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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Mike Tipping, Senate Chair ^{MT (sl)}
Representative Amy Roeder, House Chair ^{AR (sl)}
Joint Standing Committee on Labor

DATE: January 24, 2025

SUBJ: Supplemental budget recommendations

The Joint Standing Committee on Labor ("LAB Committee") on Tuesday, January 22nd, reviewed the budget items pertaining to the agencies under its jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget for FY25.

The members present at the January 22nd meeting voted as follows on the initiatives:

- 8-0¹ IN on the Department of Labor, Employment Services Activity 0852 (Ref. #207)
- 5-3² IN on Part E language

The members of the LAB Committee in attendance expressed their unanimous support of career exploration, the subject of one of the initiatives.

Attached please find the "LAB report-back template" on which Committee votes on the individual budget initiatives are recorded.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with budget items related to the agencies under our jurisdiction. Thank you for your consideration of

¹ Voting in favor were Sen. Tipping, Rep. Roeder, Sen. Bradstreet, Rep. Drinkwater, Rep. Geiger, Rep. Beck, Rep. Macias and Rep. Collins. Absent were Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Libby, Rep. Archer, Rep. Skold and Rep. Soboleski.

² Voting in favor were Sen. Tipping, Rep. Roeder, Rep. Geiger, Rep. Beck and Rep. Macias. Voting in opposition were Sen. Bradstreet, Rep. Drinkwater and Rep. Collins. Absent were Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Libby, Rep. Archer, Rep. Skold and Rep. Soboleski.

our recommendations.

Cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Labor
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Corrects negative allocation in the Workforce Development Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Ref. #: 207

One Time

Committee Vote:

8-0 IN

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

2024-25

2025-26

2026-27

\$1,500,000

\$0

\$0

\$1,500,000

\$0

\$0

Justification:

Public Law 2023, chapter 643 transferred \$1.5 million from the Department of Labor to the Department of Education. The original budget submission included this item in state fiscal year 2023-24, however the final legislation moved the transfer to state fiscal year 2024-25, which had no budget allocation.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

DEPARTMENT TOTAL- ALL FUNDS

2024-25

2025-26

2026-27

\$1,500,000

\$0

\$0

\$1,500,000

\$0

\$0

PART E

Sec. E-1. Transfer from Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Statewide-Family and Medical Leave; University. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer the unobligated balance from the Statewide-Family and Medical Leave, General Fund and Highway Fund accounts within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the University of Maine System, General Fund account for the purpose of supporting Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums for eligible University of Maine System employees. These funds may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.

PART E SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the transfer of the unobligated balance in the Statewide-Family and Medical Leave, General Fund and Highway Fund accounts within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the University of Maine System, General Fund account for the purpose of supporting Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums for eligible University of Maine System employees.

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