Legislative Committee Meeting 2-4-2019
Meeting
February 4, 2019

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

a. Approval of January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

III. Legislative Update

a. Review of Legislative Bill Tracker

b. LD 177 Testimony

c. LD 148 - Public Hearing Scheduled 2/12/19 @ 1:00 P.M.

d. LD 469 - Public Hearing Scheduled 2/12/19 @ 1:00 PM.

e. LD 77 - Cost Estimate

IV. Meeting Schedule

a. February 11, 2019
9-11 AM
Meeting with the Delegation
City Hall - Room 209

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
January 28, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The January 28, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 9:05 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. **Attendance/Introductions**:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair, Councilor Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, ; Portland Board of Education Chair Roberto Rodriguez, Portland Board of Education Member Laurie Davis; Alysia Melnick, Esq., Bernstein Shur team/lobbyist; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Xavier Boatana, Superintendent PPS; Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta; Mike Murray(Staff);

B. **Approval of Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes made by Mayor Strimling; second by Councilor Duson; minutes approved 3-0.
2. Motion to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes made by Mayor Strimling; second by Councilor Duson; minutes approved 3-0.

D. Review of Education/Non funding bills/bill tracker:

LD 19 – Remove
LD 55 – Support
LD 136 – Track
LD 137 – Remove
LD 153 – Track
LD 166 – Track
LD 183 – Remove
LD 237 – More Information required
LD 240 - Oppose
LD 318 – Remove
LD 344 – Track
LD 345 – Track
LD 385 – More information required
LD 387 – Remove
LD 392 – Support/prepare testimony for public hearing
LD 395 – Track

E. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 4 – Track outcome; remove
LD 15 - Remove
LD 16 – Track
LD 35 - Track
LD 36 – More Info

DRAFT

LD 46 – Support/general letter from staff
LD 62 - Remove
LD 65 – support/general letter of support
LD 101 – More Info
LD 118 – Remove
LD 119 – Remove
LD 124 - Remove
LD 133 – Remove
LD 136 – Track
LD 137 – Remove
LD 146 – Remove
LD 148 – Remove
LD 156 – Remove
LD 164 – Remove
LD 170 – Remove
LD 172 – Track
LD 178 - Remove
LD 181 – Remove
LD 186 – Oppose & follow
LD 193 - Remove
LD 224 - Remove
LD 239 – Remove
LD 262 – Remove
LD 303 – Remove
LD 308 – Remove
LD 309 – Remove
LD 335 – General letter of support
LD 336 – Remove
LD 341 – Remove
LD 342 – Remove
LD 343 – Remove
LD 347 – Remove
LD 353 – More info from Fire Department
LD 358 – Track
LD 359 – Track
LD 372 – Track
LD 385 – More info requested
LD 390 - More info requested

F. Next Meeting Date

February 4, 2019 – Legislative Committee; Room 209; 8-9:30 AM.
February 11, 2019 – Legislative Committee Meeting w/ Delegation; Room 209 9-11 AM

F. Adjournment

DRAFT

Mayor Strimling made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Duson,; vote 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M..

DRAFT

Portland, Maine Yes. Life's good here.

Dawn Stiles
Director, Health & Human Services Department

Health & Human Services Committee

Senator Gratwick, Chair

Representative Hymanson, Chair

February 7, 2019

LD 177 Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care

Testimony in Support

Senator Gratwick, Representative Hymanson, distinguished members of the Health & Human Services Committee, The City of Portland respectfully submits testimony in support of LD 177.

The City of Portland operates the state's only municipally owned and operated nursing home; the Barron Center. This facility has a 200 year history of operating as a mission driven organization to provide high quality care to those other facilities cannot serve. This population includes individuals who have complicated medical/behavioral issues, individuals who have been living outdoors and/or in Portland's homeless shelter and those who have compromised resources. We have 219 dually licensed beds including a separate dementia unit.

In recent years many individuals have been referred to us in need of bariatric care. These are very sad situations and each case we review, discuss and try to identify a way to accept the individual into the Barron Center. However, we must assure not only resident safety and quality care but also assure that our clinical staff has the ability and equipment they need to provide the care keeping themselves safe.

Currently, the Department of Health and Human Services does not reimburse or pay for the specialized equipment to properly care for individuals who are too large for standard sized equipment including:

- Construction and equipment cost for a ceiling lift
- Bariatric Bed
- Large Commode
- Specialized Wheelchair
- A double room with no roommate
- Additional staffing necessary to physically maneuver the patient (3 persons to turn the patient).

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We applaud your effort through this Resolve to acknowledge and support the specialized needs of the population who face tragic outcomes without the care to manage their health and emotional needs. We are available to provide additional information should it be requested by the Committee.

