



Legislative Committee Meeting 03-18-2019 @ 8:00 A.M.
Meeting
March 18, 2019

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Approval of February 11, 2019 meeting minutes
- b. Approval of February 25, 2019 meeting minutes

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review of New LDs : Portland Education Non-Funding
- b. Review of New LDs: City of Portland Memo - Tracking Report
- c. Staff Update

IV. Meeting Schedule

- a. March 22, 2019 meeting with the Delegation
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

VII. Workshop

- a. Legislative Committee Priorities

**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The February 11, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

8:00 AM Meeting:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair, Councilor Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, ; Portland Board of Education Member Laurie Davis; Portland Board of Education Member Emily Figador; Kate Knox, Esq. Bernstein Shur team (by phone);Alysia Melnick, Esq., Bernstein Shur team; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Alicia Gardiner, Executive Director of Budget and Finance, PPS; Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta; Mike Murray(Staff);

9:00 AM Meeting:

The 8 AM meeting attendees were joined by Rep. Rachel Talbot-Ross; Re. Eric Jorgensen; Rep. Ed Crockett; Rep. Dick Farnsworth (Phone); Rep Michael Brennan (phone); Xavier Botana, PPS Superintendent

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes made by Councilor Duson; second by Mayor Strimling; minutes approved 3-0.
2. Motion to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes made by Councilor Duson; second by Mayor Strimling; minutes approved 3-0.

C. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 482 – Request Staff input
LD 489 - Remove
LD 514 – Request Staff Input
LD 522 – MMA to oppose;
LD 523 – Outcome Only
LD 529 - Remove
LD 537 – Track
LD 542 – Remove
LD 550 – Request Staff input
LD 554 – Remove
LD 557 – PPS to Review
LD 560 – Request Staff input
LD 562 – Request Staff input
LD 563 – Request Staff input
LD 564 – Remove
LD 582 – Request Staff input
LD 591 – Track
LD 609 – Place in folder with similar LD’s for further review
LD 643 – Remove

LD 645 – Remove
LD 647 – Support
LD 651 – PPS to Review
LD 655 – Remove
LD 670 – Outcome
LD 672 – PPS to Review
LD 682 – Place in Folder with Similar LDs for further review

D Review of non-funding education bills by Committee and Portland Board of Education and PPS Staff;

E. General discussion between Legislative Committee and delegation members; discussion centered around Governor Mills recently released budget; possible impacts on municipal and education budgets; discussion about level of funding for appropriations.

E. Next Meeting Date

February 25, 2019– 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM – Legislative Committee
9:30 AM -10:30 AM – LC Work Plan Meeting

March 4, 2019 – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM – Legislative Committee Meeting

F. Adjournment

Mayor Strimling made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Duson,; vote 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

**CITY OF PORTLAND
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February 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The February 25, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:05 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

B.

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair, Councilor Jill Duson, Board Member Laurie Davis; Portland Board of Education Member Emily Figador; Kate Knox, Esq. Bernstein Shur team (by phone); Alysia Melnick, Esq., Bernstein Shur team; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Xavier Botana, Superintendent of PPS; Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta; City Clerk Katherine Jones; Mike Murray(Staff);

C. Review of non-funding education bills by Committee and Portland Board of Education and PPS Staff;

D. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 505 – Remove
LD 534 – Remove
LD 535 – Remove
LD 547 – Place with similar bills for future review
LD 571 – Outcome
LD 590 – Request Staff Input
LD 619 – Track
LD 627 – Track
LD 696 – Outcome
LD 712 – Check with PPS
LD 736 – Request Staff Input
LD 746 – Support; Provide Letter of Support/Testimony
LD 751- Place with similar bills for further review
LD 753 – Outcome
LD 778 – Outcome
LD 780 – Track
LD 788 – Request Staff Input
LD 791 – Check with PPS
LD 794 – Place with similar bills for future review
LD 811 – Place with similar bills for future review
LD 812 – Place with similar bills for future review
LD 824 – No Position
LD 836 – Support
LD 837 – Place with Similar bills for future review
LD 839 – Place with Similar bills for future review
LD 844 – Oppose
LD 855 – Request Staff Input
LD 859 – Place with Similar bills for future review

LD 861 – Letter of Support Requested
LD 868 – Request Staff Input
LD 887 – Place with similar bills for future review
LD 900 – Request City Manager /staff input
LD 917 – Track
LD 921 – Request Staff Input
LD 922 – Request Staff Input
LD 949 – Track
LD 957 – Track
LD 964 – Request Staff Input

D. Next Meeting Date

March 4, 2019– 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM – Legislative Committee
9:30 AM -10:30 AM – LC Work Plan Meeting

E. Adjournment

Councilor Duson mad a motion to adjourn; second by Councilor Ali; vote 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.



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Memorandum

To: Portland Education - Non Funding Report

From: Bernstein Shur

Date: March 1, 2019 & March 8,
2019 - Combined

Re: New Legislative Bills Report

Please find below the new legislative documents (LD) printed this week that we have flagged to be of possible interest to your organization. Please indicate to us which bills you would like included on your tracking report.

Thank you.

[LD 979, HP0734](#)

An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding

[LD 985, HP0740](#)

An Act To Maintain High School Diploma Standards by Repealing Proficiency-based Diploma Standards

[LD 1010, HP0752](#)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Model School Disciplinary Policy

[LD 1024, SP0303](#)

An Act To Include Mental Health Education in Maine Schools

[LD 1029, HP0759](#)

An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Students Attending Public Secondary Schools with Enrollments of 300 or Fewer Students

[LD 1035, HP0765](#)

Resolve, To Streamline the Process by Which Schools Receive Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

[LD 1043, HP0773](#)

An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs

[LD 1046, SP0306](#)

An Act To Authorize the Department of Education To Provide Flexibility in the Required Credentials for Teachers in Career and Technical Programs

[LD 1050, SP0310](#)

An Act To Require Education about the Holocaust

[LD 1079, HP0802](#)

An Act To Require Public Schools To Periodically Test for Radon

[LD 1119, SP0339](#)

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units

[LD 1152, HP0841](#)

An Act To Make the Maine Educational Assessment Optional for Kindergarten to Grade 8

[LD 1170, SP0356](#)

An Act To Raise the Floor of State Education Funding

[LD 1174, SP0360](#)

An Act To Facilitate Remote Learning during School Cancellations

[LD 1182, HP0856](#)

An Act To Improve School Safety by Requiring Law Enforcement Visits

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<u>LD#</u>	<u>LD Title</u>	<u>MSSA Position</u>	<u>Committee Position</u>	<u>Last Action</u>
	<u>Meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2019</u>			
<u>14</u>	An Act To Improve Science and Engineering Education for Maine's Students	Support	ONTP	DEAD
<u>19</u>	An Act To Require Public School Buses To Be Equipped with School Bus Crossing Arms	Neither for nor Against	OTP-AM	
<u>29</u>	Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force To Address the Opioid Crisis in the State by Establishing a Work Group To Develop Educational Programming for Prevention of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders among Youth and Adolescents	Support	ONTP	DEAD
<u>40</u>	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Children's Mental Health	Support		
<u>55</u>	An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State	Support	ONTP	DEAD
<u>63</u>	An Act To Improve Responsiveness of Elected School Boards to the Public	Oppose	ONTP/OTP	
<u>65</u>	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Impose a Seasonal or Year-round Local Option Sales Tax	Support		
<u>69</u>	An Act To Provide Economic Security to Maine Families through the Creation of a Paid Family Medical Leave System	Monitor to Oppose		
<u>75</u>	An Act To Protect Earned Pay	Oppose		
<u>92</u>	An Act To Amend Teacher Evaluation Requirements	Support		
<u>94</u>	An Act To Prohibit the Dissemination of Obscene Material by Public Schools	Oppose	ONTP	DEAD
<u>97</u>	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 38: Suicide Awareness and Prevention in Maine Public Schools, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Support	OTP-AM	
<u>98</u>	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 122: Grant Application and Award Procedure: Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Support	OTP-AM	
	<u>Meeting of Tuesday, January 29, 2019</u>			
<u>122</u>	An Act To Prohibit an Employer from Asking a Prospective Hire about the Person's Compensation History until after a Job Offer Is Made	Monitor	ONTP	
<u>136</u>	An Act To Establish a Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Program	Monitor		
<u>137</u>	An Act To Make the Maine Learning Technology Initiative More Cost-effective	Oppose	ONTP	DEAD

