

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

James Hamper, Senate Chair **Drew Gattine, House Chair**

Public Hearing: 9:00 am Wednesday January 18, 2017 State House Room 228

LR 2174 "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017." (The LD number has not yet been assigned).

The proposed budget initiatives may be viewed on the Bureau of the Budget's website: <http://www.maine.gov/budget/> Look for **General Fund Proposed Supplemental Budget 2017** Part A contains supplemental appropriations and allocations for fiscal year 2016-17. Part B (which is **not** part of the public hearings but may be part of the Department and Agency introductions) contains approved reclassifications and range changes. The Full Document contains language Parts C through O.

Attached is a schedule of joint hearings to be held in two blocks. The morning block is divided by initiatives related to the jurisdiction of five policy committees of jurisdiction. The afternoon block will contain hearings initiatives and language parts under not covered in the morning. There will be separate sign-up sheets to for each morning block. There will be one unified sign-up sheet for the afternoon and testimony will be taken in order of sign-ups or as determined by the Chairs without segregation by policy committee of jurisdiction.

For those wishing to provide oral testimony:

- The sign-up sheet will be either in the hallway outside of the committee room or inside the committee room. You may sign up only yourself
- Please print legibly.
- There will be separate sign-up sheets for each of the morning blocks. Please make sure you are signing up for the correct block.
- There will be one sign-up sheet for any initiative or language part covered in the afternoon block. *Testimony will be taken in order of sign-ups or as determined by the Chairs - not, necessarily, grouped by policy committee of jurisdiction.*
- If it appears that there is, or will likely be, a large turnout for this hearing, the Chairs may limit oral testimony to 3 minutes or less. So please plan for that. Your written submittal can be as long as you want.
- If you want to give the committee any written materials, submit **40 copies** to the committee clerk for distribution. You may make copies in the Legislative Law Library (2nd floor of the State House) for 10 cents a page. *The extra copies will be given to the policy committee with jurisdiction over the topic of your testimony.*
- Please put your name on your written testimony and back-up materials.

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DETAILED HEARING SCHEDULE Wednesday January 18, 2017

Morning Blocks: Separate Sign-up Sheets (Start Times are Approximate)

9:00 AM (Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary):

Attorney General, Department of

- Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
Language (Part "F" - allows fees collected in the Office of Chief Medical Examiner to carry into the next fiscal year.)

Human Rights Commission, Maine

- Human Rights Commission – Regulation

Judicial Department

- Courts – Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative
Language (Part "K" – authorizes the Judicial Department to transfer General Fund Personal Services balances to All Other in FY17 and to carry balances into the following fiscal year)

9:30 AM (Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs):

Education, Department of

- Leadership Team
- Learning Systems Team
- School Finance and Operations

Maine Community College System

Language (Part "N" – eliminates the requirement that the System make contributions toward payment of the unfunded liability and administrative costs to the Maine State Retirement System, repeals the requirement that the Dept. of Administrative and Financial Services develop strategies to fund future salary increases due to collective bargaining and diverts funds going to, or transfers funds from the Salary plan to pay the unfunded liability for the current and following biennia.)

Retirement System, Maine Public

- Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund (related to provisions of Language Part "N")

University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the

- Educational & General Activities – UMS

10:30 AM (Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs):

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

Language (Part "O" – establishes a reserve fund for the Maine Military Authority Operation)

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
- Military Training & Operations
- Veterans Services

Language (Part "G" – allows balances in the Fund for Women Veterans account in the Veterans Services program to be carried)

11:00 AM (Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife):

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of

- Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations

Language (Part "H" allows unexpended balances from funds transferred to the Department to be carried forward into the next fiscal year.)

Language (Part "I" transfers funds from the IFW General Fund carrying balance to the Fish and Hatcheries Operations program for the Casco fish hatchery.)

Language (Part "J" - allows remaining balances at the end of the fiscal year in the Capital Expenditures line category to be used for the Casco fish hatchery)

11:30 AM (Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government):

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Administration – Human Resources
- Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration
- Risk Management – Claims

Secretary of State, Department of

- Administration – Archives
- Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations

Language (Part "L" - allows unexpended Personal Services and All Other balances in the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations to be carried to the All Other category in the next fiscal year for software upgrades)

Language (Part "M" - allows unexpended All Other balances in the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations to be carried to the All Other category in the next fiscal year)

Afternoon One Unified Block: One Sign-up Sheet for all Policy Areas

Starting at 1:00 PM All sections of the bill not specifically scheduled for the morning block will be heard starting at 1:00 p.m. Public testimony on these portions will be taken following presentations by Departments and Agencies (if any). Policy Committees of jurisdiction are invited attend for any or all of the afternoon but no specific time blocks have been set aside for their portions.

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation):

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Revenue Services – Bureau of
Language (Part “E” – allows funds appropriated from the update of economic database information to carry into the next fiscal year)

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry):

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of

- Beverage Container Enforcement Fund
- Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation
- Office of the Commissioner

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services):

Health and Human Services, Department of

- Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services
- Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources):

Marine Resources, Department of

- Marine Patrol – Bureau of

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources):

Environmental Protection, Department of

- Administration – Environmental Protection Fund
- Water Quality

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology):

Efficiency Maine Trust

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(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development):

Foundation for Blood Research

- ScienceWorks for ME

Workers’ Compensation Management Fund Program

- Administration – Workers’ Compensation Board
- Employment Rehabilitation Program
- Workers’ Compensation Board

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety):

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Maine Emergence Management Agency
- Disaster Assistance

Public Safety, Department of

- Administration – Public Safety
- Capitol Police, Bureau of
- Computer Crimes
- Highway Safety DPS

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation):

Public Safety, Department of

- State Police

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committees on Insurance and Financial Services):

Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of

- Office of Securities

(Under the Jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs):

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part “C” - continuation of limited-period positions set to expire between June and August of 2017*
- *Language (Part “D” – transfers \$35 million to the Mane Budget Stabilization Fund.)*