

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Agenda
April 12, 2022**



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Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Mayor Kate Snyder
Councilor Pious Ali

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Draft Minutes from April 6, 2022

IV. Legislative Update

- a. Update from Bernstein Shur

V. Other Business

- a. For Consideration: Draft Comment on Proposed Revision of Chapter 21 Rule re: Immunization (Chief Keith Gautreau)

Maine EMS, a division of the Department of Public Safety, has proposed a revision to its rules to require that all licensees be vaccinated against influenza. Written comments are being accepted until April 22. The Fire Department is seeking Legislative & Nominating Committee support for their comment (included as backup).

VI. Adjournment

**Legislative & Nominating
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II. Call to Order

Chair April Fournier called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Senator Heather Sanborn, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Barbara Wood, Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Grayson Lookner, Representative Mike Sylvester, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kristen Dow (Director of Health and Human Services), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Kate Knox

(Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were in attendance. Councilor Pious Ali joined the meeting at 8:15 AM. Danielle West (Interim City Manager) joined the meeting at 8:30 AM

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2022

Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2022 meeting, seconded by Chair Fournier, vote (2-0)

IV. Portland Delegation & Committee Discussion

a. General Assistance (GA) Issues

Chair Fournier introduced the issues and set the topics for discussion, specifically L.D. 910 and the City's resettlement efforts.

i. Update on LD 910 (An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement)

Kate Knox discussed the legislation and noted the Delegation's work in pushing this legislation forward.

ii. FYI: Letter to the Appropriations Committee, from the City of Portland

b. Resettlement Efforts

The Committee and Delegation discussed the City's resettlement efforts and the potential effects of funding LD 910, with input from Kristen Dow.

c. Confirming Date for Next Committee/Delegation Meeting

The Committee and Delegation determined that they will plan to hold their next meeting on the last Tuesday in May, and will continue to meet monthly during the recess/district work period.

d. Looking Ahead: FEMA funding to end June 2022

This item was read, no action taken.

V. Other Business

a. Legislative Update (Bernstein Shur)

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0)

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Bill Information	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category	Notes	Priority
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	OTP-AM Reported out 4/4/22	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	4/7/22 Public Law Ch. 571	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 and State Board of Education (Emergency) (Title change)	Brennan	ECA	Bill Text		2/8/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	2/15/22 9:30 AM Rm 208 COB	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: OTP-AM Reported out 4/5/22	Education		
1830	2351	An Act To Amend the Election Laws	Luchini	VLA	Bill Text	Monitor	1/12/22 9:00 AM Rm 437 SH	2/7/22 1:00 PM Rm 437 SH	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 3/25/22	Elections	Kathy testified for MTTCA.	
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	Special Appropriations Table 4/5/22	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	

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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	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	DEAD	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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/6/22	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	MAJ: OTP-AM MIN: ONTP Reported out 4/6/22	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	Work session reconsidered 4/7/22	Voted 4/7/22 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	4/7/22 Resolve Ch. 143	Marijuana		
1428	1626	An Act To Increase the Availability of Intranasal Naloxone in Community and Corrections Settings (Title change)	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	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Regional Adjustment (Title change)	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 Increase the Waste Handling Fee Imposed on the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste (Title change)	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	Special Appropriations Table 4/5/22	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	

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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	Special Study Table 3/24/22	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	Resolve, To Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates (Title change)	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	Special Appropriations Table 3/29/22			

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163 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MAINE EMS)

CHAPTER 21: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

§1. Definitions

1. “Certificate of Immunization” means documentation from a health official of the administration of an immunization, specifying the vaccine administered and the date it was administered. Electronic health records, having been compiled and maintained as an official document based on certificates of immunization, which provide at a minimum the month and year that the immunization was administered may also be accepted as proof of immunization.
2. “Covered Emergency Medical Services Person” means an advanced emergency medical services person, a basic emergency medical services person or any person licensed by this board who routinely provides Direct Patient Care. For the purposes of this definition, EMS students that provide Direct Patient Care are Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons.
3. “Direct Patient Care” means any activity that places an individual within 6 feet of a patient for a period of 15 minutes or more.
4. “Disease” means the following conditions which may be preventable by immunization:
 1. Influenza; and
 2. COVID-19.
5. “Effective Date” means thirty (30) days after publication of this chapter by the Secretary of State for COVID-19 and by November 1, 2022 for Influenza.
6. “Entity” means an organization which holds a license issued by the Board that authorizes it as an organization to provide emergency medical services, or a training center licensed by the Board.
7. “Exemption” means a formal procedure to procure discharge from the requirement to vaccinate under this rule in accordance with Section 3 below.
8. “Immunization” means a vaccine, antitoxin or other substance used to increase an individual’s immunity to Disease.

§2. Immunization Required

1. Each Entity with which a Covered Emergency Medical Services Person is associated must require that the Covered Emergency Medical Services Person provide to the Entity a Certificate of Immunization or documentation of an Exemption pertaining to the Diseases enumerated in the Chapter.
2. No Entity may permit a Covered Emergency Medical Services Person to provide Direct Patient Care without a Certificate of Immunization demonstrating compliance with paragraph 3 of this section, or documentation of an Exemption pertaining to the Diseases enumerated in the Chapter. Covered Emergency Medical Service Persons must have begun the COVID-19 series, or have an approved medical exemption, prior to providing Direct Patient Care, and must come into compliance with the remaining administrations in compliance with paragraph 3 of this section. The Seasonal Influenza vaccine is required annually, or as otherwise recommended by the US Centers for Disease Control.
3. The number and timing of immunization administration dosing shall be in accordance with the applicable immunization manufacturer's dosing specification or labelling.
4. Any such immunization must meet the standards for biological products which are approved by the United States Public Health Service.