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<u>147</u>	An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine	Monitor to Support	OTP-AM	
<u>148</u>	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	Support w/ \$\$		
<u>149</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Student Debt Forgiveness To Support Workforce Attraction and Retention	Monitor		
<u>150</u>	An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools	Support	OTP-AM	
<u>151</u>	An Act To Align State Law with Current Practice Regarding Required School Attendance	Support		
<u>152</u>	An Act To Prohibit the Possession and Use of Electronic Smoking Devices on School Grounds	Support	OTP-AM	
<u>153</u>	An Act To Strengthen Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water	Support		
<u>160</u>	An Act To Add Instruction in Personal Finance to the Statewide System of Learning Results	Oppose		
<u>161</u>	An Act To Increase Access to Career and Technical Education	Monitor		
<u>162</u>	An Act To Eliminate the State Income Tax on Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions	Neither for nor Against	OTP-AM	
<u>166</u>	An Act To Protect Schoolchildren by Increasing the Penalty for Unlawful Passing of a School Bus	Support		
<u>167</u>	An Act To Prevent Food Shaming in Maine's Public Schools	Neither for nor Against	OTP-AM	
<u>173</u>	An Act To Promote Economic Development and Critical Communications for Family Farms, Businesses and Residences by Strategic Public Investment in High-speed Internet	Monitor to Support		
<u>176</u>	An Act To Enhance Participation on the State Board of Education	Support	OTP-AM	
<u>178</u>	An Act To Increase the State Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers	Support		
<u>276</u>	An Act To Provide Equity in the State Income Tax Deduction for Maine Public Employees Retirement System Pensions	Neither for nor Against	ONTP	DEAD

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	Meeting of Tuesday, February 5, 2019			
92	Amdendment: An Act To Amend the Teacher Evaluation Requirements	Support w/ report on amendment		
179	An Act To Change the Name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day	Monitor		
183	An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine	Support		
185	An Act To Provide a Method for a Student To Be Excused from Standardized Testing	Oppose		
210	An Act To Increase Technology and Engineering Education for Grades 7 to 12	Neither for nor Against		
224	An Act To Fund the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund	Monitor to Support		
225	An Act Regarding Transportation Management Software and School Bus Replacement	Support		
226	An Act To Require the Use of Preapproved Subcontractors for Publicly Funded Construction Projects	Oppose		
236	An Act Regarding the Use of Unanticipated State Aid for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education	Support → SAU		
237	An Act To Appropriate Funds for Coaching Services for Existing and New Prekindergarten Programs	Monitor		
240	An Act To Allow Public Employers of Teachers to Negotiate Regarding Educational Policies	Oppose		
247	An Act To Increase the Amount of Time School Counselors and Social Workers Spend Providing Students Direct and Indirect Counseling	Oppose	OTP-AM	
259	An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools	Support, but		
278	An Act Regarding Pay Equality	Monitor		
283	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	Support	OTP	

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<u>285</u>	An Act To Provide for Legislative Review of Federally Mandated Major Substantive Rules under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act	Support		
<u>295</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service	Monitor to Support		
<u>296</u>	An Act Regarding Student Privacy with Respect to Video Recordings	Support		
<u>299</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist Schools, Municipalities and Counties in Using Emerging Technologies and Energy Alternatives to Fossil Fuels in Heating, Electrical and Other Utility Systems	Monitor		
<u>300</u>	An Act To Protect Hourly School Personnel Pay During School Days Missed Due to Weather or Emergency Closures	Oppose		
<u>344</u>	An Act To Increase the Penalties for Illegally Passing a School Bus	Support		
<u>369</u>	An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Earned Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees	Oppose		
<u>375</u>	An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems	Oppose		
<u>388</u>	An Act To Recognize Employee Background Checks Conducted for Out-of-state Schools Eligible for Maine Tuition Assistance	Support	OTP/ONTP	
<u>395</u>	An Act To Protect Access to Outside-of-school Enrichment Opportunities	Oppose		
<u>441</u>	An Act To Reduce Childhood Exposure to Harmful Ultraviolet Radiation by Allowing Students To Use Sunscreen in Schools	Monitor	OTP-AM	
<u>469</u>	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	Support		
<u>470</u>	An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools	Oppose		
Meeting of Tuesday, February 12, 2019				
<u>LR 80</u>	Immunization Bill			
<u>307</u>	An Act To Limit the Number of Charter Schools in Maine	Support		
<u>309</u>	An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems	Neither for nor Against		
<u>318</u>	An Act To Prepare All Students for Work and Life by Requiring That Students Receive Instruction in Vocational Preparation and Practical Life Skills	Oppose		

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<u>345</u>	An Act To Help New Teachers Succeed	Oppose		
<u>354</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage the Provision of Reliable High-speed Internet in Rural Underserved Areas of Maine	Monitor to Support		
<u>358</u>	An Act To Fully Fund Career and Technical Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19	Support		
<u>359</u>	An Act To Address Student Hunger with a "Breakfast after the Bell" Program	Support		
<u>385</u>	An Act To Base School Funding on the Number of Students Sent by a Town to a Regional School Unit	Oppose		
<u>387</u>	An Act To Require Cursive Handwriting Instruction in Grade 3 to Grade 5	Oppose	ONTP	DEAD
<u>392</u>	An Act To Fund Maine's School-based Health Centers	Support		
<u>404</u>	An Act To Fund the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Monitor to Support		
<u>405</u>	An Act To Increase the Statewide Minimum Salary for Teachers	Support		
<u>406</u>	An Act To Establish Regional School Leadership Academies	Support		
<u>412</u>	An Act To Restore System Administration Allocations in Maine School Administrative Units to the Level Prescribed for Fiscal Year 2017-18	Support		
<u>419</u>	An Act To Require a Minimum Salary of \$50,000 for Public School Teachers	Monitor		
<u>427</u>	An Act To Require the State To Fund Teacher Retirement	Support		
<u>438</u>	An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools	Oppose		
<u>454</u>	An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Produce for Public Schools	Support		
<u>462</u>	An Act To Provide Paid Family Leave to Public School Employees	Oppose		
<u>464</u>	An Act To Change the Period To Request a Due Process Hearing for Costs Related to a Unilateral Private School Placement from a Public School	Support	ONTP	DEAD
<u>468</u>	An Act To Require That the State Fund on an Ongoing Basis a Minimum of 50 Percent of the Costs Associated with Public Preschool Programs	Hold		
<u>484</u>	Resolve, To Establish a Maine State High School Diploma	Oppose		
<u>497</u>	An Act Regarding the Providing of Human Food Waste to Swine Producers	Monitor		
<u>502</u>	An Act To Establish the Summer Success Program Fund	Support		
<u>504</u>	An Act To Enhance the Development of Innovative Career and Technical Education Programs	Oppose		

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512	Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services	Neither for nor Against		
513	An Act To Limit the Number of Students and Prevent the Addition of Grade Levels at Virtual Public Charter Schools	Oppose		
541	Resolve, To Reduce Food Waste in Schools	Monitor		
549	An Act To Promote Academic Achievement through Hunger Relief for Maine Children	Support		
557	An Act To Create and Fund the School Revolving Maintenance Fund To Support the Usefulness and Longevity of Public School Buildings	Support	ONTP	DEAD
576	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop and Implement an Online Learning Platform for Students and Educators	Monitor		
577	An Act To Increase Access to Nutritious Foods in Schools by Implementing an After-school Food Program for At-risk Students	Oppose		
587	An Act To Require Career Options Education for High School Students	Oppose		
589	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom	Oppose	ONTP	DEAD
594	An Act To Promote Individual Savings Accounts through a Public-Private Partnership	Monitor		
600	An Act To Achieve Mental Health Parity in Workers' Compensation	Monitor		
605	An Act To Improve Antihunger Programs in Maine Schools	Support		
621	An Act To Prohibit Extruded Polystyrene Food Service Containers	Monitor	ONTP	
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632	An Act To Promote Free, Appropriate Public Education	Monitor to Oppose		
639	An Act To Protect Student Privacy	Support		
642	An Act Regarding Kindergarten Readiness for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Monitor		
647	An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce	Monitor		

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<u>651</u>	An Act To Facilitate School Access to Federal Title I Funds and Improve the Delivery of Special Education Services	Monitor to Support		
<u>654</u>	An Act Regarding Instruction in Civics in Secondary Schools	Oppose		
<u>655</u>	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Send Separate Tax Bills for Municipal and County and School Taxes	Oppose		
<u>656</u>	An Act To Increase the Penalty for Passing a School Bus with Its Red Lights Flashing	Monitor	ONTP	
<u>660</u>	An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax	Monitor	OTP-AM	
<u>662</u>	An Act To Count Study Abroad toward Secondary School Credit	Oppose	OTP-AM	
<u>664</u>	An Act To Organize Biannual County Meetings for Local School Boards	Oppose		
<u>670</u>	An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage for Large Employers	Monitor		
<u>672</u>	An Act To Allow Local Flexibility in Teacher Assignment To Enhance Student Achievement	Support		
<u>701</u>	An Act To Modernize the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program	Support		
<u>711</u>	Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study and Recommend a Minimum Age for Participation in Tackle Football	Monitor		
<u>712</u>	An Act To Fully Fund After-school and Preschool Programs in the School Funding Formula, Increase the Economically Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula and Increase the School Construction Debt Service Limit	Neither for nor Against		
<u>714</u>	An Act To Prohibit Public Charter Schools from Expending Funds for Advertising	Monitor		
<u>718</u>	An Act To Increase Funding for Adult Basic Literacy, Workplace Education and College Preparedness	Support		
<u>721</u>	An Act To Encourage Public Participation in School Board Meetings	Monitor to Oppose		
<u>727</u>	An Act Concerning Funding of Alternative Organizational Structures	Monitor		
<u>729</u>	An Act Regarding the Probationary Period for Teachers	Oppose		
<u>732</u>	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Career and Technical Student Organizations	Monitor	OTP-AM	
<u>736</u>	An Act To Protect Students during Elections Held at Their Schools	Oppose		

