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October 26, 2017
10:00 AM

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
September 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Gideon called the September 19, 2017 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 11:12 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Thibodeau, Senator Cushing, and Senator Jackson
Absent: Senator Mason, Senator Libby
Representatives: Speaker Gideon, Representative Herbig and Representative Espling
Absent: Representative Golden, Representative Fredette
Legislative Officers: Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology
John Barden, Director, Law & Legislative Reference Library

Speaker Gideon convened the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for August 16, 2017 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, presented the following report.

1. RFP for MELD Bill Production System Replacement

We are in the process of scheduling a second demonstration with each of the top 2 bidders for the MELD Bill Production System Replacement project. We are planning to make a recommendation to the Council after these next demonstrations.

2. State House Window Repair Project

We have awarded the bid for the State House Window Repair Project to Jacobs Glass. Work on the South Wing west elevation windows will begin this week. This year's project will replace failed window panes and paint the exterior of the State House windows on the South Wing and the south elevation of the West Wing.

3. RFP for State House Plaster Repair and Painting

We are in the process of finalizing a second facilities-related RFP to solicit bids to repair damaged plaster and paint of interior spaces in the State House. This year's work will include more work inside offices within the State House.

4. Copper Reuse Project – Artist Selection Process

The Artist Selection Committee met on September 12th to receive detailed presentations from the four finalists to reuse the copper from the State House dome. The committee will be submitting a recommendation to the State House Facilities Committee at its meeting on October 5th. The Facilities Committee will then make a recommendation at the October meeting of the full Legislative Council currently scheduled to meet on October 26th.

5. NCSL Job Classification Project

NCSL kicked off its job classification project with a visit to Maine last week conducting interviews with office directors, chiefs of staff and the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. Legislative Staff will be given a questionnaire to fill out to gather information about each of their responsibilities. NCSL staff will be visiting again in November to interview various staff.

6. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The Administration is in the process of an overdue upgrade of the security card readers. This upgrade will require the replacement of all existing security cards with new ones including new pictures. The State House upgrades and card replacements will occur this fall. Timing has not been finalized.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the following report.

1. General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$300.8	\$306.1	\$5.3	1.8%	\$297.3	3.0%
FYTD	\$537.7	\$550.7	\$13.0	2.4%	\$535.5	2.8%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$5.3 million (1.8%) for the month of August and over budget by \$13.0 million (2.4%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$5.0 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$10.2 million. Strong withholding payments and estimated payments both contributed to the positive variance. Sales and use taxes for August (July sales) were over budget by \$2.0 million for the month and over budget by \$4.6 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$3.7 million in August but over budget by \$2.5 million for the fiscal year to date. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were \$7.8 million under budget for the fiscal year to date. This shortfall was largely the result of a timing issue as payments for cigarette stamps expected in July were received in June.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$30.5	\$32.0	\$1.5	5.0%	\$31.0	3.3%
FYTD	\$60.3	\$58.4	(\$1.8)	-3.0%	\$60.9	-4.1%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.5 million (5.0%) for the month of August but under budget by \$1.8 million (3.0%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive monthly variance occurred in the Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees revenue lines. The fiscal year to date negative variance was largely the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for August was \$1,102.9 million, down from July's average of \$1,120.6 million but well above both last year's average balance for August and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in August. The average Highway Fund balance of \$37.2 million in August decreased from July's average of \$43.0 million.

Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the following report. Three of the new studies have begun meeting. Others are waiting for appointments to be completed. Some of the on-going legislative studies (the Right to Know Advisory Committee and the Citizen Trade Policy Commission) and the authorized joint standing committees have been meeting or have meetings scheduled. See the detailed report in the agenda packet for more information.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Gideon reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier that morning to consider the following item.

1. Collective Bargaining

Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little briefed the committee about recent collective bargaining negotiations with MSEA and IANLP. This item will be discussed later in today's meeting.

