Biennial Budget Addendum



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ADDENDUM

TO:	Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair		
	Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair		
	Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Members		
FROM:	Senator Pinny Beebe-Center, Senate Chair		
	Representative Tavis Hasenfus, House Chair		
	Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members		
DATE:	March 5, 2025		
RE:	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee's Addendum to the Governor's Biennial Budget Bill (LD 210)		

The Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety (the "committee") submitted its recommendations on the Governor's proposed biennial budget (LD 210) to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA) on March 4, 2025. The committee subsequently held joint work sessions on both LD 461, An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County (Sen. Moore), and LD 477, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services (Rep. Ducharme) on March 5, 2025. The committee voted Ought to Pass as Amended 9-3 in support of LD 461 (Rep. Nina Milliken, Rep. Grayson Lookner and Rep. Tavis Hasenfus opposing) and Ought to Pass as Amended 9-3 in support of LD 477 (Rep. Nina Milliken, Rep. Grayson Lookner and Rep. Mana Abdi opposing).

LD 477 establishes 15 State Trooper positions and 9 State Police Corporal positions within the Department of Public Safety. This includes 8 officers in the Northern Field Troop area; 4 officers in Aroostook County; 8 troopers in Somerset and Franklin County; and 4 troopers in Androscoggin County for a total of 24 positions. LD 461 establishes 4 Maine State Trooper positions in Washington County. The committee recognizes that these bills share an overlap in that LD 477 establishes 8 positions in the Northern Field Troop which in part covers Washington County.

Though these bills propose different solutions they both express the desire to find ways to increase state police patrols in rural areas. The CJPS committee understands there is a need for

more rural policing services and respectfully requests your consideration in reviewing these proposals.

Thank you for considering the committee's request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions regarding this addendum and the associated bills.

Encl: LD 461; LD 477

C: Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members



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No. 461

S.P. 194

In Senate, February 11, 2025

An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MCINTYRE of Lowell, QUINT of Hodgdon, STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East Machias.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and re become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless			
3 4 5	Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to address as soon as possible the potential public safety issues presented by the reduction of rural patrols by the Maine State Police; and			
6 7 8 9	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,			
10	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as fo	ollows:		
11 12	Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.			
13	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF			
14	State Police 0291			
15 16	Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Maine State Trooper positions and related All Other to conduct rural patrols in Washington County.			
17 18 19 20 21 22	GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT Personal Services All Other GENERAL FUND TOTAL	2025-26 4.000 \$302,788 \$13,000 \$315,788	2026-27 4.000 \$312,477 \$13,000 \$325,477	
22	GENERAL FOND TOTAL	\$313,788	\$ <u>3</u> 23,477	
24 25 26 27	HIGHWAY FUND Personal Services All Other	2025-26 \$163,040 \$7,000	2026-27 \$168,257 \$7,000	
28	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$170,040	\$175,257	
29 30	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cite takes effect when approved.	ed in the preamble, th	is legislation	
31	SUMMARY			
32 33	This bill provides funding for 4 Maine State Trooper conduct rural patrols in Washington County.	positions and related	l All Other to	

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No. 477

H.P. 306

House of Representatives, February 11, 2025

An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison. Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAY of Palmyra, FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and 3 allocations are made.

4 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 State Police 0291

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Initiative: Provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and to support county sheriff department efforts. Four corporals and 4 troopers would patrol the Northern Field Troop area; one corporal and 3 troopers would patrol Aroostook County;
4 troopers and 4 corporals would patrol Somerset and Franklin counties; and 4 troopers would patrol would patrol Androscoggin County.

12	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
13	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
14	Personal Services	\$1,888,351	\$1,948,778
15	All Other	\$78,000	\$78,000
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,966,351	\$2,026,778
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19	HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
20	Personal Services	\$1,016,804	\$1,049,341
21	All Other	\$42,000	\$42,000
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23	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,058,804	\$1,091,341

SUMMARY

This bill provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and to support county sheriff department efforts.