

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Agenda**
April 6, 2022



MEMBERS
Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Mayor Kate Snyder
Councilor Pious Ali

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2022

IV. Portland Delegation & Committee Discussion

- a. General Assistance (GA) Issues
 - i. Update on LD 910 (An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement)
 - ii. FYI: Letter to the Appropriations Committee, from the City of Portland
- b. Resettlement Efforts
- c. Confirming Date for Next Committee/Delegation Meeting
- d. Looking Ahead: FEMA funding to end June 2022

V. Other Business

- a. Legislative Update (Bernstein Shur)

VI. Adjournment

**Legislative & Nominating
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March 29, 2022**



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II. Call to Order

Mayor Kate Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM

Mayor Kate Snyder (Acting Chair), Councilor Pious Ali, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Chief Keith Gautreau (Portland Fire Department), Chief Sean Donaghue (Portland Fire Department), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor April Fournier was not present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from March 22, 2022 Meeting

Councilor Ali made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, Vote (2-0)

IV. Legislative Update

a. Legislative Update (Bernstein Shur)

Kate Knox provided a general update to the Legislative Committee, highlighting that committee work is coming to a close, with committees waiting for amended language and fiscal notes. The Delegation is in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Most work in the legislature at this time relates to the budget process for the remaining 3 weeks of session.

b. LD 1988 (An Act To Establish That the Provision of Emergency Medical Services by an Ambulance Service Is an Essential Service and To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State)

The Committee discussed this legislation with input from Chief Gautreau and Chief Donaghue, which would make Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service in the State of Maine and would investigate training, workforce development, and reimbursement rates for EMS workers.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to offer support for LD 1988, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (2-0)

V. Other Business

a. Scheduling: Next Meeting with the Portland Delegation

The Committee discussed scheduling a meeting on Monday or Wednesday morning next week, which would reschedule the regular meeting of the Committee.

VI. Adjournment

Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote (2-0)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2021

Legislative Document

No. 910

H.P. 666

House of Representatives, March 8, 2021

An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. SSSS, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Departmental reimbursement. When a municipality incurs net general assistance costs in any fiscal year prior to July 1, 2015 in excess of .0003 of that municipality's most recent state valuation relative to the state fiscal year for which reimbursement is being issued, as determined by the State Tax Assessor in the statement filed as provided in Title 36, section 381, the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse the municipality for 90% of the amount in excess of these expenditures when the department finds that the municipality has been in compliance with all requirements of this chapter. If a municipality elects to determine need without consideration of funds distributed from any municipally-controlled trust fund that must otherwise be considered for purposes of this chapter, the department shall reimburse the municipality for 66 2/3% of the amount in excess of such expenditures when the department finds that the municipality has otherwise been in compliance with all requirements of this chapter.

The department shall reimburse each municipality and each Indian tribe 70% of the direct costs incurred by that municipality or tribe on or after July 1, 2015 and prior to July 1, 2022 for the general assistance program granted by that municipality or tribe. For the purposes of this subsection, "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as in section 411, subsection 8-A.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Departmental reimbursement beginning 2022. Beginning July 1, 2022, the department shall reimburse each municipality for the direct costs incurred by that municipality for the general assistance program granted by that municipality if the department finds that the municipality was in compliance with all requirements of this chapter during the fiscal year for which reimbursement is sought. The department shall reimburse to each municipality an amount equal to 70% of all direct general assistance granted by the municipality equal to or below .0003 and 90% of all direct general assistance granted by the municipality in excess of .0003 of that municipality's most recent state valuation relative to the state fiscal year for which reimbursement is being issued, as determined by the State Tax Assessor in the statement filed as provided in Title 36, section 381.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-E is enacted to read:

1-E. Indian tribe reimbursement beginning 2022. Beginning July 1, 2022, the department shall reimburse each Indian tribe for 100% of all direct costs for general assistance granted by the Indian tribe if the department finds that the Indian tribe was in compliance with all requirements of this chapter during the fiscal year for which reimbursement is sought. For the purposes of this subsection, "Indian tribe" has the same meaning as in section 411, subsection 8-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State to provide 100% reimbursement for general assistance costs to Indian tribes. It provides that a municipality's most recent state valuation rather than the all state valuation is used for calculating when the municipality begins to be reimbursed 90% for general assistance costs and that the reimbursement is for gross costs rather than

1 net costs. It establishes that the new departmental reimbursement to municipalities begins
2 July 1, 2022.

City of Portland

Kate Snyder, *Mayor*

Danielle West, *Interim City Manager*



To: Senator Cathy Breen and Representative Teresa Pierce, Chairs
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Mayor Kate Snyder and Danielle West, Interim City Manager

CC: Governor Janet Mills; Portland Legislative Delegation; and
Portland City Council

Date: March 28, 2022

Re: City of Portland Budget Update and Requests for Assistance

As you continue your work on both the supplemental budget and change package, we want to provide an update on the extremely challenging situation in the City of Portland as it relates to the large population of people needing emergency shelter. The urgency and enormity of the situation has stretched the City past its limits and we are hopeful that the budget you are now reviewing and revising will provide the resources necessary to avert the City's looming FY23 budget crisis.