2. **State House Facilities Committee**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Task Force on Health Care Coverage Outside Funding

The Council received a request from the Task Force on Health Care Coverage to approve the outside funding received so far and to allow the Task Force to convene. The study is unique in that it covers two fiscal years. The Task Force has raised \$7,118 of the \$9,364 required to cover the total estimated costs of the study. The remaining \$2,246 must be raised and accepted before June 30, 2018 or the work of the task force may not continue after that date.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accepts the outside funding of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage and to authorizes the Task Force to convene and continue its work throughout Fiscal Year 2018. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by President Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Convene the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services

The Council received a request from the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to convene the task force despite not having all of the members appointed. To date 10 of the 13 members have been appointed and due to a timing issue, the Task Force requests being allowed to meet while the rest of the appointments are made.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorizes the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to convene. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

Item #2: Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Matters and Employment Terms and Conditions for Legislative Employees

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 11:34 a.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by President Thibodeau, seconded by Senator Cushing, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 11:47 a.m. and reconvene its regular meeting during which the following motion regarding collective bargaining was made.

Motion: That pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 128th Legislature ratifies the collective bargaining agreements for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine State Employees Association-SEIU Local 1989 on behalf of the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees on September 11, 2017 and by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals (IANLP) on September 14, 2017. Further, that the Legislative Council authorizes the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of these two Agreements; Further, that upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council exercises its right to adopt the revisions to its personnel policies, pending agreement from the respective authorities; to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the ratified collective bargaining agreements; and directs its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions; and further that compensation provisions in the form of cost of living adjustments and salary steps comparable to that provided in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreements be provided to legislative employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining agent, the effective dates of such compensation provisions to coincide with those contained in the aforementioned collective bargaining agreement ratified. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Representative Herbig. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Executive Director's Report October 26, 2017

1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The new security cards have been received and we are in the process of updating photos for staff. We will be using the existing photos on file for Legislators until next Legislature begins. We hope to complete the updating of photos in the next couple of weeks and the new cards will be processed in a batch for distribution. Once the new cards are distributed, the card readers will be updated over a weekend to complete the transition. The tentative time frame for transition is a weekend in mid-November. Once the card readers have been replaced, we will be establishing a process to get the new cards to Legislators or others who did not receive their new card before the transition of the card readers. The old access cards will not work with the new card readers, so Legislators and staff must get their new card before they can access the building after hours or through entrances other than the main entrance. We are looking at arranging it with the Legislative Information Office to hold the new cards for Legislators and staff who did not get them before transition. Therefore, they can pick them up prior to having to go through security screening.

2. RFP for MELD Bill Production System Replacement

We have held the second demonstrations with the top 2 bidders for the MELD Bill Production System Replacement project and our IT staff had technical question and answer sessions with both of the bidders. We will be meeting soon to review our findings and develop recommendations.

3. NCSL Job Classification and Compensation Study

NCSL is currently reviewing comprehensive surveys filled out by staff that were due Friday, October 20th. They will soon be scheduling interviews with individual staff for their Maine visit during the week of November 13th to the 17th.

Fiscal Briefing

October 26, 2017

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$356.3	\$377.0	\$20.7	5.8%	\$368.9	2.2%
FYTD	\$894.0	\$927.7	\$33.7	3.8%	\$904.4	2.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$20.7 million (5.8%) for the month of September and over budget by \$33.7 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$8.5 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$18.7 million. As with the month of August, strong withholding and estimated payments contributed to the positive variance. Sales and use taxes for September (August sales) were under budget by \$0.7 million for the month but over budget by \$3.9 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$7.7 million in September and over budget by \$10.2 million for the fiscal year to date. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget (less transferred than budgeted) by \$3.2 million in September largely due to the timing of BETR transfers.

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission is scheduled to meet on October 27th to review and update its current economic forecast. The Revenue Forecasting Committee will then meet in late November to review and update the current revenue forecast.

Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$26.8	\$27.5	\$0.6	2.4%	\$26.6	3.2%
FYTD	\$87.1	\$85.9	(\$1.2)	-1.4%	\$87.5	-1.9%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.6 million (2.4%) for the month of September but under budget by \$1.2 million (1.4%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive monthly variance occurred in the Fuel Taxes and Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees revenue lines. The fiscal year to date negative variance continues to be the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for September was \$1,143.5 million, up from August's average of \$1,102.9 million and well above both last year's average balance for September and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in September. The average Highway Fund balance of \$29.8 million in September decreased from August's average of \$37.2 million as a result of construction season spending.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		Variance %
Sales and Use Tax	143,427,622	142,711,401	(716,221)		416,576,643	420,504,468	3,927,825	0.9%	5.2%
Service Provider Tax	4,900,000	4,968,159	68,159		14,700,000	15,443,386	743,386	5.1%	-4.3%
Individual Income Tax	154,500,000	162,950,637	8,450,637		363,950,000	382,620,859	18,670,859	5.1%	3.1%
Corporate Income Tax	31,000,000	38,708,805	7,708,805		40,900,000	51,144,652	10,244,652	25.0%	17.2%
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,057,451	13,225,407	1,167,956		37,721,211	31,020,846	(6,700,365)	-17.8%	-19.2%
Insurance Companies Tax	2,111,344	324,932	(1,786,412)		2,342,492	358,400	(1,984,092)	-84.7%	-85.0%
Estate Tax	1,044,000	3,237,477	2,193,477		3,132,000	4,991,689	1,859,689	59.4%	-19.9%
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,733,979	8,684,895	(49,084)		28,751,737	29,452,390	700,653	2.4%	-10.7%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,683,630	1,391,746	(291,884)		5,209,376	4,714,281	(495,095)	-9.5%	-7.2%
Income from Investments	220,603	411,889	191,286		430,609	864,536	433,927	100.8%	85.5%
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,179,266	5,956,361	777,095		14,501,945	16,455,414	1,953,469	13.5%	13.2%
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(6,000,000)	(2,800,138)	3,199,862		(9,000,000)	(4,361,438)	4,638,562	51.5%	-44.0%
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(5,513,045)	(5,579,574)	(66,529)		(16,176,447)	(16,980,297)	(803,850)	-5.0%	-8.5%
Other Revenue *	2,967,077	2,852,286	(114,791)		(9,029,135)	(8,490,159)	538,976	6.0%	-11.8%
Totals	356,311,927	377,044,283	20,732,356		894,010,431	927,739,026	33,728,595	3.8%	2.6%

