	School	Review further	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Shelter	Monitor/most likely support. Staff to look into GA/shelter bills; Staff supports (carryover from 129th - LD 1909)	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Shelter	Concerned as meant to only cover hotel purchases.	
259	886	An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management	McDonald	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor		5/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	Carry over approved 6/3/21	Solid waste		
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	5/13/21 10:30 AM Rm 209 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Stimulus	City staff to review Staff supports	

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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	5/12/21 9:30 AM Rm 127 SH	5/25/21 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Carry over approved 7/19/21	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	
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	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Tax	Staff to get additional information	

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1771	2437	Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State	Zager	HHS	Bill Text		1/12/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	1/20/22 11:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 1/20/22 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Technology	Support. Mayor testified.	
1447	1867	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	Gramlich	CJPS	Bill Text	Support	5/7/21 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH	1/19/22 11:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Tabled 1/19/22	Training	Staff support	
	1630	An Act To Increase Access To Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs								Transportation		High
148	354	An Act To Establish Ongoing Absentee Voting	Fecteau	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	2/8/21 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	4/30/21 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Voting		
	1849	An Act To Assist Maine's Working Waterfront	Sanborn			Need language				Waterfront		High
1889	2274	An Act To Amend the Whistleblowers' Protection Act To Ensure Coverage in Unionized Workplaces	Harnett	LH	Bill Text		2/2/22 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Whistleblower Protection		
1338	810	An Act To Prohibit Employers from Retaliating against the Use of Earned Paid Leave (Title change)	Millett	LH	Bill Text	Monitor	4/23/21 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB	4/26/21 12:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21	Workplace rights	No testimony	

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552	857	Resolve, To Improve the Individualized Education Program Process (Title change)	Millett	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose	3/22/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	4/5/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21		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.	
1383	1758	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Use of Homework in Public Schools (Title change)	Collings	ECA	Bill Text	Oppose	4/22/21 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	5/4/21 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Carry over approved 7/19/21		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.	
1929	2316	An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths	Hepler	ACF	Bill Text		2/1/22 11:00 AM Rm 214 COB					