In October 2021, as the numbers of people needing emergency shelter continued to rise, we began communicating with the Governor's Office and other state officials about the urgent on-the-ground situation in Portland regarding both asylum seekers and individuals experiencing circumstantial and/or chronic homelessness. By way of reference, the City was providing shelter to 808 individuals in October 2021, and now is housing 1251 individuals. Because of capacity limits resulting from Covid-19 at the city's Oxford Street Shelter, as well as closures of other overflow shelter facilities, and the staggering need for family shelter that well exceeds the city's Chestnut Street Family Shelter, the City has been using hotels to house all populations needing emergency shelter.

The cost of responding to this crisis has been enormous. As you may know, since the individuals and families seek assistance in Portland, the City is legally responsible (under the State's General Assistance law) not only for finding temporary housing (a very difficult task), but also to cover the costs of that housing through our municipal General Assistance program. The City has to pay upfront of all of these costs, and then is eventually reimbursed (as are all municipalities) by the State for 70% of the total costs. FEMA funds have been used to cover the remaining 30% of the City's obligation so far in FY22. On June 20, 2022, however, the use of the FEMA funds will expire and we project the City's FY23 General Assistance total costs (before reimbursement from the State) to be as high as \$42 million dollars or more. For reference, the following is a brief summary of our General Assistance spending over the last three (3) fiscal years:

Fiscal Year	Total City of Portland General Assistance Division Expenditures
FY20 Actuals	\$ 8,668,538
FY21 Actuals	\$ 17,215,368
FY22 Actuals (through February)	\$ 19,148,829
	\$ 45,032,735

In order to mitigate this unsustainable increase to Portland's taxpayers, and in recognition that this issue requires statewide engagement, we write to ask that you consider including the following three (3) initiatives in the pending supplemental budget:

- 1) General Assistance reimbursement at 100% for the upcoming fiscal year and reimbursement at 90% thereafter. This is the City's top priority due to the increasing number of individuals seeking shelter and the costs associated with that;
- 2) Funding for Resettlement Coordination for asylum seekers to be managed by Catholic Charities (who currently manages refugee resettlement) or another community partner. Currently, City staff are attempting to manage the resettlement of asylum seekers housed in hotels from Old Orchard Beach to Freeport. This has been extremely difficult due to the geographic distance between families/individuals, lack of staffing, and the unique needs of the asylum seeking population; and
- 3) Funding for Maine State Housing to acquire (and then operate with the assistance of community partners) a temporary housing facility in order to move away from the use of high priced hotel rooms.

Thank you for your time and attention to this extremely important issue. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.

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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	3/7/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	DEAD	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.	
1945	2477	An Act To Regulate the Use of Biometric Identifiers	O'Neil	JUD	Bill Text	Monitor/ Support	2/22/22 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/25/22 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH	Voted 3/25/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Biometric Identifiers		
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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	DEAD	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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	DEAD	Bond	Provided testimony.	

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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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	Tabled 2/22/22	Bond		
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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	DEAD	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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	Tabled 2/22/22	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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 228 SH	DEAD	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	

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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	3/10/22 11:00 AM Rm 211 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/31/22	Broadband		
1940	2394	An Act To Ensure That Building Codes Allow the Installation and Use of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Products and Equipment That Use Certain Federally Regulated Refrigerants (Title change)	Timberlake	CJPS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/7/22 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	2/7/22 9:15 AM Rm 216 COB	3/29/22 Public Law Ch. 524	Building codes	From staff - This bill may prohibit municipalities from adopting certain energy codes that are stricter than the base code, potentially undermining local energy efficiency initiatives. Staff recommend that this bill be monitored as they look into it further	
	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	2/7/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 2/7/22 OTP-AM Not rpt out	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	OTP-AM Reported out 3/28/22	Education		

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1935	2602	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Portions of Chapter 125: Basic School Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Education, State Board of Education (Emergency)	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text		2/8/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	2/15/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	Voted 2/15/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Education		
1830	2351	An Act To Amend the Election Laws	Luchini	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	1/12/22 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/7/22 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/25/22	Elections	Kathy testified for MTTC.	
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 1/19/22	DEAD	Employment		
2006	2548	An Act To Improve the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (Emergency)	LaRochelle	LH	Bill Text		3/8/22 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/16/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/31/22	Energy Assistance		
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	2/15/22 9:00 AM Rm 206 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/23/22	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	Work session reconsidered 3/18/22	Voted 3/18/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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