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17		September '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date		FY 2018	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Variance	%	Variance	Budgeted Totals
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:										
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	14,312,702
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,381,351	949,724	4,118,249	3,476,371	4,118,249	3,476,371	(641,878)	-15.6%	-30.1%	14,951,635
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,793,541	2,210,461	5,394,401	6,757,271	5,394,401	6,757,271	1,362,870	25.3%	1.8%	19,086,688
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	212,040	271,379	972,921	1,182,975	972,921	1,182,975	210,054	21.6%	9.9%	9,538,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	1,202	0	1,202	1,202	N/A	N/A	6,250,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,196,000	2,347,100	6,588,000	6,624,850	6,588,000	6,624,850	36,850	0.6%	-4.5%	26,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	256,996	282,158	770,988	1,124,275	770,988	1,124,275	353,287	45.8%	-49.7%	3,083,951
- Racino Revenue	791,668	706,122	2,375,002	2,307,710	2,375,002	2,307,710	(67,292)	-2.8%	-4.7%	8,572,671
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	265,718	181,411	1,176,478	1,008,869	1,176,478	1,008,869	(167,609)	-14.2%	-4.8%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,068,847	1,132,700	4,910,450	5,090,395	4,910,450	5,090,395	179,945	3.7%	-0.8%	15,878,217
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	767,818	603,840	2,445,248	1,878,472	2,445,248	1,878,472	(566,776)	-23.2%	-24.6%	11,050,436
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	8,733,979	8,684,895	28,751,737	29,452,390	28,751,737	29,452,390	700,653	2.4%	-10.7%	134,140,500
Detail of Other Revenue:										
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,280	3,900	7,125.00	13,214	7,125.00	13,214	6,089	85.5%	5.4%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	173,516	91,823	520,546	279,211	520,546	279,211	(241,335)	-46.4%	-33.3%	1,800,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,402,796	1,337,487	4,832,819	4,479,814	4,832,819	4,479,814	(353,005)	-7.3%	-11.7%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	7,500,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	(10,105,073)	(10,105,073)	(10,105,073)	(10,105,073)	0	0.0%	-12.8%	(15,487,275)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,115,495)	(859,485)	(4,834,056)	(3,724,075)	(4,834,056)	(3,724,075)	1,109,981	23.0%	42.2%	(11,436,869)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	(5,930,103)	(5,930,103)	(5,930,103)	(5,930,103)	0	0.0%	-14.2%	(7,950,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,503,980	2,278,560	6,479,607	6,496,853	6,479,607	6,496,853	17,246	0.3%	-13.3%	21,172,889
Subtotal - Other Revenue	2,967,077	2,852,286	(9,029,135)	(8,490,159)	(9,029,135)	(8,490,159)	538,976	6.0%	-11.8%	13,924,077
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:										
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	737	0	1,673	0	1,673	1,673	N/A	-27.9%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(6,000,000)	(2,800,875)	(9,000,000)	(4,359,641)	(9,000,000)	(4,359,641)	4,640,359	51.6%	-46.3%	(26,800,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(3,470)	0	(3,470)	(3,470)	N/A	93.0%	(37,968,101)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(6,000,000)	(2,800,138)	(9,000,000)	(4,361,438)	(9,000,000)	(4,361,438)	4,638,562	51.5%	-44.0%	(64,768,101)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,435,769	1,345,609	6,370,843	6,465,191	6,370,843	6,465,191	94,348	1.5%	-0.1%	21,499,926

**Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
Fuel Taxes:								
- Gasoline Tax	19,977,581	20,352,588	375,007		56,713,759	57,769,629	1,055,870	1.9%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,285,989	4,142,655	(143,334)		12,255,250	8,327,075	(3,928,175)	-32.1%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,782,299)	(1,798,971)	(16,672)		(5,066,306)	(4,867,104)	199,202	3.9%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(499,579)	(508,957)	(9,378)		(1,418,241)	(1,449,370)	(31,129)	-2.2%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	21,981,692	22,187,314	205,622		62,484,462	59,780,231	(2,704,231)	-4.3%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:								
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,430,404	5,837,871	407,467		17,734,477	18,167,474	432,997	2.4%
- License Plate Fees	391,176	409,056	17,880		1,130,120	1,253,178	123,058	10.9%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	413,509	672,769	259,260		1,345,643	2,128,775	783,132	58.2%
- Title Fees	1,157,964	1,221,634	63,670		3,428,522	3,909,303	480,781	14.0%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	740,475	647,777	(92,698)		2,343,277	2,150,644	(192,633)	-8.2%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)		(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)	-5.5%
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	3,919,630	4,345,467	425,837		21,768,141	23,165,734	1,397,593	6.4%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	200,200	231,667	31,467		730,620	740,548	9,928	1.4%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	107,612	103,287	(4,325)		353,867	379,174	25,307	7.2%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	81,294	75,163	(6,131)		228,826	255,587	26,761	11.7%
Interest Earnings	49,476	35,427	(14,049)		148,428	74,212	(74,216)	-50.0%
Other Highway Fund Revenue	506,736	504,073	(2,663)		1,399,236	1,518,437	119,201	8.5%
Totals	26,846,640	27,482,398	635,758		87,113,580	85,913,923	(1,199,657)	-1.4%
								-1.9%
								2,982,500
								1,293,729
								739,039
								593,712
								9,959,100
								329,510,932