§3. Exemptions

1. A Covered Emergency Medical Services Person who does not provide a Certificate of Immunization may be permitted to provide direct patient care if that Covered Emergency Medical Services Person possesses an Exemption.
2. An Exemption is available to a Covered Emergency Medical Services Person who provides a written statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that, in the physician's, nurse practitioner's or physician assistant's professional judgment, on forms approved by Maine EMS, immunization against any of the Diseases enumerated in this Chapter may be medically inadvisable, provided that, the Covered Emergency Medical Services Person has an established patient-qualified provider relationship with the provider issuing the written statement. An exemption is considered permanent.

§4. Record Keeping

1. An Entity must keep a record of the immunization status of each Covered Emergency Medical Services Person associated with the Entity. The record must

include, at a minimum, the month and year that each immunization dose was administered.

2. Where an Exemption has been granted to a Covered Emergency Medical Services Person, the Entity must maintain the written documentation of the Exemption on file.
3. Each Entity must maintain a listing of the names of all Covered Emergency Medical Services Person associated with the Entity who are not currently immunized against Diseases enumerated in the Chapter. The list must also include the names of all Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons with Exemptions.
4. All records required under this chapter shall be deemed, for the purposes of public access, confidential medical records under statute. Notwithstanding this statement, the Board may obtain and disclose records required under this chapter in accordance with 32 M.R.S. § 91-B.

§5. Required Reports

1. Periodic Reporting

Each Entity must, on an annual basis, submit a summary report on the immunization status of all Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons associated with the Entity on a form prescribed by Maine EMS no later than November 30th of that year as part of the EMS service license renewal. The summary report will include the following information at a minimum: specific contact information identifying the Entity, the total number of Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons who are immunized, the total number of Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons who possess Exemptions, and the total number of Covered Emergency Medical Services Persons who do not possess a Certificate of Immunization or an Exemption. Each report must be signed by a representative of the Entity as a certification that the information is accurate.

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EFFECTIVE DATE:

Draft Comment re: Chapter 21 Rule Revision

Dear Maine Emergency Medical Services Board Members,

With the recent release of the revised Chapter 21 rule regarding vaccination requirements of EMS clinicians in our state, the Portland Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to participate in the feedback process through written comment per your request. While we support this revision in concept, we believe the proposed timing of its implementation would introduce new staffing challenges at a uniquely difficult time..

Below, we are hoping to offer the very real and personal impacts of the previous mandate and how we translate that experience into our future expectations under the current proposed guidance in Chapter 21. Combining the present realities of operating an EMS system, the present state of the human beings that comprise our workforce, and the effects of the previous vaccine mandate, we foresee compounding strain and significant negative impact on our people and the emergency medical system as a whole.

We clearly understand your desires to be well-intended, seeking what you believe to be the optimal environment to protect both those that require the assistance of the emergency medical system and also those that work within that system. We clearly understand the direction the science guides us all on COVID 19. The efficacy rates and minimal side effects of the COVID 19 vaccinations, particularly of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, were the reasonable and sound foundation to the initial push for a COVID 19 mandate. These factors led 90% percent of our people to elect to vaccinate for COVID 19 on their own prior to any mention of a mandate. Though difficult for our remaining employees to process, we did move forward with the COVID

19 vaccination requirement upon its initial release according to the timelines set and in the absence of exemption. We did this ahead of most of our peers throughout the state and experienced the significant accompanying negative personal and organizational impacts. Acting in line with all guidance within the initial COVID 19 vaccination rule led to a significant amount of disciplinary work and ultimately to separation with nine members of our department. Three members were paramedics and three of them advanced level providers. There is no understating the value of fully licensed and trained providers to any system, it is of particular note in the current hiring environment. Losing three paramedics is also particularly difficult for one of the few services licensed to the paramedic level in your entire statewide system. Five of the six advanced and paramedic level providers were working in a transport role at the time of separation. To find and hire untrained replacements, which is by itself extremely difficult right now, is only the start. To then train and employ a replacement for the 10 years required to have the same level of licensure and experience produces an amount approaching a million dollars per employee. These numbers are the empirical representation of real people that had careers providing emergency medicine in the State of Maine. Surely, as the governing body tasked with responsibility for emergency medical services in the State of Maine, you share in recognizing the greatest asset in our system is our people. It seems like a very inopportune time to further negatively impact the existing and potential provider pool and worsen the struggles throughout the system.

Stretched thin already here in Portland, we have all we can do to take care of our staff as they continue to answer over 12,000 emergency medical calls a year on our five ambulances. The influenza mandate will compound struggles being experienced throughout the system in the very

real way we have already witnessed. We suspect there will be a day when mandatory influenza vaccination may be broadly indicated based on the same factors COVID 19 presented. We will likely be right there with you at that time. But right now, we ask you to reconsider mandatory influenza vaccination and ensure we will not lose any additional staff.

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Portland Fire Department

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