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<u>750</u>	An Act To Allow Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Instructors To Instruct without State Certification	Support		
<u>770</u>	An Act To Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools	Oppose		
<u>773</u>	An Act Regarding Secondary School Education Concerning Sexual Activity and Sexual Assault	Oppose		
<u>791</u>	An Act To Provide School Districts with Full State Funding for Students with High-cost Special Education Needs	Neither for nor Against		
<u>836</u>	An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers	Support		
<u>843</u>	An Act To Clarify Parental Consent Regarding the Release of Student Information	Monitor		
<u>852</u>	An Act To Enhance the Coordination of Benefits, Assessments and Expansion of Continuing Education Programs for Young Adults with Disabilities after High School	Monitor		
<u>858</u>	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study and Make Recommendations for the Establishment of a Maine School Safety Center	Support		
<u>859</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions	Support		
	Meeting of Tuesday, February 26, 2019			
<u>882</u>	Resolve, To Require the Examination of the System of Learning Results	Oppose		
<u>894</u>	An Act To Expressly Allow Nonprofit Corporations To Conduct Electronic Voting	—		
<u>898</u>	An Act To Provide for a Professional Wage and Support for New Educators	Neither for nor Against		
<u>900</u>	An Act To Expand the Rights of Public Employees under the Maine Labor Laws	Oppose		
<u>930</u>	An Act To Give Maine Schools Additional Options To Make Up Missed School Days	Support		
<u>944</u>	An Act To Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools	Monitor		
<u>965</u>	An Act To Restrict Cell Phone Use by Students While in School	Oppose		
<u>968</u>	An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021	Monitor		

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<u>969</u>	An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019	Monitor		
<u>979</u>	An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding	Support		
<u>985</u>	An Act To Maintain High School Diploma Standards by Repealing Proficiency-based Diploma Standards	Oppose		
<u>987</u>	An Act To Provide Autonomy for Health Care Providers To Practice Patient-centered Care by Amending the Laws Governing Medical Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	Tabled		
<u>997</u>	An Act To Promote Social and Emotional Learning and Development for Young Children	Support		
<u>1001</u>	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021	Support		
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<u>1010</u>	Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Model School Disciplinary Policy	Support		
<u>1024</u>	An Act To Include Mental Health Education in Maine Schools	Oppose		
<u>1029</u>	An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Students Attending Public Secondary Schools with Enrollments of 300 or Fewer Students	Oppose		
<u>1030</u>	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission	Monitor		
<u>1035</u>	Resolve, To Streamline the Process by Which Schools Receive Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	Monitor		
<u>1036</u>	Resolve, Establishing a Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System To Support Workforce Development	Neither for nor Against		
<u>1041</u>	An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining for Public Employees under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws	Oppose		
<u>1043</u>	An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs	Support		

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<u>1046</u>	An Act To Authorize the Department of Education To Provide Flexibility in the Required Credentials for Teachers in Career and Technical Programs	Support		
<u>1050</u>	An Act To Require Education about the Holocaust	Oppose		
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<u>1064</u>	An Act To Address Maine's Firefighter Shortage by Offering Firefighter Training for Credit in High School Career and Technical Education Programs			
<u>1079</u>	An Act To Require Public Schools To Periodically Test for Radon			
<u>1110</u>	An Act To Establish a Local Option for Sales Tax			
<u>1112</u>	An Act To Provide Employee Vaccination Compensation			
<u>1119</u>	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units			
<u>1152</u>	An Act To Make the Maine Educational Assessment Optional for Kindergarten to Grade 8			
<u>1168</u>	Resolve, To Improve Maine's Response to Childhood Trauma			
<u>1170</u>	An Act To Raise the Floor of State Education Funding			
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Re: New Legislative Bills Report

Please find below the new legislative documents (LD) printed this week that we have flagged to be of possible interest to your organization. Please indicate to us which bills you would like included on your tracking report.

Thank you.

[LD 718, HP0523](#)

An Act To Increase Funding for Adult Basic Literacy, Workplace Education and College Preparedness

[LD 970, HP0725](#)

An Act To Encourage Policies Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units under Local Comprehensive Plans and Zoning Requirements

[LD 979, HP0734](#)

An Act To Provide Consistent Data Regarding Education Funding

[LD 986, HP0741](#)

An Act To Expand Lead Inspections to Other Properties of the Owner of a Property Determined to Contain Lead

[LD 1014, SP0293](#)

An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters

[LD 1031, HP0761](#)

An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value

[LD 1041, HP0771](#)

An Act Regarding Collective Bargaining for Public Employees under the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws

[LD 1043, HP0773](#)

An Act To Establish Universal Public Preschool Programs

[LD 1063, HP0786](#)

An Act To Support the Role of Municipalities in Expanding Broadband Infrastructure

[LD 1064, HP0787](#)

An Act To Address Maine's Firefighter Shortage by Offering Firefighter Training for Credit in High School Career and Technical Education Programs

[LD 1066, HP0789](#)

An Act To Address Municipal Conflicts of Interest

[LD 1068, HP0791](#)

An Act To Increase the Number of Agency Liquor Stores Permitted in Municipalities with 10,000 to 20,000 Residents

[LD 1078, HP0801](#)

An Act Regarding the Number of Agency Liquor Store Licenses Permitted in a Municipality

[LD 1110, HP0814](#)

An Act To Establish a Local Option for Sales Tax

[LD 1116, SP0336](#)

An Act To Strengthen the Lead Poisoning Control Act

[LD 1119, SP0339](#)

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units

[LD 1128, SP0348](#)

An Act To Clarify Statutes Related to Establishing a Municipal Charter Commission

[LD 1145, HP0834](#)

An Act To Improve the Law Authorizing Municipalities To Allow Low-income Seniors To Defer Payment of Municipal Property Taxes

[LD 1148, HP0837](#)

An Act Regarding the Costs Incurred by Municipalities in the Administration of Aquaculture Leases

[LD 1158, HP0847](#)

An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief

[LD 1170, SP0356](#)

An Act To Raise the Floor of State Education Funding

[LD 1183, HP0857](#)

Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation by Members of Public Bodies

[LD 1192, SP0366](#)

An Act To Establish Municipal Access to Utility Poles Located in Municipal Rights-of-way

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<u>89</u>	713	An Act To Impose Requirements on the Rental of Residential Property That Has Been Used in the Manufacture of Methamphetamine	Mastraccio	JUD	Outcome only	
<u>336</u>	1168	An Act To Require That Notice of Lead Abatement Orders Be Filed with the Registry of Deeds	Cloutier	HHS	Outcome only	
<u>458</u>	936	An Act To Require Motorists To Yield to Transit Buses	Chipman	TRAN	Outcome only	
<u>482</u>	754	An Act To Reduce the Participation Thresholds for Various Municipal Referenda and To Change the Measurement of Those Thresholds from Votes Cast for and against the Question to Votes in Favor of the Question	Pouliot	SLG	Outcome only	
<u>514</u>	903	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Political Party Representation of Election Clerks	Schneck	VLA	Outcome only	
<u>522</u>	1286	An Act To Prohibit the Imposition by Municipalities of General Restrictions on Rents and Rental Properties	Strom	LH	Outcome only	
<u>523</u>	1105	An Act To Permit the Indoor Production of Industrial Hemp (Emergency)	Johansen	ACF	Outcome only	
<u>571</u>	1620	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area	Sheats	TRAN	Outcome only	
<u>619</u>	239	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting	Schneck	VLA	Outcome only	
<u>627</u>	494	An Act Regarding Portable Electronic Device Content, Location Information and Tracking Devices			Outcome only	
<u>670</u>	570	An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage for Large Employers	Collings	LH	Outcome only	
<u>696</u>	1087	An Act To Protect Public Employees from Identity Theft	Bellows	SLG	Outcome only	
<u>753</u>	459	An Act To Allow Voters To Choose Ongoing Absentee Voter Status	Fecteau	VLA	Outcome only	
<u>778</u>	919	An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety	Libby	TRAN	Outcome only	
<u>780</u>	941	An Act To Change Municipal Campaign Contribution Limits	Chipman	VLA	Outcome only	

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<u>16</u>	333	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise (Bond)	Brennan	AFA		
<u>47</u>	332	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	T – support	
<u>48</u>	329	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	T – support	
<u>148</u>	387	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 (Bond)	Millett	AFA		
<u>172</u>	326	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Smart City Technology (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	Support / Testify	
<u>363</u>	1559	An Act To Protect Residents of Assisted Living Facilities	Miramant	HHS	MM to send to Barron Center for review (2/4)	
<u>469</u>	987	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 (Bond)	Farnsworth	AFA	M (defer to PPS)	
<u>535</u>	103	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service	Sheats	AFA		
<u>547</u>	1240	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine Aquaculture	Chipman	AFA		
<u>794</u>	1915	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund	Deschambault	AFA		
<u>859</u>	245	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions	Fecteau	AFA		

