

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Governor's Change Package to LD 258

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is soliciting public comment on the **Biennial Budget CHANGE PACKAGE to LD 258** ("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, 2024 and June 30, 2025").

The Change Package proposal can be found on the Bureau of Budget website:

<https://www.maine.gov/budget/>

When reviewing the Part A initiatives, be aware of the information at the top of the page which states whether the change is a deletion, an addition or a change.

The detailed schedule of the departments, agencies or language parts to be heard in each time block can be found on the schedule below. Please make sure you sign up for the proper hearing block.

In any of the Blocks, the committee will hear testimony only on the initiatives and language parts listed in the Change Package (additions, deletions or changes). The committee is **not** soliciting testimony on: **Part I** (the proposed change corrects a typo); **Part J** (which is identical to LD 1918 referred to the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee); **Part LL** (the proposed change corrects a typo); **Part ZZZ** (which has been heard by the Taxation Committee as LD 7); **Part AAAA** (a similar proposal has already been heard by the Housing Committee as LD 2); or **Part EEEE** (which has already been heard by the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee as LD 1612) or any Language Parts deleted in the CP.

The Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is scheduled to present the entire Change Package to the AFA Committee on Monday, May 15th starting at 10:00 am. There is no scheduled departmental or agency presentation of the change package initiatives or language parts during the Public Testimony Blocks.

Due to the very tight timetable, the Chairs ask that you limit your testimony to three (3) minutes.

Testimony within each Block will be taken in the order of sign-ups (whether to testify in person or on zoom) **or** at the discretion of the Chairs. Depending on how crowded the hearing blocks are, in-person testimony sign-ups sheets may be located either in the committee room or at a table in the hall outside the room. If the committee room is full, you may be asked to wait in an "overflow" room where you can watch the proceedings and wait for your name to be called.

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_lio@legislature.maine.gov.

Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:00 am: Administration Testimony

Block I Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm – Public Testimony

Part A Change Package Items Related to the Following Departments and Agencies:

- Administration and Financial Services, Department of
- Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of
- Auditor, Office of the State
- Education, Department of
- Executive Department
- Finance Authority of Maine
- Historic Preservation Commission, Maine
- Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
- Library, Maine State
- Marine Resources, Department of
- Maritime Academy, Maine
- Museum, Maine State
- Secretary of State, Department of
- Community College System, Maine
- University of Maine System, Board of

Language Parts U, EE, QQQ-3, BBBB, CCCC, DDDD, FFFF, JJJJ, OOOO, YYYY, DDDDD, FFFFF, IIII

Block II Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 10:00 am – Public Testimony

Part A Change Package Items Related to the Following Departments and Agencies:

- Attorney General, Department of the
- Corrections, Department of
- Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
- Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on
- Judicial Department
- Public Safety, Department of

Language Parts IIII, LLLL, XXXX, ZZZZ and GGGGG

Block III Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm – Public Testimony

Part A Change Package Items Related to the Following Departments and Agencies:

- Environmental Protection, Department of
- Health and Human Services, Department of
- Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
- Office of Affordable Health Care
- Treasurer of State, Office of

Language Parts XXX, YYY, GGGG, HHHH, MMMM, PPPP, TTTT, UUUU, VVVV, WWWW, JJJJ and KKKKK

Block IV Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 2:00 pm - Public Testimony

Part A Change Package Items Related to the Following Departments and Agencies:

- Economic and Community Development, Department of
- Housing Authority, Maine State
- Labor, Department of
- Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority

Language Parts TT, NNNN, QQQQ, RRRR, SSSS, AAAAA, BBBB, CCCC and HHHHH