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

TO: Senator Peggy Rotundo, Chair  
Representative Drew Gattine, Chair  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Tim Nangle, Chair  
Representative Lydia V. Crafts, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

RE: **General Fund 2026-2027 Biennial Budget (LD 210)**

March 9, 2025

On March 6, 2025, the Transportation Committee held a work session and unanimously approved all initiatives except for 2:

Ref #s 2966 on page 8 (State Police) and ref #3017 on page 16 (Turnpike Enforcement) related to statewide technology costs within DAFS, Office of Information Technology which the committee unanimously voted out. The committee notes that technology costs increase with each biennial budget with little to no explanation. Department representatives stated to us that for the upcoming biennium, these costs increased by 18-19% over the previous biennium. Our committee strongly urges the Appropriations and Financial Affairs committee to review these costs in detail to determine the reasoning for the increases.

The individual vote sheets are attached. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Timothy Nangle  
Senate Chair

Lydia V. Crafts  
House Chair

c: Melanie Furman, OPLA  
Suzanne Voynik, OFPR

**Sec. A-66. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	328,500	344,500	344,500	344,500
Personal Services	\$28,943,968	\$35,237,371	\$41,427,013	\$43,282,507
All Other	\$14,486,825	\$13,259,553	\$13,259,553	\$13,259,553
Capital Expenditures	\$193,220	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,624,013</b>	<b>\$48,496,924</b>	<b>\$54,686,566</b>	<b>\$56,542,060</b>
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$461,211	\$481,790	\$607,809	\$639,170
All Other	\$1,142,051	\$1,367,156	\$1,367,156	\$1,367,156
Capital Expenditures	\$53,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,656,262</b>	<b>\$1,848,946</b>	<b>\$1,974,965</b>	<b>\$2,006,326</b>
	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$222,110	\$225,573	\$244,035	\$258,915
All Other	\$1,593,715	\$2,293,715	\$2,293,715	\$2,293,715
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,815,825</b>	<b>\$2,519,288</b>	<b>\$2,537,750</b>	<b>\$2,552,630</b>

**Justification:**

The Maine State Police force provides full law enforcement services to areas that do not have their own police departments. Officers patrol the rural roads, interstate system, and Maine Turnpike enforcing motor vehicle laws and responding to accidents. They investigate all homicides outside of Portland and Bangor as well as other major crimes. The State Police operates a crime lab as well as other specialized law enforcement services, and maintains the criminal history records information.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

Ref. #: 2945

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote:

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

All Other

2025-26

\$633,844

2026-27

\$633,844

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$633,844	\$633,844
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Ref. #: 2946

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$345,033	\$345,033
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$345,033</b>	<b>\$345,033</b>

**Notes:**

Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on initiatives that align Other Special Revenue or Federal allocations with the available resources.

**Justification:**

Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues in multiple federal fund accounts.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 bomb suits for the State Police bomb team.

Ref. #: 2948

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$109,200	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$109,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

This equipment is needed to help keep the six members of the tactical bomb team safe in applicable situations. The suits have a life expectancy of 5 years. The State Police would like to establish a replacement schedule of two suits every other year.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of one forensic laser for latent fingerprints.

Ref. #: 2949

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$16,250	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

This forensic laser is an alternative lighting system that allows the latent fingerprint section to operate with greater efficiency regarding the chemical processing of latent prints. This laser system maximizes efficiency in the latent print section. This equipment includes specialized zoom optics for versatile spot size adjustments and speckle free field illumination for superior photographic evidence collection.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a marine sonar device.

Ref. #: 2950                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   10                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$44,070	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$44,070</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

Our current system is over 10 years old and is outdated. The sonar is a critical piece of equipment when it comes to searching for items such as bodies and vehicles in bodies of water.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a throwable robot for the tactical team.

Ref. #: 2951                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   10                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$13,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

This piece of equipment allows for remote viewing of high risk/critical incidents while mitigating the risk to tactical team members.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 handgun lights.

Ref. #: 2952                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   10                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$4,794	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$4,794</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

The existing handgun lights used by the tactical team have reached the end of their useful life.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for a higher cost of fuel for State Police vehicles.

Ref. #: 2953

Committee Vote:   i  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

All Other

	2025-26	2026-27
	\$455,000	\$455,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

	\$455,000	\$455,000
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**Justification:**

Maine State Police have an average usage of 700,000 gallons of gas per calendar year. The fuel costs are currently budgeted at \$2.50 per gallon. Increased funding for an estimated per gallon price to \$3.50 is needed.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 4 specialized digital cameras.

Ref. #: 2954

One Time

Committee Vote:   i  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

All Other

	2025-26	2026-27
	\$10,400	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

	\$10,400	\$0
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**Justification:**

These digital cameras are needed to fully outfit the emergency response team.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 26 rifles.

Ref. #: 2955

One Time

Committee Vote:   i  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

All Other

	2025-26	2026-27
	\$46,053	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

	\$46,053	\$0
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**Justification:**

The current rifles used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in September 2026. The rifles have a life expectancy of 7 years.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace infrared lasers.

Ref. #: 2956      One Time      Committee Vote: in      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$64,220
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$64,220</b>

**Justification:**

The current infrared lasers used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in September of 2026. The lasers have a life expectancy of 7 years.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 plate carriers.

Ref. #: 2957      One Time      Committee Vote: in      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$485,713	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$485,713</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

The Lewiston tragedy really showed our vulnerabilities due to troopers not having bullet resistant vests that would stop a round from a rifle. This resulted in the Command staff only being able to assign certain tasks to the tactical team members who have been provided these vests.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 350 helmets.

Ref. #: 2958      One Time      Committee Vote: in      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$250,250	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

The Lewiston tragedy really showed our vulnerabilities due to troopers not having bullet resistant helmets that would stop a round from a rifle. This resulted in the Command staff only being able to assign certain tasks to the tactical team members who have been provided these helmets.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 ballistic shields.

Ref. #: 2959                      One Time                      Committee Vote: in                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$15,600	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,600</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

The existing ballistic shields used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in July 2025. The shields have a life expectancy of 5 years.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 10 sniper rifles.

Ref. #: 2960                      One Time                      Committee Vote: in                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$35,750	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,750</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

The current sniper rifles used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in July 2025. The sniper rifles have a life expectancy of 7 years.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 25 ballistic vests.

Ref. #: 2961                      One Time                      Committee Vote: in                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$30,875	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,875</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

The existing ballistic vests used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in June 2026. The vests have a life expectancy of 5 years.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 8 40-millimeter launchers.

Ref. #: 2962                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   YA                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$13,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

The existing 40 MM launchers used by the tactical team will reach the end of their useful life in June 2026. The State Police use launchers with non-lethal gas. The equipment has a life expectancy of 10 years.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle that can be linked to existing software.

Ref. #: 2963                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   YA                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$17,781	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$17,781</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Justification:**

The Skydio X10 is an incredible and important tool that is producing high quality point clouds when combined with the Faro software.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a 3-diminsional scanner upgrade.

Ref. #: 2964                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   YA                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Capital Expenditures	\$42,226	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$42,226</u>	<u>\$0</u>



**Justification:**

The lidar scanners provide scientifically repeatable measurements for crime scene reconstruction. A Faro Focus Premium scanner with a 150-meter range is twice as fast as older models so it will scan faster and further. This means fewer and faster scans, which helps expedite processing crime scenes, which may be critical depending on location. The equipment also allows collaboration with other law enforcement agencies that use this equipment such as agencies in other states through the New England State Police Administrators Compact, the FBI, and other Maine municipal law enforcement agencies.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the roof at the K-9 office.

Ref. #: 2965                      One Time                      Committee Vote:   i                        AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND		
Capital Expenditures	\$19,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,500	\$0

**Justification:**

The roof at the K-9 office needs to be replaced.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 2966    Committee Vote:   out      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$430,196	\$430,196
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$430,196	\$430,196

**Justification:**

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to resurface the parking lot and driveway at the Alfred barracks.

Ref. #: 2967

One Time

Committee Vote:   i  ^  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

Capital Expenditures

<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
\$41,600	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$41,600	\$0
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**Justification:**

The Troop A barracks parking lot and driveway need to be resurfaced.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service costs associated with the purchase of State Police vehicles on a regular vehicle replacement schedule.

Ref. #: 2968

Committee Vote:   i  ^  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

All Other

<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
\$858,416	\$1,127,817

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$858,416	\$1,127,817
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**Justification:**

This initiative provides increased debt service to purchase more State Police vehicles on a financing arrangement in order to meet an established replacement schedule. In addition, the average cost of a vehicle appropriate for State Police use has increased by 47%.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one Wellness Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2970

Committee Vote:   i  ^  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
1,000	1,000
\$70,065	\$75,480
\$3,550	\$3,550

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$73,615	\$79,030
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**Justification:**

This Wellness Coordinator will assist with providing mental health services, conduct critical incident debriefings, supervise the Member Support Team and provide assistance to help ensure the overall resiliency of department members.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one Behavioral Health Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2971

Committee Vote:   y/n  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$73,342	\$79,051
All Other	\$2,308	\$2,308
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,650</b>	<b>\$81,359</b>

**Justification:**

The Behavioral Health Coordinator Program is a runaway success, diverting mental health calls to Behavioral Health Coordinator and getting citizens appropriate care. A supervisor is needed to oversee the program and act as the yellow flag liaison with our law enforcement partners. A supervisor in this position can help bring consistency to the program and add an additional resource to appropriately implement yellow flag legislation.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Lieutenant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2972

Committee Vote:   y/n  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$130,462	\$139,834
All Other	\$11,983	\$6,995
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$142,445</b>	<b>\$146,829</b>

**Justification:**

This position is intended to be a full-time Incident Command Team Leader for the Incident Management Assistance Team while also coordinating major events. The Lewiston tragedy has shown the need for a full-time position to coordinate large events as well as multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional training. These duties are currently assigned to the Troop Commander for the Maine Turnpike Troop which doesn't allow sufficient time for these duties.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 3 State Police Specialist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2973

Committee Vote:   y/n  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$406,056	\$433,141
All Other	\$35,946	\$14,932



<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$81,250	\$81,250
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$81,250</u>	<u>\$81,250</u>

**Justification:**

This is the annual cost for the Maine Information and Analysis Center records management and information system which tracks audit and inspection data.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 4 State Police Detective Corporal positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2977

Committee Vote:   IN  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$453,841	\$487,924
All Other	\$39,869	\$39,869
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$493,710</u>	<u>\$527,793</u>

**Justification:**

These four State Police Detective Corporal positions are intended to serve as Emergency Response Technicians in the Crime Lab to help the Sergeant keep up with record number of homicide investigations and other criminal work. The Sergeant is overwhelmed with 2 years of record-breaking volume, special assignments relating to expert testimony, managing all aspects of the Emergency Response Team including the Department's Evidence Tracking System while also coordinating and training members in bloodstain pattern analysis, shooting reconstruction, unmanned aerial vehicles, and lidar scanners.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 9 Computer Forensic Analyst positions from range 27 to range 28.

Ref. #: 2978

Committee Vote:   IN  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$1,990	\$2,136
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$1,990</u>	<u>\$2,136</u>

Ref. #: 2979

Committee Vote:   IN  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
Personal Services	\$924	\$985

All Other	\$38	\$40
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$962</b>	<b>\$1,025</b>

**Notes:**

Not part of the public hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on reclassifications, reorganizations and range change initiatives.

**Justification:**

The approved reorganization is for wage parity purposes.

**STATE POLICE 0291  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	328.500	344.500	355.500	355.500
Personal Services	\$28,943,968	\$35,237,371	\$42,646,576	\$44,590,747
All Other	\$14,486,825	\$13,259,553	\$16,752,608	\$16,219,142
Capital Expenditures	\$193,220	\$0	\$354,977	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,624,013</b>	<b>\$48,496,924</b>	<b>\$59,754,161</b>	<b>\$60,809,889</b>

  

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$461,211	\$481,790	\$607,809	\$639,170
All Other	\$1,142,051	\$1,367,156	\$2,001,000	\$2,001,000
Capital Expenditures	\$53,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,656,262</b>	<b>\$1,848,946</b>	<b>\$2,608,809</b>	<b>\$2,640,170</b>

  

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$222,110	\$225,573	\$244,959	\$259,900
All Other	\$1,593,715	\$2,293,715	\$2,638,786	\$2,638,788
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,815,825</b>	<b>\$2,519,288</b>	<b>\$2,883,745</b>	<b>\$2,898,688</b>

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$466,531	\$474,392	\$603,427	\$635,894
All Other	\$998,829	\$1,323,829	\$1,326,409	\$1,326,471
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,465,360</b>	<b>\$1,798,221</b>	<b>\$1,929,836</b>	<b>\$1,962,365</b>

**Justification:**

The Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement unit oversees and enforces the laws regarding vehicle size and weight for the protection of Maine's infrastructure. Verifies compliance of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations through both roadside enforcement efforts and terminal safety reviews of Motor Carriers, all in an effort to reduce commercial vehicle related crashes statewide. Roadside enforcement includes the verification of valid commercial driver's licenses, hours-of-service for drivers, vehicle safety inspections, and the weighing of vehicles.

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**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues.

Ref. #: 3025

Committee Vote:         

AFA Vote:         

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$179,175	\$179,175
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$179,175</b>	<b>\$179,175</b>

**Notes:**

Not part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on initiatives that align Other Special Revenue or Federal allocations with the available resources.

**Justification:**

Provides funding to align with anticipated revenues in multiple federal fund accounts.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$466,531	\$474,392	\$603,427	\$635,894
All Other	\$998,829	\$1,323,829	\$1,505,584	\$1,505,646
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,465,360</b>	<b>\$1,798,221</b>	<b>\$2,109,011</b>	<b>\$2,141,540</b>



**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2023-24	History 2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Personal Services	\$6,039,585	\$7,199,724	\$8,015,571	\$8,341,505
All Other	\$1,124,063	\$1,143,625	\$1,161,360	\$1,161,489
Capital Expenditures	\$351,044	\$351,044	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,514,692</b>	<b>\$8,694,393</b>	<b>\$9,176,931</b>	<b>\$9,502,994</b>

**Justification:**

The Turnpike Enforcement unit provides law enforcement coverage, such as motor vehicle enforcement, crash investigation, and criminal investigation in order to provide a safe motoring environment on the Turnpike.

**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 3017

Committee Vote: OUT

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
All Other	\$53,442	\$53,442
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,442</b>	<b>\$53,442</b>

**Justification:**

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

**Turnpike Enforcement 0547**

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the State Police divisions governing: turnpike enforcement, motor vehicle inspection, traffic safety and commercial vehicle enforcement consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

Ref. #: 3018

One Time

Committee Vote: IN

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		
Capital Expenditures	\$371,000	\$371,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$371,000      \$371,000

**Justification:**

These programs have a consistent replacement cycle for vehicles in each biennium. The total vehicles purchased with this funding will be 16 in each year of the biennium with the following breakdown - Motor Vehicle Inspection (1), Traffic Safety Division (1), Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (5), and Turnpike Enforcement (7).

**TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	37.000	37.000	37.000	37.000
Personal Services	\$6,039,585	\$7,199,724	\$8,015,571	\$8,341,505
All Other	\$1,124,063	\$1,143,625	\$1,214,802	\$1,214,931
Capital Expenditures	\$351,044	\$351,044	\$371,000	\$371,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,514,692</b>	<b>\$8,694,393</b>	<b>\$9,601,373</b>	<b>\$9,927,436</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$59,754,161</b>	<b>\$60,809,889</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$4,717,820</b>	<b>\$4,781,710</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$12,485,118</b>	<b>\$12,826,124</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$76,957,099</b>	<b>\$78,417,723</b>

**Sec. A-70. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>				
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>
	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$131,088	\$132,735	\$138,010	\$145,012
All Other	\$208,858	\$209,043	\$209,043	\$209,043
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$339,946</b>	<b>\$341,778</b>	<b>\$347,053</b>	<b>\$354,055</b>

**Justification:**

The Maine Legislature founded the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) in 1905 out of a concern for public safety following the invention, mass production, and use of motor vehicles. Since then, not only have the times changed, but the pace of change has accelerated. As a result, we find ourselves at yet another inflection point: The Bureau must be reinvented to better meet the current and future needs of Mainers. Customers expectations have evolved: They expect secure services that enhance their quality of life, and equitably increase their opportunities here in Maine. To meet expectations the BMVs leadership embarked on a deliberate effort to craft a strategic plan to guide the Bureau forward. To achieve these goals, leadership is committed to evolving from an organization focused on the present, to one with a culture of resilient professionals that have their eyes on the future. The ability to deliver these initiatives especially those requiring construction of new and advanced public-facing conveniences depends on sustained investment and support from the legislature. Over the next 3 to 5 years, the Bureau will focus on four strategic priorities: - An Improved Customer Experience focused on accessibility, simplicity, and reliability; moving into a customer centric way of doing business is our main effort. - A Positive Employee Experience where employees are experts, valued and empowered. This is our necessary supporting effort that unlocks the primary goal. - Investment in Trusted Technologies that ensure our customers data remains secure this is a no-fail mission. - Contributing to Highway Safety through collecting revenue for the highway fund to build and maintain safer roadways as well as supporting improvements in driver education and driver behaviors and supporting vehicle safety initiatives. The full BMV strategic Plan can be found on the BMV website. The BMV serves residents of this State and all users of Maine highways by: - Qualifying and Licensing Drivers - Managing Vehicle Registration and Title Programs - Regulating Vehicle Sales Through the collection of fees associated with these services, the BMV provides revenue to build and maintain Maines highways. Yet its mission reaches beyond mere credentials, documents, and fees. Without a proper and accurate ID or driver license, access to State services, travel, banking, and essential services becomes extremely challenging. Without a properly titled and registered vehicle, especially in the more rural parts of our state, a Mainers ability to attain health care, employment, and education is nearly impossible. The Bureau fundamentally provides Mainers access to society economically, socially, and legally. These same services enable Maines businesses; without them, our collective economy would grind to a halt. For over 120 years Bureau, has worked to deliver essential services. The 376.5 positions proudly serve 1.2 million Mainers through the administrative office in Augusta, 13 branch offices located throughout the state, 38 satellite driver examination locations, over the phone, and via a limited selection of online services. In fiscal year 2024 BMV titled, 480,000 motor vehicles, trailers, and motorcycles annually. An Electronic Lien Titling Program was implemented in March 2024 and more than 5,000 title records have been transmitted electronically to participating lenders, which begins a multi-year transition from

a paper-based title system to a system of electronically recorded titles. The title program generated \$10,424,477 highway fund revenue. BMV is also responsible for implementing passenger and commercial vehicle laws. 1.7 million vehicle registrations were issued by BMV as well as in 468 municipalities throughout the state, generating \$58,954,182 highway fund revenue in FY24. There are currently 1.2 million active long term trailer registrations. The long-term trailer program allows customers

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**ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423	\$485,423
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$131,088	\$132,735	\$138,010	\$145,012
All Other	\$208,858	\$209,043	\$209,043	\$209,043
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$339,946</b>	<b>\$341,778</b>	<b>\$347,053</b>	<b>\$354,055</b>

**Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund 0871**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>

**Justification:**

The Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund is a dedicated, non-lapsing fund established by 29-A MRSA, section 533-A1. An apportioned excise tax is collected and deposited into the fund from nonresident owners of commercial vehicles participating in the International Registration Plan who are paying an apportioned registration fee to the State of Maine. The revenue collected is used to reimburse municipalities for lost excise tax revenue. The Secretary of State reimburses participating municipalities the difference between the amount of excise tax that would have been collected on certain commercial vehicles in the previous fiscal year based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP), and the actual amount of excise tax that was collected in the previous year based on the vehicle selling price. Municipal participation in the reimbursement program is optional. Any revenue collected in the previous fiscal year over and above the total amount reimbursed to all participating municipalities in the current fiscal year reverts back to the Highway Fund.

**MUNICIPAL EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT FUND 0871  
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>History 2023-24</b>	<b>History 2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>	<b>\$485,423</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,447,053</b>	<b>\$1,454,055</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,932,476</b>	<b>\$1,939,478</b>

**Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715**

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 3026

Committee Vote:   ✓  

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>		
Personal Services	\$9,222	\$10,874
All Other	\$342	\$311
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$9,564</u>	<u>\$11,185</u>

**Notes:**

Not part of the public hearing. Policy committees need not make a recommendation on reclassification, reorganization and range change initiatives.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

	2025-26	2026-27
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>		
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<u>\$9,564</u>	<u>\$11,185</u>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$9,564</u>	<u>\$11,185</u>



**PART WWW**

**Sec. WWW-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Department of Public Safety; lease-purchase authorization for motor vehicles for State Police.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$3,655,000 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 60 months in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations and allocations in the State Police accounts.

**PART WWW  
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety to enter into financial arrangements in fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police.