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<u>751</u>	882	An Act To Reinstate the State Property Tax Deferral Program for Maine's Senior Homeowners	Skolfield	TAX		
<u>811</u>	770	An Act To Provide Additional Flexibility in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Programs for Seniors	Hamper	TAX		
<u>812</u>	1387	An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes on Homesteads of Individuals Who Are 66 Years of Age or Older	Chenette	TAX		

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<u>363</u>	1559	An Act To Protect Residents of Assisted Living Facilities	Miramant	HHS	This bill requires nursing facilities and assisted living and residential care facilities that provide services to a person who requires assistance with activities of daily living to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use an automated external defibrillator in the event of a suspected sudden cardiac arrest unless the person has made a health care decision that includes an order not to resuscitate. It requires those facilities to store the necessary equipment to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use an automated external defibrillator. It requires those facilities to provide training to their employees on how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an automated external defibrillator. The bill also directs those facilities to establish a process for quickly determining in the event of a medical emergency whether an individual residing in the facility has made a health care decision that includes an order not to resuscitate.	MM to send to Barron Center for review (2/4)	2/20/19 1:00 PM Rm 209 COB	2/28/19 1:15 PM Rm 209 COB	Testified Voted 2/28/19 ONTP Not rpt out	Assisted Living
<u>16</u>	333	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to improve waterfront and coastal infrastructure in municipalities to address sea level rise.					Bonds
<u>47</u>	332	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used for the rehabilitation or new construction of fire stations by municipalities.	T – support	1/22/19 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bonds
<u>48</u>	329	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used for capital construction costs for housing for persons who are homeless.	T – support	1/22/19 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bonds

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<u>148</u>	387	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 (Bond)	Millett	AFA	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.		2/12/19 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bonds
<u>172</u>	326	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Smart City Technology (Bond)	Brennan	AFA	The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to provide funds through the Maine Technology Institute to allow municipalities to invest in smart and connected infrastructure, technology and capacity, including but not limited to information and communications technology such as broadband connectivity, connected sensors and data aggregation platforms; light-emitting diode lighting; adaptive traffic control signals; autonomous vehicle projects; electric vehicle infrastructure; and distributed power generation, storage and management.	Support / Testify	2/19/19 1:45 PM Rm 228 COB		Submitting testimony in support	Bonds
<u>469</u>	987	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 (Bond)	Farnsworth	AFA	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.	M (defer to PPS)	2/12/19 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH			Bonds
<u>438</u>	1649	An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools	Pouliot	ECA	This bill removes the cap on the number of charter schools the Maine Charter School Commission may authorize.	T				Charter Schools

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<u>333</u>	884	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs To Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training	Skolfield	ACF	This bill repeals the law prohibiting a person from training or encouraging a dog that is not directly involved with a protection dog training program recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to be aggressive toward or attack another person or domesticated animal.	PPD Opposed. Sent letter	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	3/12/19 2:00 PM Rm 214 COB		Dogs
<u>329</u>	352	An Act To Exempt from Criminal Liability Persons Reporting a Drug-related Medical Emergency	Cardone	CJPS	This bill exempts from arrest or prosecution a person who in good faith seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing a drug-related overdose or who is experiencing a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance. The person may not be arrested or prosecuted for a violation of laws prohibiting the possession of scheduled drugs, acquiring drugs by deception, the possession of hypodermic apparatuses and the use of drug paraphernalia or a violation of probation if the grounds for arrest or prosecution are obtained as a result of the person's seeking medical assistance or experiencing a drug-related overdose.	Support/ PPD testified	2/20/19 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	2/27/19 10:00 AM Rm 436 SH	Voted 2/27/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Drugs
<u>53</u>	430	An Act To Clarify Local Referendum Ballots	Sanborn	SLG	This bill requires that municipal initiative and referendum questions be listed on election ballots using sequential capital letters of the alphabet rather than sequential numbers.	City Support	2/4/19 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	2/11/19 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/11/19 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Elections
<u>186</u>	1724	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors	Faulkingham	VLA	This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to specify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States may vote in a state, county or municipal or other local election.		3/11/19 10:00 AM Rm 437 SH			Elections
<u>459</u>	937	An Act To Include Homelessness in the Laws Governing Emergency General Assistance	Chipman	HHS	This bill defines "homelessness" for the purposes of the laws governing general assistance and specifies that a person experiencing or facing homelessness who meets the conditions for receiving emergency assistance in current law is eligible for emergency general assistance.	Support				General Assistance

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<u>353</u>	1662	An Act To Classify Recovery Residences as One-family Dwellings for the Purposes of the Fire Code	Fecteau	CJPS	This bill requires a recovery residence located in a house to be considered a one-family dwelling under rules concerning safety to life from fire if the recovery residence has no more than 6 occupants and contains a fire extinguisher and smoke detector in each room. This bill also defines "recovery residence" as an alcohol-free and illegal substance-free shared living residence for persons recovering from substance use disorder that provides peer support and connects residents to support services and community resources.	Oppose				Housing
<u>390</u>	273	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Buildings	Johansen	SLG	This bill allows a municipality or county seeking an order of demolition of a dangerous building to seek a writ of attachment of the property on which the building is located.	Track	2/20/19 10:00 AM Rm 214 COB	2/27/19 1:00 PM Rm 214 COB	Voted 2/27/19 OTP-AM Not rpt out	Housing
<u>591</u>	1784	An Act To Create Flexibility in Affordable Housing Calculations	Sylvester	LH	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to allow exemptions in the calculation of the affordable housing cap for per unit expenditures.					Housing

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<u>415</u>	1186	An Act To Enhance the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program	Verow	LH	This bill makes changes to the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. 1. It makes enrollment in the program mandatory for a county or municipal law enforcement officer or municipal firefighter with a date of hire on or after January 1, 2020 and offers one-time open enrollment until July 1, 2020 to those officers and firefighters with a date of hire after November 1, 2006 who elected not to enroll. 2. It increases the employee contribution for participation in the program from 1.5% of gross wages to 2.5% and makes corresponding changes to the contribution requirements for retirees with less than 5 years of contributions upon retirement. 3. It allows a retiree to be eligible if the retiree is less than 50 years of age as long as the retiree has at least 25 years of service in a position as a county or municipal law enforcement officer or a municipal firefighter and has participated in the special consolidation retirement plan from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. 4. It increases the state subsidy for the retiree's share of the costs of health insurance coverage from 45% to 100%. 5. It requires that all retirees be provided health insurance coverage through the group health plan provided to state employees beginning January 1, 2020.	MM to send to law enforcement for review (2/4)				Insurance
<u>550</u>	1051	An Act To Amend the Definition of "Subdivision" in the Laws Governing Planning and Land Use Regulation for Subdivisions and a Provision Excepting the Division of a New or Existing Structure from Those Laws Beginning July 1, 2018	Libby	ENR	This bill changes the date by which definitions of "subdivision" that are in municipal ordinances and that conflict with state law must comply with the definition of "subdivision" in state law. It also extends the time municipalities have to register an ordinance with a conflicting definition with the registry of deeds. The bill also removes cross-references to the site location of development laws in an exemption to municipal subdivision review and adds a cross-reference to the law governing municipal site plan review ordinances.					Land use

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<u>335</u>	890	An Act To Require the State To Distribute 25 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities	Warren	TAX	This bill allocates 25% of the gross sales and excise tax revenue generated by adult use marijuana establishments in the State to the municipalities where the revenue was generated and makes a reduction to the amount deposited in the Adult Use Marijuana Public Health and Safety Fund.	Support/ TBD re: testify				Marijuana
<u>402</u>	586	An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers	Tipping	LH	This bill annually raises the minimum salary that an employee who works in an executive, administrative or professional capacity must earn in order for that employee to be exempt from the laws governing the minimum wage and overtime pay until it is \$55,224 on January 1, 2022. The bill provides for an annual adjustment, beginning January 1, 2023, based on the percentage annual increase in certain earnings as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.	MM to send to Danielle for review (2/ 4)	3/11/19 9:00 AM Rm 202 COB			Minimum Salary
<u>560</u>	2224	An Act To Improve Access to Property Tax Exemptions for New Homeowners	Grohoski	TAX	This bill provides that a permanent resident of the State who owns a homestead in the State does not need to own the homestead for the preceding 12 months in order to qualify for the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption.		2/20/19 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	2/27/19 10:00 AM Rm 127 SH	Voted 2/27/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Property tax
<u>133</u>	542	An Act To Fully Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (Emergency)	Evangelos	TAX	This bill restores state-municipal revenue sharing to 5% from 2% for the entire fiscal year 2018-19. The law currently requires revenue sharing to revert to 5% beginning July 1, 2019.					Revenue Sharing
<u>193</u>	328	An Act To Fully Fund and Restore State-Municipal Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Harnett	TAX	This bill restores state-municipal revenue sharing to 5% from 2% 6 months earlier than currently provided in law.					Revenue Sharing
<u>444</u>	165	An Act To Fully Restore Revenue Sharing (Emergency)	Bellows	TAX	This bill restores state-municipal revenue sharing to 5% from 2% 3 months earlier than currently provided in law.	M				Revenue Sharing

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<u>136</u>	721	An Act To Establish a Special Education Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Program	Rudnicki	ECA	This bill establishes the special education circuit breaker reimbursement program, in which the Department of Education reimburses school administrative units, for a student whose eligible special education costs exceed 4 times the statewide EPS per-pupil rate, 75% of the amount of the special education costs that are above 4 times the statewide EPS per-pupil rate. The bill requires the department to distribute reimbursements to eligible school administrative units on a quarterly basis, and the reimbursements must be deposited in a separate revolving account that may be spent only on approved special education services.		3/6/19 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School
<u>240</u>	1783	An Act To Allow Public Employers of Teachers to Negotiate Regarding Educational Policies	Sylvester	LH	This bill allows, but does not require, public employers of teachers to negotiate with respect to educational policies.	School opposes/ No COP position	2/20/19 10:00 AM Rm 202 COB	2/27/19 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Tabled 2/27/19	School
<u>345</u>	1178	An Act To Help New Teachers Succeed	McCrea	ECA	This bill requires a probationary teacher to be evaluated during each year of employment as a probationary teacher and provides that if a 3rd-year probationary teacher does not receive a summative effectiveness rating indicating ineffectiveness during the first or 2nd year of the probationary teacher's contract, the probationary teacher's contract must be extended automatically. This bill also requires special procedures for probationary teachers in a school administrative unit's performance evaluation and professional growth system.	Track	3/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			School

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<u>395</u>	439	An Act To Protect Access to Outside-of-school Enrichment Opportunities	Berry	ECA	This bill establishes that a school administrative unit may not prohibit a student from accessing outside-of-school enrichment opportunities unless the student is failing to meet academic standards and that a school administrative unit may not prohibit or otherwise restrict an authorized school employee or volunteer from involvement unless the student is failing to meet academic standards or the enrichment opportunity is part of a corporate sponsorship and the employee's or volunteer's involvement is inconsistent with the educational policy of the school administrative unit.	More Info	2/20/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/27/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Tabled 2/27/19	School
<u>405</u>	706	An Act To Increase the Statewide Minimum Salary for Teachers	Kornfield	ECA	This bill increases the minimum salary for certified teachers, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. This bill also requires the Commissioner of Education to increase the state share of the total allocation to a qualifying school administrative unit to achieve the minimum salary for certified teachers.	T (defer to PPS)	3/4/19 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/13/19 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School
<u>462</u>	802	An Act To Provide Paid Family Leave to Public School Employees	Pierce	LH	This bill provides that a full-time employee of a school administrative unit is entitled to up to 12 weeks of paid family medical leave and may not be required to use sick or other kinds of leave for the birth of the employee's child or the employee's domestic partner's child or for the placement of a child 16 years of age or less with the employee or the employee's domestic partner in connection with the adoption of the child by the employee or the employee's domestic partner. The bill also provides that the employer and employee may negotiate whether leave is taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule.	M (defer to PPS)				School

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<u>512</u>	991	Resolve, To Create the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services (Emergency)	Farnsworth	ECA	This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study and Plan for the Implementation of Maine's Early Childhood Special Education Services to examine the national trends and relevant models of governing and delivering early childhood special education systems and the short-term and long-term costs and benefits to the Department of Education's proposed plan to restructure the Child Development Services System and to make recommendations for an early childhood special education services program plan.					School
<u>589</u>	1749	Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education To Adopt Rules Prohibiting Teachers in Public Schools from Engaging in Political, Ideological or Religious Advocacy in the Classroom	Lockman	ECA	This resolve directs the State Board of Education to adopt major substantive rules prohibiting teachers in public schools from engaging in political, religious or ideological advocacy in the classroom or from introducing any controversial subject matter that is not germane to the topic of the course being taught, with penalties for violations up to and including termination of the teacher. This resolve requires the State Board of Education to provide written notice of the rules to all affected teachers, parents and students and for teachers to receive annually at least 3 hours of continuing teacher education to instruct the teachers on the rules. Finally, this resolve requests professional teacher organizations and unions to voluntarily adopt an educator's code of ethics and professional responsibility that incorporates the rules and that specifically prohibits teachers in kindergarten to grade 12 instruction from using the classroom for political indoctrination.	Oppose	2/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	DEAD	School
<u>605</u>	2131	An Act To Improve Antihunger Programs in Maine Schools	Moore	ECA	This bill requires the Department of Education on an annual basis to provide information to public schools regarding Internet-based applications for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.	Support				School

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<u>632</u>	1050	An Act To Promote Free, Appropriate Public Education	Warren	ECA	This bill eliminates the provision that requires the Child Development Services System to provide free, appropriate public education to a preschool child with disabilities who reaches 5 years of age between July 1st and October 15th if the child's individualized education program team determines that it is in the best interest of the child to delay enrollment in kindergarten for one year.					School
<u>55</u>	364	An Act To Return the Normal Cost of Teacher Retirement to the State	Stearns	ECA	This bill changes the method for funding teacher retirement costs. It repeals those provisions of law enacted pursuant to Public Law 2013, chapter 368 that require school administrative units and private schools to pay for teacher retirement.	Support / Testify	1/30/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	DEAD	School Funding
<u>237</u>	1539	An Act To Appropriate Funds for Coaching Services for Existing and New Prekindergarten Programs	Farnsworth	ECA	This bill provides ongoing funds for coaching services to provide teaching support for new and existing prekindergarten programs throughout the State.	MM to gather more information				School Funding
<u>259</u>	280	An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools	Miramant	ECA	This bill increases the target for the state share percentage of the statewide adjusted total cost of the components of essential programs and services to 55%, as required by law, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 and continuing at that rate annually.	M (support)				School Funding
<u>309</u>	99	An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems	Stewart	ECA	This bill removes the regional adjustment in the total operating allocation for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.	Track				School Funding
<u>358</u>	1542	An Act To Fully Fund Career and Technical Education for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (Emergency)	Woodsome	ECA	This bill provides \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education in order to fully fund the cost of career and technical education pursuant to current law. This bill also amends Public Law 2017, chapter 446 to reflect the additional funding.	Track				School Funding

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<u>359</u>	658	An Act To Address Student Hunger with a "Breakfast after the Bell" Program	Moore	ECA	This bill requires a school administrative unit with a public school in which at least 50% of students qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch during the preceding school year to operate an alternative breakfast delivery service that provides breakfast after the start of the school day for students at that public school. It also provides a process for a school administrative unit to opt out of the alternative breakfast delivery service. This bill requires the Department of Education to adopt rules to develop an application process and to adopt standards to address evaluation criteria based on need for funding assistance for alternative breakfast delivery services in school administrative units. It also requires the department to develop a means to track health and academic outcomes of students and schools that participate in alternative breakfast delivery services.	Track				School Funding

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<u>385</u>	180	An Act To Base School Funding on the Number of Students Sent by a Town to a Regional School Unit	Ackley	ECA	This bill amends the method by which the share of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 is calculated for a municipality that is within a regional school unit. Current law establishes that share as the lesser of the municipality's total cost of education as determined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688, subsection 1 and an amount equal to the product of the education mill rate for the municipality multiplied by the total valuation of property in the municipality. This bill instead determines the share of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 of a municipality within a regional school unit based upon the product of the statewide per-pupil rate calculated under Title 20-A, section 15671-A, subsection 2-A and the number of pupils in the municipality who reside in the municipality and who are educated at public expense. The bill phases in this method of determining a municipality's share of the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 over 3 years: in fiscal year 2020-21, the total cost is 2/3 of the amount determined based on property values and 1/3 of the amount determined based on number of pupils; in fiscal year 2021-22, the total cost is 1/3 of the amount determined based on property values and 2/3 of the amount determined based on number of pupils; and, in fiscal year 2022-23 and subsequent years, the total cost is determined based entirely on number of pupils.	Track				School Funding
<u>392</u>	292	An Act To Fund Maine's School-based Health Centers	Handy	HHS	This bill provides ongoing funding for school-based health centers from the Fund for a Healthy Maine within the Department of Health and Human Services.	Support / Track	2/25/19 12:00 PM Rm 209 COB			School Funding
<u>404</u>	1856	An Act To Fund the School Revolving Renovation Fund	Kornfield	ECA	This bill provides one-time funds to be deposited in the School Revolving Renovation Fund to be used for the purposes specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F, subsection 3.	T (defer to PPS)	2/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Voted 2/28/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School Funding