2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated October 19, 2017

Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
NEW STUDIES							
ACF Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Conservations Organizations	PL 2017 c. 284 TT-2	4	10/12/17		2/15/2018	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	Work ongoing
Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services	PL 2017 c. 384 UUUU-17	4	9/7/17 10/12/17	10/31/17	12/6/2017	Sen. Lisa Keim Rep. Barbara Cardone	Work ongoing
Task Force to Address Opioid Crisis in the State	SP 210	10	9/12/17 9/27/17	10/31/17	12/6/2017	Sen. Andre Cushing Rep. Joyce McCreight	Work ongoing
Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce	SP 294	4	9/26/17	10/31/17	3/1/2018	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Erin Herbig	Work ongoing
Commission to Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	Resolve 2017 c. 27	4			1/15/2018	Rep. Jared Golden	Appointments not completed (5/13)
Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	Resolve 2017 c. 26	5			12/6/2017	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Richard Farnsworth	Appointments not completed (10/13)
Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine	SP 592 (pending funding)	4			1/1/18 (initial may be submitted); final 11/1/18		Appointments not completed (8/18)
ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES							
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			11/1 annually		Appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/6/2017 9/20/17 10/12/17	11/15/17	1/15 annually	Sen. Lisa Keim	Work ongoing
Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	20-A MRSA Sec. 6663	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually		Currently not meeting; staffed by DOE
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/18/17	10/24/17	annually	Sen. Rodney Whittenore Rep. Craig Hickman	Work ongoing
State Compensation Commission (former Judicial Compensation Commission repeated and State Compensation Commission amended by PL 2017, c. 242)	PL 2017 c. 242	not specified			5/1 of every odd-numbered year and 1/15 of every even-numbered year an interim report; 11/15 of every even-numbered year a final report		Appointments due January of odd-numbered years at 1st Regular Session of each Legislature (beginning 2019)

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AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Select Committee on MLI	HP 96 PL 2017 c. 278	as needed	9/26/17 9/27/17 9/28/17 10/12/17		n/a	Sen. Roger Katz Rep. Teresa Pierce	PH on draft LR 09/26; WSs to follow 9/27, 9/28; language review 10/12
Legislative Staff Recodification and Revision of Title 28-A	Resolve 2017 c. 18				1/15/2019	n/a	Staff work ongoing
SLG re work on CO bill LD 1588 (Roads)	approved by POs	3	9/21/17	10/30/17	n/a	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. R. Danny Martin	
EUT re work on CO bill LD 257 (Microgrids)	approved by POs	2		10/24/17	n/a	Sen. David Woodsome Rep. Seth Berry	
ENR re work on CO bills LD 1095, 1298 and 1534; Fiberright Project update; and review of DEP GEA report	approved by POs	1		11/14/17	n/a	Sen. Thomas Savello Rep. Ralph Tucker	
VLA re LD 1446 (Ranked choice voting)	approved by POs	1	10/16/17			Sen. Garrett Mason Rep. Louis Luchini	PH and WS 10/16
AFA re LD 1649 (GIS)	approved by POs		10/13/17	10/20/17			PH 10/13; WSs 10/13 and 10/20
ACF re LDs 1647 (Bureau of Parks and Lands) and 1648 (food sovereignty)	approved by POs	1		10/20/17		Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	PHs and WSs 10/20
TAX re work on tax expenditure review	approved by POs	3	10/17/17			Sen. Dana Dow Rep. Ryan Tipping	

Outside Funding Status Health Care Task Force

FY18 Amount Required:	\$4,682.00
Amount Collected and Accepted:	\$4,682.00
Addition Amount Required for FY18:	<u>\$0.00</u>
FY19 Amount Required:	\$4,682.00
Amount Collected and Accepted:	\$2,516.00
Amount Collected Pending Acceptance:	\$181.00
Additional Amount Required for FY19:	<u>\$1,985.00</u>

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CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDY

Name of Study: Health Care Task Force

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor: Annette Bassett	Date of contribution: Aug 8, 2017
Address (number and street) of contributor: 2 Parcher St	Amount of contribution: \$ 25
City, state, zip code: Ellsworth, ME 04605	If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$
SS# OR FED ID #:	
Occupation: Retired librarian	
Principal place of business: n/a	Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/> foundation <input type="checkbox"/>

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Describe goods, services, etc. to be contributed:

I, Annette Bassett, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this report is true and complete, that no information is knowingly withheld and that the purpose of the contribution is not to influence the outcome of the above named study or any subsequent legislative action. I further certify that I, and the employer or organization I represent, if applicable, do not have any pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the above named study. I understand that this contribution is subject to acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Signature of contributor: Annette Bassett	Date: Aug. 8, 2017
Title: _____	
Witness: <u>Ethann Kell</u>	Date: August 8, 2017

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Name of Study: Healthcare Task Force

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor:  Catherine Crute	Date of contribution: <u>8/2/17</u>
Address (number and street): 11 Austin St Portland, ME 04103	Amount of contribution: \$ <u>100</u>
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SS# OR FED ID #:	Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Occupation: <u>RETIRED PHYSICIAN</u>	partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/>
Principal place of business:	foundation <input type="checkbox"/>

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Signature of contributor: <u>Cath Crute</u>	Date: <u>8/2/17</u>
Title: <u>MD</u>	
Witness: <u>Pat Bitterman</u>	Date: <u>8/1/17</u>

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Name of Study: Healthcare Task Force

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor: David Strasser	Date of contribution: 8/30/17
Address (number and street) of contributor: 24 Hummingbird Lane	Amount of contribution: \$ 56 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
City, state, zip code: Auburn, Maine 04291	If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$
SS# OR FED ID #:	
Occupation: Family physician	
Principal place of business: Martin's Point Health Care	Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/> foundation <input type="checkbox"/>

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I, David Strasser, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this report is true and complete, that no information is knowingly withheld and that the purpose of the contribution is not to influence the outcome of the above named study or any subsequent legislative action. I further certify that I, and the employer or organization I represent, if applicable, do not have any pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the above named study. I understand that this contribution is subject to acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Signature of contributor: <u>David Strasser</u>	Date: 8/30/17
Title: MD	
Witness: <u>BS Beth Strass</u>	Date: 8/30/17

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Accept Contribution: YES _____ NO _____

Date:

Legislative Council Meeting
October 26, 2017

Procedures for Review of Legislative Bill Requests for the
Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited to:** budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure for the 128th Legislature, any action of the Legislative Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 128th Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by policy area. An exception to this order of review may be made for bill requests for which an ASL Interpreter is required for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Those bills will be taken out of order at a time during the meeting when an interpreter is available.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on a bill request, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction into the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative requests in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.

- D. If a bill request has been identified by the Revisor as requiring a ruling under Joint Rule 217, the Legislative Council may vote to accept that bill for introduction, conditional upon a subsequent ruling by the presiding officers. Absent a vote to accept the bill, the bill is presumed to have been turned down by unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.
- E. Legislative sponsors and others are welcome to observe the Council's deliberations on the bill requests, but discussion of the requests will be confined to members of the Legislative Council and its staff. Discussion of a bill request among Legislative Council Members will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself.
- F. If the Legislative Council turns down a bill request, a Legislator may appeal that decision if an appeal is filed in a timely manner. At a subsequent meeting of the Legislative Council, the legislator may speak briefly to the bill request under appeal.
- G. A legislative request that has been identified by the Revisor as being either closely related to another legislative request that was earlier filed (i.e., having been assigned a lower LR number) or to a carryover bill is presumed to have been turned down by a unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Council
Meeting Schedule for 2018

The schedule for Legislative Council meetings for calendar year 2018 is listed below:

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Thursday, December 6, 2018 (129th)

All Legislative Council meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, usually the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Legislative Council Chamber, Room 334. Unless otherwise specified in the meeting notices, the meetings will begin at **1:30 P.M.**