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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document **No. 148**

S.P. 35 In Senate, January 17, 2019

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund and To Give Priority Status to Certain School Facility Upgrades

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative JORGENSEN of Portland and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, SANBORN, L. of Cumberland, Representative: BERRY of Bowdoinham.

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Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Authorization of bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding $50,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

Sec. A-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

Sec. A-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated. The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. A-4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

Sec. A-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Provides funds to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund to provide funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.	
Total	$50,000,000

Sec. A-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Part.

Sec. A-7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. A-8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Part are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. A-9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the following question:

> "Do you favor a $50,000,000 bond issue to provide funds to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Part, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Part becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 389, §1, is further amended to read:

A. To make loans to school administrative units for school repair and renovation.

(1) The following repair and renovation needs receive Priority 1 status:

(a) Repair or replacement of a roof on a school building;

(b) Bringing a school building into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 United States Code, Section 12101 et seq.;

(c) Improving air quality in a school building;

(d) Removing or abating hazardous materials in a school building; and

(f) Undertaking other health, safety and compliance repairs, including installations or improvements necessary to increase school facility security.

(2) Repairs and improvements related to a school building structure, windows and doors and water or septic systems receive Priority 2 status.

(3) Repairs and improvements related to energy and water conservation receive Priority 3 status.

(4) Upgrades of learning spaces in school buildings and upgrades of facilities required to meet prekindergarten facility standards and for prekindergarten capacity building receive Priority 4 status.

(5) The Commissioner of Education may approve other necessary repairs;

SUMMARY

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A of this bill, in the amount of $50,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.

Part B of this bill gives upgrades of facilities required to meet prekindergarten facility standards and for prekindergarten capacity building Priority 4 status for loans from the fund to school administrative units for school repair and renovation.

129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2019

Legislative Document	**No. 469**
H.P. 353	House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLLINGS of Portland, CROCKETT of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, HARNETT of Gardiner, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.

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Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement. The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.

Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

Provides $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 for deposit in the School Revolving Renovation Fund to be used to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and for other necessary repairs approved by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F, subsection 3, paragraph A.

Total	$100,000,000

Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

> "Do you favor a $50,000,000 bond issue for fiscal year 2019-20 and a $50,000,000 bond issue for fiscal year 2020-21 to provide funds to the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and make other necessary repairs?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

SUMMARY

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and $50,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21, will be used to provide funds to the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and make other necessary repairs.

FY20 Estimated Parcels Receiving the Homestead	8,810
FY20 Assessment Ratio (i.e. City valuation as % of State Equalized Valuation)	83%
Current Mil Rate per 1000	$0.02248
Amount of **INCREMENTAL** new Homestead if those over 75 qualify for $50,000	$30,000

Percentage of Qualifying Homesteads in Portland	Reimbursement Ratio from the State of Maine												
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	62.5%	70%	75%	80%	90%	100%
10%	$493,142	$443,827	$394,513	$345,199	$295,885	$246,571	$197,257	$184,928	$147,942	$123,285	$98,628	$49,314	$0
20%	$986,283	$887,655	$789,026	$690,398	$591,770	$493,142	$394,513	$369,856	$295,885	$246,571	$197,257	$98,628	$0
30%	$1,479,425	$1,331,482	$1,183,540	$1,035,597	$887,655	$739,712	$591,770	$554,784	$443,827	$369,856	$295,885	$147,942	$0
40%	$1,972,566	$1,775,309	$1,578,053	$1,380,796	$1,183,540	$986,283	$789,026	$739,712	$591,770	$493,142	$394,513	$197,257	$0
50%	$2,465,708	$2,219,137	$1,972,566	$1,725,995	$1,479,425	$1,232,854	$986,283	$924,640	$739,712	$616,427	$493,142	$246,571	$0
60%	$2,958,849	$2,662,964	$2,367,079	$2,071,194	$1,775,309	$1,479,425	$1,183,540	$1,109,568	$887,655	$739,712	$591,770	$295,885	$0
70%	$3,451,991	$3,106,792	$2,761,592	$2,416,393	$2,071,194	$1,725,995	$1,380,796	$1,294,496	$1,035,597	$862,998	$690,398	$345,199	$0
80%	$3,945,132	$3,550,619	$3,156,106	$2,761,592	$2,367,079	$1,972,566	$1,578,053	$1,479,425	$1,183,540	$986,283	$789,026	$394,513	$0
90%	$4,438,274	$3,994,446	$3,550,619	$3,106,792	$2,662,964	$2,219,137	$1,775,309	$1,664,353	$1,331,482	$1,109,568	$887,655	$443,827	$0
100%	$4,931,415	$4,438,274	$3,945,132	$3,451,991	$2,958,849	$2,465,708	$1,972,566	$1,849,281	$1,479,425	$1,232,854	$986,283	$493,142	$0