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
412	962	An Act To Restore System Administration Allocations in Maine School Administrative Units to the Level Prescribed for Fiscal Year 2017-18	McCrea	ECA	Current law requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2018-19, a portion of the system administration allocation must be allocated to school administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services. This bill instead establishes the system administration allocation at \$135 per pupil, the same as it was for fiscal year 2017-18, and repeals provisions that increase for future fiscal years the per-pupil amount and restrict allocation of portions of the funds to school administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services.	M (defer to PPS)				School Funding
419	569	An Act To Require a Minimum Salary of \$50,000 for Public School Teachers	Collings	ECA	This bill requires that the minimum salary of certified teachers in public schools be established at \$50,000 for the school year starting after June 30, 2020.	T (defer to PPS)	3/4/19 10:00 AM Rm 208 COB	3/13/19 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB		School Funding
427	338	An Act To Require the State To Fund Teacher Retirement	Brennan	ECA	This bill changes the method for funding teacher retirement costs. It repeals those provisions of law enacted pursuant to Public Law 2013, chapter 368 that require school administrative units and private schools to pay a portion of the costs for teacher retirement.	T (defer to PPS)	2/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	Voted 2/28/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	School Funding
468	989	An Act To Require That the State Fund on an Ongoing Basis a Minimum of 50 Percent of the Costs Associated with Public Preschool Programs	Farnsworth	ECA	This bill requires the State to fund a minimum of 50% of the costs of eligible public preschool programs for each year the school administrative unit operates the eligible public preschool program, other than the year in which the school administrative unit receives start-up funds.	M (defer to PPS)				School Funding
557	817	An Act To Create and Fund the School Revolving Maintenance Fund To Support the Usefulness and Longevity of Public School Buildings (Emergency)	Moore	ECA	This bill establishes the School Revolving Maintenance Fund as a nonlapsing fund administered by the Department of Education to make loans to school administrative units for minor school infrastructure maintenance and construction projects. The bill requires the Department of Education to adopt major substantive rules and transfers \$30,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the School Revolving Maintenance Fund.		2/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	2/28/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB	DEAD	School Funding

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>651</u>	990	An Act To Facilitate School Access to Federal Title I Funds and Improve the Delivery of Special Education Services	Farnsworth	ECA	This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing special education. 1. It adds 4 provisions to the laws regarding nontraditional limited purpose schools that were part of Department of Education rule Chapter 250 which has been repealed. 2. It adds response to intervention systems to the minimum requirements for basic school approval to ensure an all-encompassing, tiered system of support for general and special education students. It also clarifies that rules regarding those requirements are major substantive rules. 3. It facilitates collaboration between general education and special education, including a clarification that the Department of Education is required to facilitate a process to help schools apply for schoolwide status with respect to federal Title I funds. 4. It promotes dual certification programs by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education. 5. It requires recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Part 4, subpart 1, concerning special education, by the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. 6. It requires a review of the purpose of the maintenance of effort funding component of the essential programs and services funding formula and whether it is accomplishing this purpose and how to increase equity among all school administrative units. 7. It requires a review and improvement of MaineCare billing systems and procedures through a pilot program through the Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services.	May oppose - talk to Dick	3/6/19 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB			School Funding
<u>718</u>	467	An Act To Increase Funding for Adult Basic Literacy, Workplace Education and College Preparedness	Talbot Ross	EDU	This bill provides an increase in funding for the adult education subsidy to local school units that operate adult education programs. It also provides targeted funds to improve the capacity of local adult education programs to meet students' academic and work readiness and training needs.					School Funding

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>562</u>	509	An Act To Improve Shoreland Zoning Rules and Enforcement To Support Municipalities	Blume	ENR	This bill amends the laws relating to the State's regulation of the shoreland zone as follows. 1. It requires the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development to provide both basic and advanced training to code enforcement officers in the technical and legal aspects of code enforcement. Current law only requires that the office provide basic training to code enforcement officers. 2. It increases the maximum per day civil penalty for a specific violation of a municipal land use law or ordinance from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and increases the maximum per day civil penalty for a specific violation of a municipal shoreland zoning ordinance occurring within an area zoned for resource protection from \$5,000 to \$10,000. 3. It provides that a municipal shoreland zoning ordinance must require an applicant for a permit for development within the shoreland zone to provide to the municipal permitting authority preconstruction and postconstruction photographs of the shoreline vegetation and development site.		3/1/19 10:00 AM Rm 216 COB	3/8/19 1:00 PM Rm 216 COB	Voted 3/8/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Shoreland
<u>582</u>	508	An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone	Fay	ENR	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. To protect water bodies from nonpoint source pollution, this bill proposes to amend the laws governing shoreland zoning to increase the vegetative buffer requirement from 75 feet to 150 feet for certain areas in the shoreland zone. The bill also proposes to remove provisions in law that grandfather certain parcels of land and that allow smaller vegetative buffers on those parcels.			2/12/19 LTW	DEAD	Shoreland
<u>369</u>	<u>150</u>	An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Earned Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees	Millett	LH	This bill creates a right to earned paid sick leave for employees who are employed by an employer that employs more than 5 employees. The bill also creates a right to earned unpaid sick leave for employees of an employer that employs 5 or fewer employees. This bill takes effect January 1, 2021.	M (support general policy)	2/25/19 11:00 AM Rm 202 COB	3/6/19 1:00 PM Rm 202 COB	Voted 3/6/19 Anticipated Divided Rpt Not rpt out	Sick Leave

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>448</u>	1799	An Act Repealing Tax Lien Foreclosure Requirements	Gratwick	TAX	This bill removes the provisions enacted in Public Law 2017, chapter 478 that established a preforeclosure process that municipalities must use in order to foreclose on homestead property for nonpayment of property tax if the owner is 65 years of age or older and has income and liquid assets below specified limits.	M (MM to send to Danielle for further review)	2/26/19 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/7/19 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Voted 3/7/19 ONTP Not rpt out	Tax, Homestead Property
<u>451</u>	325	An Act To Repeal the Recently Enacted Changes to the Law Governing Tax Lien Foreclosure	Moore	TAX	This bill repeals or removes the changes to the foreclosure law that were made by Public Law 2017, chapter 478. Under that law, a municipality is restricted in how it may sell a foreclosed property that was owned by a person who is at least 65 years of age, occupied the property as a homestead and meets specified income and asset requirements. The law also places specific notice requirements regarding the foreclosure process on the State Tax Assessor and municipalities and provides for continuous eligibility under the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption for a person who loses ownership of a homestead to tax lien foreclosure and subsequently regains ownership of the homestead; these provisions are also removed by this bill.	M (MM to send to Danielle for further review)	2/26/19 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	3/7/19 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH	Carry over requested 3/7/19	Tax, Homestead Property
<u>65</u>	434	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Impose a Seasonal or Year-round Local Option Sales Tax	Beebe-Center	TAX	This bill allows a municipality to impose a local option sales tax, which may be seasonal, if approved by referendum of the voters in that municipality. The referendum question must identify the rate of the local option sales tax, specify the months during which it will be imposed if not year-round and identify the purposes for which the revenue will be used. The local option sales tax would be collected and administered by the State in the same manner as the sales and use tax. Revenue from the local option sales tax is distributed to the municipality imposing the local option sales tax. Revenue received by a municipality may not be used to reduce or eliminate funding otherwise due the municipality under other provisions of law.	Support / Testify				Tax, Local Option

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>156</u>	281	An Act To Allow Regional Service Center Municipalities To Assess an Additional One Percent Sales Tax for Infrastructure Costs	Miramant	TAX	This bill allows a municipality that is a service center community to impose a local option sales tax of no more than 1% by local referendum for the purpose of funding local infrastructure costs.					Tax, Local Option
<u>478</u>	63	An Act To Allow All-terrain Vehicles To Be Used on a Public Way	Jackson	TRAN	This bill, beginning in 2020, allows the operation of an all-terrain vehicle, or ATV, on a public way as long as the ATV is registered and meets specified safety equipment requirements and the operator is licensed and has insurance. This bill establishes an annual registration fee of \$33, the same as for ATVs under current law. The bill does not affect the operation of ATVs off of public ways. This bill prohibits the operation of an ATV on a public way with a posted speed limit of more than 50 miles per hour. The Department of Transportation may adopt rules or a municipality or county may adopt an ordinance to restrict or prohibit the operation of an ATV on a way if the department, county or municipality determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary in the interest of public safety.	MM to investigate effects on islands	3/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			Transportation

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>647</u>	568	An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce	Cloutier	ECA	This bill creates various programs to provide education, services and training for the State's workforce immigrant populations in the following ways: 1. It establishes the Welcome Center Initiative to operate welcome centers in adult education programs to provide education, services and training for foreign-trained workers in municipalities or regions of the State that have immigrant populations or that have industries that are experiencing a shortage of trained workers, patterned after the New Mainers Resource Center operated by the City of Portland adult education program through a pilot program created by the 126th Legislature. The bill provides funds for grants for proposed welcome centers; 2. It directs the Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy to: A. Administer a vocation-specific English language acquisition and workforce training program for immigrants in the State and establish a statewide competitive grant process to carry out the purposes of the program; B. Establish and implement a local community planning support program to provide a planning process for communities to provide English language acquisition and training in vocational skills, identify employers or areas that would benefit from immigrant residency or employment and cultivate community support to integrate immigrants into the communities and local workforce. The office must establish a grant process to carry out the purposes of the program; and C. Develop and implement a grant process to award grants to adult education programs to increase English language acquisition instruction. The bill provides	Support - submit ltr from Ed Dept				Workforce
<u>712</u>	343	An Act To Fully Fund After-school and Preschool Programs in the School Funding Formula, Increase the Economically Disadvantaged Student Factor in the School Funding Formula and Increase the School Construction Debt Service Limit	Brennan	ECA	This bill amends the school funding formula to fund after-school programs based on the state share percentage and to fund public preschool programs at 50% of the cost of the programs, or if a school administrative unit's state share percentage is greater than 50%, to fund the unit's public preschool program at the state share percentage. The bill also increases the additional weight for economically disadvantaged students from 0.15 to 1.5. The bill also raises the maximum debt service limit for school construction projects from \$126,000,000 to \$150,000,000 beginning in 2020.					

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>729</u>	1006	An Act Regarding the Probationary Period for Teachers	Dodge	ECA	This bill provides that if a teacher completed a 3-year probationary period in a school administrative unit and later teaches in another school administrative unit, that teacher will only have a one-year probationary period in the new school administrative unit.	Likely not in support	3/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 208 COB			
<u>791</u>	1586	An Act To Provide School Districts with Full State Funding for Students with High-cost Special Education Needs	Miramant	ECA	This bill requires the State, beginning July 1, 2020, to provide a school administrative unit 100% of the funding needed for high-cost special education students.	Strong support	3/6/19 9:00 AM Rm 208 COB			
<u>836</u>	293	An Act To Expand Maine's School-based Health Centers	Handy	HHS	This bill provides ongoing funding to the school-based health centers within the Fund for a Healthy Maine program within the Department of Health and Human Services to add an additional 15 school-based health center sites.	Support - Testify	2/25/19 12:00 PM Rm 209 COB			
<u>844</u>	934	An Act To Prohibit Driverless Commercial Vehicles	Hutchins	TRAN	This bill prohibits the operation of a commercial motor vehicle that does not have a driver in the vehicle.					
<u>917</u>	1802	An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle, All-terrain Vehicle, Snowmobile and Watercraft Registrations	Gratwick	TRAN	This bill allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations. It also allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and watercraft, from \$1 to \$3 for renewals and from \$2 to \$5 for new registrations.		3/21/19 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH			

LD #	LR #	Title	Sponsor	Cmte	Summary	COP Position	Public Hearing	Work Session	Status	Category
<u>949</u>	267	An Act To Prevent Overdose Deaths	Sylvester	HHS	This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to certify 2 facilities in the State to provide safe and secure locations for people to self-administer previously obtained drugs. The bill requires the facilities to have health care personnel and other trained staff, to provide information concerning drug overdoses and diseases associated with drug use, to administer first aid or other medications in case of an overdose and to provide referrals to other services that clients of the facilities may need. The bill provides immunity from arrest or prosecution to clients and staff members acting in accordance with the provisions of the bill and creates a tolerance zone within 1/2 mile of each facility. The facilities are directed to report certain demographic and other information to the department, which is directed to analyze the information and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The department is also directed to review the effectiveness of the facilities to determine whether to open additional facilities.					
<u>957</u>	621	An Act To Increase the Property Tax Fairness Credit	Ingwersen	TAX	This bill increases the maximum credit available under the property tax fairness credit from \$750 to \$1,000 for resident individuals under 65 years of age and from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for resident individuals 65 years of age and older and decreases the threshold from 6% to 5% of the resident individual's income for purposes of calculating the credit.					



Memorandum

TO: Chair Ali and Members of the Legislative Committee
FROM: Michael Murray, Assistant to the City Manager
CC: Jon Jennings, City Manager
SUBJECT: Staff Updates on LD's
DATE: March 15, 2019

The following is a summary of staff comments on LD's that are under consideration by the Legislative Committee:

LD 180 - ""An Act To Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports by Municipalities"; Committee has reviewed previously; Public Hearing was held March 7, 2019; staff testimony is attached;

LD 290 - "An Act To Prohibit Motor Vehicle Use in the Intertidal Zone". This LD was brought to staff's attention by the city's barge operator; Public hearing was held on Feb 12, 2019; Work session was held on 2-26-2019; Staff comments were submitted and are attached;

LD 353 - "Act to Classify Recovery Residences as One-family Dwellings for the Purposes of the Fire Code". The Committee has requested staff input on this LD; Fire Department opposes unless an amendment is made to "no more than 5 persons" to align with the Fire Code; staff is preparing written testimony; no hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 372 - "An Act To Increase the Safety of Municipal Residents by Allowing Municipalities To Address Downed Wires in Extended Power Outages". Staff is bringing this LD forward and has concerns that utilities will put more and more emphasis on municipalities, along with the costs and customer service concerns, to have downed utility wires moved during an extended power outage. A public hearing was held February 14, 2019; staff is preparing written testimony; work session on March 12, 2019 was tabled;

LD 402 - "An Act to Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers". Committee has requested an impact analysis as to the effect City of Portland workforce; public hearing was held 3-11-2019;

LD 415 - "An Act to Enhance the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program". Committee has requested staff input; no public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 532 - "Resolve, Directing Professional Licensing and Certification Boards To Study the Barriers To Obtaining Professional Licensure and Certification". Staff is



requesting the Legislative Committee review this LD; public hearing was held on 2-19-2019; Committee has suggested staff be offered as a resource to the review process;

LD 550 - "An Act to Amend the Definition of 'Subdivision' in the Laws Governing Planning and Land Use Regulation for Subdivisions and a Provision Excepting the Division of a New or Existing Structure from Those Laws Beginning July 1, 2018." Staff indicates that the definition of "Site Plan Review: could be amended, but can live with the LD as is; no public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 590 - "An Act To Promote Climate Resiliency Measures To Protect Beaches and Near-shore Infrastructure". Staff has reviewed; as this is a concept draft, there is not any substance to respond to; Public hearing on 3-1-2019; Work session on 3-8-2019 - tabled;

LD 627 - "An Act Regarding Portable Electronic Device Content, Location Information and Tracking Devices". Staff input requested; No public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 746 - "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Determine the Duration of Development Districts Funded by Assessments". This LD is the legislation brought forward by Portland Downtown; Public Hearing scheduled for 3-6-2019; testimony provided and attached;

LD 788 - "An Act To Authorize the Use of Handheld Narcotics Analyzers". Staff input requested; public hearing held 3--2019; work session held 3-13-2019; Divided Reoprt;

LD 798 - "An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements". Public hearing held on 3-12-2019; testimony is attached;

LD 861 - "An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research". Committee has asked staff to draft a letter of support; No public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 868 - "An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public". Committee asked for staff input; Corp Counsel states that the LD confirms state of current case law; no public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;

LD 921 - "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Adopt Stricter Building and Energy Code Standards Than the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code". Staff input requested; City Manager has concerns that communities that adopt more restrictive codes will cause an unequal situation between cities vying for growth; no public hearing scheduled as of 3-11-2019;



You're on your way.

Testimony to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

On: LD 180 "An Act to Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports by Municipalities"

March 7, 2019

Paul H. Bradbury, Airport Director Portland International Jetport

Good afternoon Chairman Diamond, Chairman McLean, and members of the committee. My name is Paul Bradbury, Airport Director for the Portland International Jetport. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Committee. Today, I will be commenting on the benefits of enacting the amended form of LD 180, for the Portland International Jetport.

The Portland International Jetport provides a critically important connection for Maine residents, businesses, and visitors to the national and international air transportation systems. It provided this connection to more than 2.13 million individuals in 2018, an all-time record. The ability to quickly and efficiently connect Maine to the world is vital to the State's economy. The Jetport's economic benefit was calculated in our 2016 sustainable airport master plan at over \$1.04 billion annually, supporting more than 8,200 jobs. This number has certainly only grown with our record passenger levels in 2018.

Under current law Sec.1. 29-A M.R.S.A Chapter 13, subchapter 4 section 1677 the ability for airports to regulate Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft was preempted by the State. Airports are unique facilities that must safely and efficiently connect air travelers to all available modes and forms of ground transportation including private vehicles, taxis, livery, limos, shuttles, buses, bicycles, and walking. This is a difficult task at facilities that tend to be very constrained on space and subject to traffic peaks throughout the day based on flight schedules. On a busy day in August peak hour traffic at the Jetport can exceed 2,000 passengers who must all be accommodated through some form of ground transportation.

We are now seeing recognition by states nationwide that airports are unique multi-modal transportation facilities that need the ability to regulate all commercial ground transportation including TNCs. According to a Texas A&M Transportation Institute report published in October 2017 on the Policy Implications of Transportation Network Companies 23 of 44 or 52% of states with TNC Legislation have established airport rule-making authority for TNCs.

Transportation Network Companies are now a widely accepted and efficient method of transportation for many people throughout Maine and the country. I certainly support and want to provide every ground transportation option to our many travelers. Yet, the inability to regulate TNCs

has caused congestion and confusion at the Portland International Jetport. This is a condition that will only worsen as Jetport traffic increases.

