

## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Sen. Dawn Hill, Senate Chair; Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in State House Room 228

### **Fiscal Year 2015 portion ONLY of the Report of the Director of the Office of Policy and Management: Findings and Recommendations under Part F of the Biennial Budget**

This report and its appendices can be found on the Office of Policy and Management website:

<http://www.maine.gov/economist/> (September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 –Budget Savings Report)

The audio portions of public hearings and work sessions held in Room 228 of the State House may be heard over the internet by addressing:

[http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations\\_committee/audio/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/audio/index.htm)

The hearing will be divided into three separate blocks as follows:

**Thursday January 16th 1:00 PM:** Fiscal Year 2015 recommendations related to the Department of Health and Human Services (pages 75-78, position elimination total on page 113 and proposed changes to General Assistance in Appendix H)

**Friday January 17th 10:00 AM:** Fiscal Year 2015 recommendations related to Maine Public Colleges and Universities (pages 100-102); the State Board of Education (page 61) and the Department of Education (pages 62-67, position elimination total on page 113 and proposed language changes in Appendix H)

**Friday January 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM (or following testimony on the Education Block):** Fiscal Year 2015 recommendations related to all other Department and Agencies contained in the report (beginning on page 53)

**Due to the very tight timetable, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs requests that testimony be limited to three (3) minutes. There will be no departmental or agency presentation of the recommendations during the hearings.**

**There will be separate sign-up sheets for each block. Testimony will be taken in the order of sign-ups for each block or at the discretion of the Chairs. Sign-ups will begin at 12 noon for the January 16<sup>th</sup> hearing and at 9:00 am for the January 17<sup>th</sup> hearings. Please sign up at the table located right outside the committee room. You may not sign up anyone other than yourself.**

Persons with special needs who wish to attend the public comment period and require accommodations should notify the Legislative Information Office as soon as possible: 207-287-1692, TTY 207-287-6826, FAX 207-287-1580, [webmaster\\_ljo@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:webmaster_ljo@legislature.maine.gov).

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