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343	1804	Resolve, To Review Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Spending (Title change)	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	3/24/21 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/3/22 2:00 PM Rm 209 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/29/22	Grants	Concerns Ask for language from Rep. Talbot Ross	
1939	2510	An Act To Protect School Administration Officials from Harassment and Abuse	Breen	CJPS	Bill Text		2/18/22 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	3/3/22 1:00 PM Rm 436 SH	Voted 3/3/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Harassment		
1523	1388	An Act To Establish the Trust for a Healthy Maine	Millett	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/9/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/2/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/2/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Health		
1693	1927	An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/9/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	3/2/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/2/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Health		
1968	2352	An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care for Individuals in Jails and Individuals Experiencing Homelessness	Talbot Ross	HHS	Bill Text		3/1/22 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	3/16/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	Voted 3/16/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Health		
1899	2386	An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights	McCreight	JUD	Bill Text		3/1/22 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/8/22 9:00 AM Rm 438 SH	Voted 3/8/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Health Care	Support. Would like more information. Adds municipal requirements to patrolling health care provider sites	
1909	2384	An Act To Amend Syringe Service Programs (Title change)	McDonald	HHS	Bill Text	Monitor	2/1/22 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	2/8/22 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	3/31/22 Public Law Ch. 545	Health Care	Staff recommends tracking.	
1966	2596	An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance (Emergency)	Curry	LH	Bill Text		2/28/22 10:15 AM Rm 202 COB	3/8/22 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/29/22	Heating assistance		

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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	2/3/22 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	DEAD	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	
1961	2339	An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage and Change the Membership of the Maine State Housing Authority (Emergency)	Hickman	LH	Bill Text		3/7/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/18/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/1/22	Housing		
2003	2299	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (Emergency)	Fecteau	LH	Bill Text		3/7/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/16/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/16/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Housing		
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

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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	
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	3/10/22 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/10/22 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	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	3/11/22 10:30 AM Rm 437 SH	OTP Reported out 3/28/22	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	2/22/22 10:00 AM Rm 209 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/29/22	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	2/7/22 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/22	PTSD	Support. FD & PD may testify.	

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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	
1971	2594	An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation	Harnett	JUD	Bill Text		2/25/22 10:00 AM Rm 438 SH	3/11/22 9:30 AM Rm 438 SH	OTP-AM Reported out 4/1/22	Right to know		
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	3/3/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/31/22	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.	

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259	886	An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management	McDonald	ENR	Bill Text	Monitor	3/7/22 9:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/14/22 11:00 AM Rm 216 COB	A: OTP-AM B: ONTP C: OTP-AM Reported out 3/30/22	Solid waste		
1963	2573	An Act To Create the Education Stabilization Fund (Title change)	LaRochelle	ECA	Bill Text		2/22/22 10:30 AM Rm 208 COB	3/10/22 11:00 AM Rm 208 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/28/22	Stabilization Fund		
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	
484	1853	An Act To Change Maine's Tax Laws	Chipman	TAX	Bill Text	Support	2/8/22 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	2/17/22 9:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 2/17/22 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Tax		
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	

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category	Notes	Priority
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	OTP-AM Reported out 2/18/22	Technology	Support. Mayor testified.	
2012	2649	An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities To Regulate Timber Harvesting	Dill	ACF	Bill Text					Timber harvesting		
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	2/17/22 10:15 AM Rm 436 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/31/22	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	2/14/22 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	MAJ: OTP MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/16/22	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	2/8/22 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	OTP-AM Reported out 2/18/22			

To: Portland Legislative Delegation

From: Portland City Council's Legislative Committee

Date: 4/5/2022

Re: Legislation Supported by Legislative Committee



Legislation from the 130th Maine Legislature Supported by the Portland City Council's Legislative Committee:

- LD 17 Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program
- LD 133 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (BOND)
- LD 197 Resolve, To Ensure That Community Mental Health Service Providers Can Access Pandemic Stimulus Funds
- LD 328 An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing
- LD 484 An Act To Change Maine's Tax Laws
- LD 906 An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water
- LD 910 An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement
- 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 (BOND)
- LD 1086 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Customs Facilities at the Portland International Jetport and the Bangor International Airport To Promote International Tourism and Commerce (BOND)
- LD 1195 An Act To Increase Funding to Qualifying Municipalities by Sharing Adult Use Marijuana Sales and Excise Tax Revenue
- LD 1475 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Targeted Food Processing Infrastructure (BOND)
- LD 1440 An Act To Provide Safe Gear for Female Firefighters
- LD 1447 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

- LD 1601 Resolve, To Establish an Advisory Panel To Study the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State
- LD 1626 An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act
- LD 1673 An Act To Create a Comprehensive Permit Process for the Construction of Affordable Housing
- LD 1693 An Act To Advance Health Equity, Improve the Well-being of All Maine People and Create a Health Trust
- LD 1772 An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act
- LD 1986 An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax
- LD 1899 An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care and Other Constitutional Rights
- LD 1945 An Act To Regulate the Use of Biometric Identifiers
- LD 2003 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions