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**October 23, 2025 9:00 AM
REVISED AGENDA**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
June 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the June 24, 2025 meeting of the 132nd Legislative Council to order at 3:27 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Daughtry (arrived after roll called), Senator Pierce, Senator Duson, Senator Stewart (via Zoom) and Senator Harrington (via Zoom)

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Moonen, Representative Gramlich, and Representative Smith

Absent: Representative Faulkingham

Legislative Officers: Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Jared Roy, Assistant Secretary of the Senate
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 3:27 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF THE APRIL 24, 2025 MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for April 24, 2025, be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Pierce. Second by Senator Duson. **Motion passed (8-0-0-2**, with President Daughtry and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTORS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2541 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development

Submitted by: Department of Environmental Protection

Date: May 9, 2025

Vote: 6-0-0-4 Passed (with Senator Stewart, Senator Harrington, Representative Faulkingham, and Representative Smith recorded as absent)

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council extend the end date of one limited-period Grade 6 position from June 7, 2025 through the end of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature, to be implemented by allotting unspent balances in the Legislative General Fund account; and further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing documentation reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Bureau of the Budget.

Motion by: President Daughtry Second: Speaker Fecteau

Date: June 9, 2025

Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize and increase in the number of weeks of one Executive Secretary position in the Office of the Clerk of the House from 42 weeks to 52 weeks; and further,

The Legislative Council authorize an adjustment to the position count for the position from .808 FTE to one legislative position count in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1664; and further,

The Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: President Daughtry Second: Speaker Fecteau

Date: June 9, 2025

Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize the following changes to the baseline budget for the Legislature:

Reduce funding for the Miscellaneous Studies – Legislative General Fund account by \$4,500, and increase funding for the Legislative General Fund account by \$4,500, for the Advisory Committee on the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination; and further

That the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor’s budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: Speaker Fecteau Second: Representative Moonen
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, the Legislative Council authorize the following adjustments to the Legislature’s budget:

Appropriate \$422,126 in FY 26 and \$432,331 in FY 27 for video and audio streaming, video conferencing, software subscriptions and other technology costs, and lapse an amount in each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium from unspent balances in the legislative accounts sufficient to offset the additional General Fund appropriation; and further

That the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor’s budget bill, LD 210.

Motion by: Speaker Fecteau Second: Representative Faulkingham
Date: June 9, 2025
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

In accordance with the protocols for review of legislative study proposals that were included in the meeting materials, the Legislative Council considered and voted on the legislative study requests. Of the 30 proposals included on the list, the council authorized 8 proposed studies, rejected 7 proposed studies, and took no action on 15 proposed studies. The Legislative Council’s actions are included on the attached list.

Item #2: Proposed Second Session Cloture Schedule and Related Dates

Mr. Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes, presented the proposed Second Session cloture schedule and explained the related dates to the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves the Second Session cloture schedule and related dates. Motion by Senator Pierce. Second by Rep. Moonen. Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2, with Senator Trey Stewart, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

Item #3: Consideration of Use of Social Media to Expand Access to Legislative Proceedings

Speaker Fecteau explained that earlier in the session, Rep. Tuell had sponsored a joint order that sought to expand access to legislative proceedings by increasing the number of platforms to which legislative

proceedings would be streamed. Speaker Fecteau said that he had had a conversation with Rep. Tuell, and they both agreed that the best venue for the discussion would be the Legislative Council, and therefore it is on today's agenda, and invited Ms. Gresser to elaborate on the issue.

Ms. Gresser explained that she had spoken with Rep. Tuell, and his proposal is not to reinvent the access that the Legislature is currently providing; rather, Rep. Tuell proposes to expand the reach of that access by also streaming to additional platforms. Rep. Moonen recalled watching committee meetings streams on YouTube during the 130th Legislature, said that it seemed to work well, and asked why that changed. Ms. Gresser said that streaming to YouTube was more labor intensive, which was possible because only a few committees streamed simultaneously during the 130th. Ms. Gresser noted that an additional issue was the fact that when the Legislature streamed to YouTube, it did not have control or ownership of the content—the benefit of Rep. Tuell's idea is that the Legislature would retain control over the content, and could additionally provide access via additional platforms. President Daughtry said she would prioritize YouTube as the initial additional platform to which to stream, since once on YouTube, it would also be accessible on other platforms. Speaker Fecteau raised concerns about the performance and functionality of the current streaming process that is utilized by the Legislature, and expressed a desire for the streaming to work in full-screen mode on cell phones, and wondered what other Legislatures use for their streaming needs, and what relative costs might be. Ms. Gresser indicated she would look into the members' questions and provide an update.

With no other public business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Legislative Council
Action Taken on Legislative Studies
June 24, 2025

LD 169	Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	No action taken
LD 245	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	No action taken
LD 259	Criminal Records Review Committee	Rejected
LD 353	Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State	Approved
LD 624	Commission to Study a Legislative Internship Program	No action taken
LD 634	Commission to Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal and County Mandates	No action taken
LD 646	Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution	No action taken
LD 760	Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	No action taken
LD 793	Working Group to Review and Update the Laws Governing Harness Racing	No action taken
LD 1023	Blue Economy Task Force	Approved as amended
LD 1107	Incentive Data Collection Task Force	No action taken
LD 1202	African American Studies Advisory Council	No action taken
LD 1286	Commission to Study the Impact of Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency on Maine's Economy and the Risks of Fraud and Theft to Maine Consumers	Rejected
LD 1297	Committee to Study the Use of Sunflower Crops to Produce Biofuels and Other Products	Rejected
LD 1347	Commission to Study the Maine Tort Claims Act	No action taken
LD 1420	Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce	Rejected
LD 1449	Working Group on Modernizing State Grants, Contracts and Procurement	Rejected
LD 1453	Housing Production Innovation Working Group	Approved
LD 1558	Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Approved as amended
LD 1578	Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions that Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State	Approved as amended
LD 1615	Commission to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry	Approve as amended
LD 1618	Study Group to Research the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine	Rejected
LD 1640	Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Approved

LD 1649	Commission to Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing and Improving the Effectiveness of the Legislature	Rejected
LD 1673	Economic Impact Statement Pilot Project	No action taken
LD 1696	Commission to Study Maine's Absolute Dominion and Beneficial Use Laws Relating to Water Rights	No action taken
LD 1770	Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force	Approved
LD 1810	Commission to Study the Judicial Disciplinary Process	No action taken
LD 1894	Commission to Study Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness	No action taken
LD 1943	Commission to Study the Role of Private Equity in Maine's Economy and in Key Economic Sectors	No action taken

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Executive Director's Report October 23, 2025

1. Timeline for Cross Security Screening and State House Security Screening

According to representatives from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, due to unanticipated construction delays, the timeline for opening the Cross Security Center has been delayed until Spring of 2026. DAFS anticipates that the State House Security Center will be operational in January 2026.

2. Selection of Operator for Cross Café

This fall, the Division of the Blind and Visually Impaired issued an RFP seeking proposals for full-service operation of the Cross Café and Micro Market. The competitive bidding process has concluded, and Casco Bay Vending, LLC has been selected to operate the Cross Café and Micro Market. While there is not yet a date for the new operator to begin, they are working on preparations and a plan to open by the time (or before) the Legislative session begins.

Fiscal Briefing

October 23, 2025

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2026 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$616.8	\$645.1	\$28.3	4.6%	\$614.7	4.9%
FYTD	\$1,465.8	\$1,540.3	\$74.5	5.1%	\$1,539.6	0.0%

General Fund revenue was above budget by \$28.3 million (4.6%) for September and \$74.5 million (5.1%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. General Fund revenue through September of 2025, the first quarter of FY26, was slightly above General Fund revenue through September of 2024, the first quarter of FY25. The negative variance in the first two months of FY26 compared to the first two months of FY25, that included 2024 winter storm-related deferrals, has now been made up.

Individual income tax revenue for September was \$22.5 million (8.0%) above budget for the month and was \$49.9 million (7.3%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax withholding accounted for \$11.8 million of September's positive variance and \$30.3 million of the variance for the fiscal year to date, while final and estimated payments accounted for \$16.3 million of September's variance and \$25.1 million of the variance for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax refunds were \$7.6 million greater than budgeted for September and \$8.7 million greater than budgeted for the fiscal year to date (negative impacts on the General Fund). Corporate income tax revenue was \$10.6 million (-13.1%) below budget for September and \$6.6 million (-6.5%) below budget for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for September (August sales) was \$3.3 million (1.4%) above budget for the month and \$13.1 million (1.9%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Estate tax revenue experienced a significant positive variance in September of \$8.8 million resulting in a positive variance of \$9.6 million (91.8%) above budget for the fiscal year to date.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2026 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$30.7	\$36.5	\$5.7	18.6%	\$41.8	-12.8%
FYTD	\$143.0	\$152.5	\$9.5	6.6%	\$170.4	-10.5%

Highway Fund revenue was above budget by \$5.7 million (18.6%) for September and \$9.5 million (6.6%) for the fiscal year to date. Highway Fund revenue through September of 2025, the first quarter of FY26, was 10.5% less than Highway Fund revenue through September of 2024, the first quarter of FY25, largely because of the decrease in the automotive sales tax transferred to the Highway Fund this July and because of variations in the timing of transfers from the Highway Fund to the transportation revenue bond fund.

Fuel taxes revenue was \$1.5 million (7.7%) above budget for September and \$2.6 million (4.4%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registration and fees were above budget by \$0.4 million (8.0%) for September and above budget by \$3.7 million (14.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Highway Fund transfers from the liquor operations fund were \$3.4 million greater than budgeted for September and \$2.1 million (22.4%) above budget for the fiscal year to date.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average daily balance in the cash pool for September was \$3,588.8 million, an increase of \$65.2 million from August's average daily balance. Increases in the General Fund, Other State Funds and Independent Agency Funds were partially offset by decreases in the Highway Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

The Highway Fund average daily balance for September was \$93.4 million, a decrease of \$1.9 million from August's average daily balance.

4. Economic and Revenue Forecast – Fall 2025 Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) is scheduled to meet on October 30th to review and update as necessary the economic forecast for its required November 1st report. The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) is scheduled to meet on November 24th to review and update as necessary the revenue forecast for its required December 1st report.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

Updated 10/14/25

September 2025 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '25 Budget	September '25 Actual	September '25 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2026 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Sales and Use Tax ¹	232,465,230	235,723,220	3,257,990	689,920,733	703,034,707	13,113,974	1.9%	3.0%	2,359,931,234
Service Provider Tax	3,600,081	3,372,039	(228,042)	11,073,607	12,654,824	1,581,217	14.3%	8.2%	25,599,024
Individual Income Tax	280,714,540	303,179,143	22,464,603	686,494,977	736,386,979	49,892,002	7.3%	-1.5%	2,680,528,320
Corporate Income Tax	80,742,184	70,173,319	(10,568,866)	101,311,668	94,697,153	(6,614,515)	-6.5%	-19.3%	376,000,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	12,830,401	12,469,742	(360,659)	40,430,642	40,735,929	305,287	0.8%	6.1%	189,430,501
Insurance Companies Tax	227,022	120,102	(106,920)	957,447	453,077	(504,370)	-52.7%	-85.0%	133,861,000
Estate Tax	3,500,000	12,271,869	8,771,869	10,500,000	20,141,322	9,641,322	91.8%	18.1%	42,700,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	11,863,803	15,676,618	3,812,815	37,020,600	44,576,272	7,555,672	20.4%	23.0%	156,006,252
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	2,477,012	1,854,127	(622,885)	5,577,726	4,914,829	(662,897)	-11.9%	399.1%	16,206,150
Income from Investments	4,571,062	4,665,897	94,835	9,101,406	9,402,113	300,707	3.3%	-29.6%	44,055,416
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,538,462	8,453,617	2,915,155	18,000,001	24,014,946	6,014,945	33.4%	29.6%	72,000,000
Transfer from Liquor Commission	0	0	0	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	0.0%	458.0%	7,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(1,719,060)	(1,333,580)	385,480	(1,776,378)	(2,272,535)	(496,157)	-27.9%	-16.2%	(89,974,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(23,320,761)	(23,942,830)	(622,069)	(70,139,041)	(74,431,901)	(4,292,860)	-6.1%	2.4%	(275,371,923)
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	(59,907,966)	(59,907,966)	0	0.0%	-2.2%	(118,698,924)
Other Revenue *	3,321,153	2,388,743	(932,410)	(19,815,326)	(21,110,034)	(1,294,708)	-6.5%	-24.9%	(8,365,024)
Totals	616,811,129	645,072,024	28,260,895	1,465,750,096	1,540,289,717	74,539,621	5.1%	0.0%	5,610,908,026

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$2.3 million for September and \$6.8 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.7 million for September and \$4.7 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

Updated 10/14/25

September 2025 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category				Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2026 Budgeted Totals
	September '25 Budget	September '25 Actual	September '25 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	14,883,223
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,239,554	5,090,784	3,851,230	1,318,219	6,171,935	4,853,716	368.2%	105.0%	20,639,960
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	2,258,804	1,460,692	(798,112)	6,278,377	5,928,731	(349,646)	-5.6%	19.0%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	595,585	421,354	(174,232)	3,266,969	3,523,568	256,599	7.9%	0.3%	12,643,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	2,500,828	3,338,348	837,520	7,903,787	8,853,059	949,272	12.0%	44.3%	8,890,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,065,000	2,062,550	(2,450)	6,195,000	5,951,900	(243,100)	-3.9%	1.9%	25,355,000
- Milk Handling Fee	80,985	43,605	(37,380)	222,555	193,999	(28,556)	-12.8%	-12.4%	816,000
- Racino Revenue	981,539	1,227,779	246,240	2,944,617	3,455,005	510,388	17.3%	5.7%	11,778,518
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	197,658	138,134	(59,524)	1,124,675	1,176,969	52,294	4.6%	3.0%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,080,785	1,492,699	411,914	5,190,222	6,569,317	1,379,095	26.6%	26.1%	17,473,984
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	863,065	400,673	(462,392)	2,576,179	2,751,789	175,610	6.8%	-5.8%	15,234,533
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	11,863,803	15,676,618	3,812,815	37,020,600	44,576,272	7,555,672	20.4%	23.0%	154,368,252
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
- State Cost Allocation Program	2,203,057	2,693,478	490,421	6,609,171	8,956,431	2,347,260	35.5%	43.1%	26,436,801
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(16,198,665)	(16,198,665)	0	0.0%	-3.8%	(26,045,985)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,185,019)	(1,235,080)	(50,061)	(3,555,057)	(4,284,718)	(729,661)	-20.5%	-137.2%	(14,220,287)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(12,713,533)	(12,713,533)	(0)	0.0%	-24.2%	(17,583,241)
- Transfer to Adult-Use Cannabis Fund	(484,398)	(467,252)	17,146	(1,410,471)	(1,346,460)	64,011	4.5%	-6.2%	(4,236,199)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,787,513	1,397,596	(1,389,917)	7,453,229	4,476,911	(2,976,318)	-39.9%	-22.4%	21,283,887
Subtotal - Other Revenue	3,321,153	2,388,743	(932,410)	(19,815,326)	(21,110,034)	(1,294,708)	-6.5%	-24.9%	(8,365,024)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(1,669,169)	(1,319,394)	349,775	(1,691,641)	(2,258,350)	(566,709)	-33.5%	-20.4%	(16,482,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(49,891)	(14,185)	35,706	(84,737)	(14,185)	70,552	83.3%	82.3%	(73,492,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(1,719,060)	(1,333,580)	385,480	(1,776,378)	(2,272,535)	(496,157)	-27.9%	-16.2%	(89,974,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,350,898	1,700,070	349,172	6,516,232	7,935,401	1,419,169	21.8%	20.4%	22,988,388

Highway Fund Revenue

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 (FY 2026)

Updated 10/16/25

September 2025 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '25 Budget	September '25 Actual	September '25 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date					FY 2025 Budgeted Totals
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	18,860,185	19,443,323	583,138	55,986,177	56,553,991	567,814	1.0%	0.3%	201,703,533
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,578,537	4,614,737	1,036,200	11,496,486	13,809,288	2,312,802	20.1%	-8.4%	47,799,893
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,321,877)	(2,428,671)	(106,794)	(6,800,475)	(7,095,154)	(294,679)	-4.3%	1.3%	(24,972,511)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(548,794)	(560,336)	(11,542)	(1,629,088)	(1,645,641)	(16,553)	-1.0%	-4.4%	(5,869,169)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,568,051	21,069,053	1,501,002	59,053,100	61,622,483	2,569,383	4.4%	-1.8%	218,661,746
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	6,255,866	6,248,588	(7,278)	19,216,983	21,684,339	2,467,356	12.8%	11.4%	70,669,954
- License Plate Fees	473,092	278,706	(194,386)	1,351,829	1,588,396	236,567	17.5%	-22.9%	3,664,608
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	621,468	967,436	345,968	2,287,445	2,596,613	309,168	13.5%	-3.7%	15,034,523
- Title Fees	1,253,341	1,458,820	205,479	3,802,153	4,111,180	309,027	8.1%	8.4%	14,264,069
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	871,353	1,154,676	283,323	2,865,895	3,468,304	602,409	21.0%	13.7%	10,483,098
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(4,720,096)	(4,971,200)	(251,104)	(4,720,096)	(4,971,200)	(251,104)	-5.3%	N/A	(16,653,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	4,755,024	5,137,025	382,001	24,804,209	28,477,632	3,673,423	14.8%	-8.3%	97,463,198
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	266,874	391,704	124,830	800,622	590,686	(209,936)	-26.2%	65.2%	3,202,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	45,680	173,816	128,136	155,717	487,186	331,469	212.9%	37.0%	1,418,970
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	54,585	87,246	32,661	103,219	297,038	193,819	187.8%	9.0%	606,412
Interest Earnings	135,489	354,386	218,897	406,465	810,974	404,509	99.5%	0.8%	1,625,860
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	9,007	9,007	46,728,213	46,737,221	9,008	0.0%	-20.3%	109,176,594
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,500,000	8,865,026	3,365,026	9,500,000	11,630,376	2,130,376	22.4%	-21.3%	59,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	407,568	377,504	(30,064)	1,435,437	1,810,326	374,889	26.1%	24.2%	12,404,465
Totals	30,733,271	36,464,768	5,731,497	142,986,982	152,463,923	9,476,941	6.6%	-10.5%	503,559,745

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED STUDIES AND INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 2025
October 23, 2025

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned					
LD 353 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State Resolve 2025, c. 104	Janet Stocco Will Tew Melanie Furman	<i>Monday, September 29, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Monday, October 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Wednesday, November 5, 2025 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:00 a.m.	12/3/2025	Sen. Henry Ingwersen Rep. Adam Lee	
LD 1578 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State Resolve 2025, c. 106	Colleen McCarthy Reid Karen Nadeau Steve Langlin	<i>Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, October 22, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Wednesday, November 5, 2025 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.	12/10/2025	Sen. Mike Tipping Rep. Michelle Boyer	
LD 1615 Resolve, to Expand Access to Oral Health Care by Studying Alternative Pathways for Obtaining a License to Practice Dentistry Resolve 2025, c. 107	Anna Broome Anne Davison Sophia Paddon	<i>Wednesday, October 8, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Wednesday October 22, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Wednesday, November 5, 2025 10:00 a.m.	12/10/2025	Sen. Donna Bailey Rep. Ambureen Rana	
LD 1770 Resolve, to Establish the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force Resolve 2025, c. 108	Lindsay Laxon Rachel Olson James Sargent (OFPR)	<i>Friday, September 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Friday, October 24, 2025 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025 10:00 a.m. IFP subcommittee <i>Friday, October 17, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.</i> Friday, October 24, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.	Interim Report 1/15/2026 Final Report 12/15/2026	Sen. Nicole Grohoski Rep. Ann Matlack	8 meetings authorized during 2-year study period

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Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings <i>held</i> to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
LD 1270 An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources P.L. c. 476	Lindsay Laxon Ed Charbonneau Kristin Bishop Dan Tartakoff		N/A	N/A	Drafting Assistance Only
Right to Know Advisory Committee T 1 §411	Sam Senft Elena Roig Melanie Furman Kristin Bishop	<i>Friday, September 26, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, October 29, 2025 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, November 19, 2025 1:00 p.m.</i> Technology subcommittee <i>Tuesday, October 14, 2025 12:00 p.m.</i> Records exceptions subcommittee <i>Wednesday, October 15, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Wednesday, November 5, 2025 1:00 p.m.</i> <i>Thursday, November 13, 2025 11:00 a.m.</i> Burdensome requests subcommittee <i>Friday, October 17, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Public employees subcommittee <i>Wednesday, October 22, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i>	Annually January	Sen. Anne Carney	Statutory study – must meet no fewer than 4 times

**132ND MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing/Select Committees and subcommittees

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Maureen Dawson	<i>Friday, October 17, 2025 10:00</i>	Joint meeting with TAX and HHS (briefings)
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	William Tew		
Education and Cultural Affairs	Elena Roig Steve Langlin		
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff	<i>Wednesday, October 15, 2025 9:30 a.m.</i>	Off-site tour
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon	<i>Thursday, September 18, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i> Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.	Work sessions
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	<i>Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.</i>	Quarterly DHHS update pursuant to statute (child protection matters)
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthy Reid	<i>Wednesday, October 1, 2025 10.00 a.m.</i> Thursday, November 6, 2025 10:00 a.m.	
Housing and Economic Development	Lynne Westphal Sophia Paddon	Wednesday, October 22, 2025 12:00 p.m.	Briefings and work sessions
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Anne Davison		
Judiciary	Janet Stocco Elias Murphy	Wednesday, November 12, 2025 (tentative) Thursday, November 13, 2025 (tentative) Friday, November 14, 2025 (tentative)	
Labor	Steven Langlin Sophia Paddon		
Marine Resources	Anne Davison		
State and Local Government	Kristin Bishop		
Taxation	Dan Tartakoff Danielle Fox (temporary staffing assignment)	<i>Friday, October 17, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.</i>	Joint meeting with AFA and work sessions

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Transportation	Melanie Furman		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson Karen Nadeau	Monday, October 20, 2025 9:30 a.m.	Meeting canceled

Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
June 24, 2025 Council Meeting

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That, upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, and pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 132nd Legislature ratify the collective bargaining agreement for the period ending September 30, 2027 that was negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine Service Employees Association, Local 1989, SEIU (MSEA) on September 15, 2025.

Further, that the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of this Agreement;

Further, upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, that the Legislative Council exercise its right to adopt the revisions to its personnel policies, pending agreement from the respective authorities; to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreement; and direct its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions; and

Further, that compensation provisions in the form of cost of living adjustments, lump sum payments, and salary steps comparable to that provided in the aforementioned collective bargaining agreement be provided to legislative employees who are not represented by MSEA, including to the members of the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals contingent upon the IANLP's tentative agreement thereto, the effective dates of such compensation provisions to coincide with those contained in the aforementioned collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by:	Speaker Ryan Fecteau
Second by:	President Matthea Daughtry
Date:	September 26, 2025
Vote:	6-1-0-3 Passed (with Rep. Smith opposed, and Senators Stewart and Harrington and Rep. Faulkingham absent)

Legislative Council Meeting
October 23, 2025

Procedures for Screening of Legislative Bill Requests for the
Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited to:** budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure for the 132nd Legislature, any action of the Legislative Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 132nd Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, final determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 as it relates to specific bills will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Protocol for Screening of Legislative Bill Requests

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by subject area. An exception to this order of review may be made for bill requests for which an ASL Interpreter is required for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Those bills will be taken out of order at a time during the meeting when an interpreter is available.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on a bill request, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction into the second regular session along with a second to that motion. ("Yes" is to let in a bill; "no" is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative requests in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.

- D. If a bill request has been identified by the Revisor as requiring a ruling under Joint Rule 217, the Legislative Council may vote to accept that bill for introduction, conditional upon a subsequent ruling by the presiding officers.
- E. Legislative sponsors and others are welcome to observe the Council's deliberations on the bill requests, but discussion of the requests will be confined to members of the Legislative Council and its staff. Discussion of a bill request among Legislative Council Members will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself.
- F. If the Legislative Council turns down a bill request, the sponsoring Legislator may appeal that decision if an appeal is filed in a timely manner. At a subsequent meeting of the Legislative Council, the legislator may speak briefly to the bill request under appeal.



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Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

October 17, 2025

The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

The enclosed proposal regarding the Clerk's Office Legislative Document Service is hereby submitted for consideration by the Legislative Council for the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

All items offered through this Service are available on the Legislature's website. We continue to make available the email list service that has simplified access to documents and communications from the Clerk's Office and the House of Representatives, at no cost to the subscriber, through this website <https://lists.legislature.maine.gov/sympa/lists/house>.

I have attached the order form for the upcoming session. Our prices remain the same as they were for the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

CC: Members of the Legislative Council
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132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE –SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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Legislative Council
Meeting Schedule for 2026

The schedule for Legislative Council meetings for calendar year 2026 is below:

Thursday, January 22, 2026
Thursday, February 26, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Thursday, April 23, 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 2026

Thursday, July 23, 2026
Thursday, August 27, 2026
Thursday, September 24, 2026
Thursday, October 22, 2026
Thursday, November 19, 2026
Thursday, December 3, 2026

All Legislative Council meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, usually the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Legislative Council Chamber, Room 334. Unless otherwise specified in the meeting notices, the meetings begin at **1:30 P.M.**