The issues are fundamental to the operation of TNCs. The selection of a TNC driver is based upon proximity to the request for service, so there is an incentive for the TNC driver to continuously loop airport roadways or loiter in areas intended for immediate passenger pick up/drop off. Additionally the lack of rules surrounding TNCs causes conflict and confusion with the operation of other ground transportation service operators who are required to comply with Jetport rules.

All other commercial ground transportation operators at the Portland International Jetport are required through the establishment of its rules and regulations to queue in designated locations and pay fees associated with their operation. This regulation provides for the safe and efficient interaction of pedestrians, private vehicles, and commercial vehicles within the limited space of the Jetport roadway system and terminal pick up/drop off curb.

Other airports across the country have already established rules and entered into agreements with TNCs in order to alleviate the problems being experienced at the Portland International Jetport. TNCs have established geo-fences on airport campuses that consider all TNC drivers entering the campus as equidistant to the airport then allocate fare assignments based on a first-in/first out process. Additionally TNCs through rules and agreements with airports have designated waiting areas for their drivers outside of the roadway system to avoid congestion. All of these options for the prudent management of TNCs at airports in Maine have been pre-empted by current law under Section 1677 of 29-A M.R.S.A.

Lastly, I want to thank representatives of Uber, who also recognize the need for safe, efficient, and convenient ground transportation at airports and the role prudent regulation of ground transportation plays in achieving it. Together we have agreed upon an amendment which allows for regulation of TNCs consistent with reserved taxi, livery, and limos at Maine's primary airports handling greater than 20,000 enplanements annually. Initially this only encompasses the Portland International Jetport and Bangor International Airport, but it provides the opportunity for regulation at other airports once the volume reaches this reasonable threshold.

Please give Maine airports the ability to provide an exceptional ground transportation experience now and as they grow in the future through your support of Representative Farnsworth's amended LD 180.

Portland, Maine



Yes. Life's good here.

Michael S. Murray
Administrator, Island/Neighborhood Services

LD 290

Testimony for Public Hearing
Committee on Marine Resources
February 26, 2019

HP0214, LD 290, An Act To Prohibit Motor Vehicle Use in the Intertidal Zone

Good afternoon Committee on Marine Resources members,

My name is Michael Murray, I am the City of Portland's liaison to Portland's five island communities. I am unable to be present today to present this testimony, and am submitting this on behalf of the City of Portland.

The City of Portland opposes LD 290, as its passage will in essence eliminate the delivery of vital services to one of Portland's coastal islands. Little Diamond Island, located in Casco Bay, receives all of its vital services via a sandbar that stretches between Little Diamond and Great Diamond Island. Municipal vehicles that provide services such as road maintenance, snow plowing, trash removal, and tree maintenance all travel across the sandbar at low tide, placing them in the intertidal zone. Additionally, contractors requiring heavy equipment used in building construction will also be blocked from access to the island. The sandbar is not used for personal transportation by residents.

The City of Portland has maintained the sandbar access to Little Diamond Island for over 100 years, and maintenance of the sandbar is coordinated with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Currently, the City of Portland is planning approximately \$250,000 of maintenance in the next year to ensure that the sandbar remains safe passage for vehicles as well as the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Murray
Assistant to the City Manager
City of Portland



Executive Department
Jon P. Jennings, City Manager

LD 746

February 13, 2019

Senator Ned Claxton and
Representative Danny Martin, Co-Chairs
State and Local Government Committee
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Subject: **Letter of Support for An Act To Allow Municipalities To Determine the Duration of Development Districts Funded by Assessments (Maine 129 – HP 551)**

Dear Maine State and Local Government Committee Co-Chairs and Members:

Please accept this letter in support for "*An Act To Allow Municipalities To Determine the Duration of Development Districts Funded by Assessments*" (copy attached).

The City of Portland is concerned about the near-term expiration of one Portland City Council approved development district located within the City's urban core which has been instrumental in supporting downtown redevelopment and community economic vitality. The City of Portland supports local control to extend the term of development districts (funded by assessments) beyond the existing State statutory thirty (30) year time limitation when there are proven results and accomplishments. Despite the fact that the Portland Downtown Development District has been in place for twenty-seven years, more work needs to be done to maintain and continually improve the City's downtown economy. Here is background information to support the City's position.

On March 16, 1992, the Portland City Council established a single development district, funded by assessments, in the urban core of the City to provide enhanced municipal services to stimulate increased private sector investment. The assessment, levied annually, generates funds to invest in the following type of activities:

Beautification – landscaping, decorations, street banners, capital improvements, and maintenance;
Cleanliness - street and sidewalk sweeping and snow removal, trash and graffiti removal;
Public Safety – additional Police protection;
Events – five major events are held annually; and
Marketing area business through a directory, website, and periodic newsletters.

The above activities are managed by a non-profit organization named Portland Downtown (PD), which is overseen by a Board of Directors including representatives of property owners and residents of the Development District. The PD Board holds monthly public meetings. Annually, the PD Board presents its budget and work plan to the Portland City Council in a public meeting when the City Council establishes the annual district assessment.

Please feel to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon P. Jennings". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jon P. Jennings
City Manager



LD 798

Health & Human Services Department

Dawn Stiles, Director

Public Health Division

Kolawole Bankole, MD, MS, MBA, Director

Testimony in Support of LD 798: "An Act To Protect ME Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements"**Statement of Dr. Kolawole Bankole, Director and Administrator of the City of Portland Public Health Division of Health & Human Services Department, to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.**

Senator Sanborn, Representative Tipping and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

My name is Dr. Kolawole Bankole, I am the Public Health Director for the City of Portland, and I am writing in support of LD 798. From being a practicing physician to now overseeing population health, I have seen patients /people every day whose lives have been significantly improved by the immunizations we now have available. My forebears in family medicine struggled in the pre-vaccination era with the ravages of horrible diseases that are now of only historical interest. Preventive immunizations have so changed our world that I am afraid that we no longer remember how horrible some of these diseases were. However, we must remember that immunizations remain the most powerful and cost effective means of preventing disease in the modern era.

The LD 798 bill is important because it will help to increase the community/herd immunity amongst children and prevent the spread of diseases. High community immunity rates are needed to protect those who are unable to be vaccinated, such as individuals who are immunosuppressed due to transplants or chemotherapy. This bill will also help reduce a phenomenon of Vaccine Hesitancy – the reluctance or refusal to vaccinate despite availability of vaccines, a situation that may reverse progress made in tackling vaccine-preventable diseases. The World Health Organization has as one of its top priorities for 2019 to address vaccine hesitancy.

Low vaccination rates put Maine children at risk for diseases that are entirely preventable. The breakdown of herd/community immunity can happen when there are opt-outs or exemptions due to non-medical reasons.

As reported between January –November 2018, some diseases were spread:

Pertussis- among 13 schools across 5 counties (Cumberland, Hancock, Waldo, Penobscot, and York counties and 3 daycares in York County. Chicken pox in a daycare in Westbrook and a case in a Waterboro middle school. Mumps outbreaks in 2016 at USM, Bates and Bowdoin; and, Measles case in Farmington in 2017. These show that schools are at risk of outbreaks when community immunity levels are low. Only 0.3% of Maine kindergarten parents requested medical exemptions in the 2017-18 school year, but non-medical exemptions were requested nearly 17x more, representing 5% of Maine kindergarteners. If our children are not immunized, we put them and others at risks. Kindergarteners and 7th graders in 8 counties are at risk of measles, pertussis, or even polio outbreak.

There are lots of misinformation and perceptions on the risks of vaccination, but we must remember that the benefits of our vaccines far outweigh the perceived risks, especially for those who are ill or immune-suppressed. There are innocent children and adults who meet the public everyday who would die if they were exposed to the diseases we can prevent. If everyone around them is vaccinated, they are also protected. We owe it to them and to ourselves as a state to achieve the highest level of protection possible. We must win the war against infectious disease, and vaccines are our most powerful weapons. We cannot win, however, if we do not use them. Leaving any of our population unprotected is like surrendering to a defeatable foe. We must never surrender. Immunization prevents illness, disability and death from vaccine-preventable diseases including, diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), pneumonia, polio, rotavirus diarrhea, rubella & tetanus.

Similarly, the World Health Organization has warned that the world will face another influenza pandemic – the only thing we do not know is when it will hit and how severe it will be. Global defenses are only as effective as the weakest link in any country's health emergency preparedness and response system. Vaccines prevent countless deaths each year. Without them, the number of valuable human beings we'd lose would be staggering.

I applaud our senators and representatives for the wisdom in sponsoring this bill. I respectfully urge you (Representative Tipping) and the members of this committee to support this very important legislation. Thank you.



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Legislative and Nominating Committee Meeting

2019 Goals

On-Going/Carry Forward

1. Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections
2. Maintain membership in Mayor's Coalition
3. Evaluate/modify nominations outreach process for open board/committee positions

Legislative/Electoral Priorities

1. Rank Choice Voting for all local elections
2. Local Clean Elections initiative
3. Local Lobbyist Disclosure/Registration
4. Develop Federal Legislative Agenda
5. Proposal from City Clerk regarding Portland polling places

Nominating Priorities

1. Review of Boards and Committees – length of terms and term limits
2. Review/modify annual District Meetings