

**132nd Legislature  
Second Regular Session**

**Appeal Letters and Voting Records of  
Legislative Council Meeting of  
October 23, 2025**

# 132 Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

JUDICIARY

LR 2787

FIREARMS

POSSESSION

Sponsor: Representative Arford of Brunswick

An Act to Allow a Municipality to Adopt a Model Ordinance That Prohibits the Possession of Firearms in Municipal Buildings Where Municipal Public Proceedings Take Place

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

### Comment

This bill would modify the current state preemption on firearm regulation by allowing a municipality, through its normal process, to adopt a model ordinance that would prohibit firearm possession in a municipal building where a municipal public proceeding, meeting or voting takes place. The bill would establish the parameters of what is allowed in the model ordinance, including exemptions, notices and penalties.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1743 Representative Arford, P





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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2787, An Act to Allow a Municipality to Adopt a Model Ordinance That Prohibits the Possession of Firearms in Municipal Buildings Where Municipal Public Proceedings Take Place.

This bill provides for the urgently needed legislative solution to the problem of escalating firearm violence directed at elected officials and the public they serve. It would do so by providing an exception to the state preemption statute to allow municipalities to adopt a model ordinance that would prohibit firearm possession in municipal buildings where municipal public proceedings take place, including voting. There would be no mandate; rather, the adoption mechanism would be similar to an opt-in, where municipalities would pass the model ordinance by choice.

We are headed into an undeniably polarized 2026 election cycle, where close to two-thirds of Maine's municipalities will hold elections in municipal buildings. In communities like Brunswick, which I represent, the polling location recently moved from a local school to a municipal building. As such, people may now possess firearms in the building where and when voters will be casting their ballots.

The elected leaders of Brunswick and other municipalities throughout Maine have real and mounting concerns about this. They have witnessed frightening behavior during municipal meetings, and the current state preemption law does not allow them to do anything to prevent the possession of firearms at their meetings. LR 2787 is urgently needed to allow municipalities the option of passing a model ordinance that prohibits such possession. Your approval of LR 2787 will allow municipalities to decide if such firearm safety and violence prevention measures are needed in their own communities.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on November 20th to request your approval of LR 2787. Your consideration of my request is appreciated. Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Poppy Arford".

Poppy Arford  
State Representative

District 101: Brunswick (part)

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2743

FINANCIAL PRACTICES

STATEMENTS

Sponsor: Senator Bailey of York

An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Statement Fees for Financial Institutions

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify that the prohibition on charging paper statement fees, as amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 35, applies only to the regular monthly account statement that financial institutions are required to provide to members. The bill would make clear that the prohibition does not extend to requests for replacement paper statements, for which financial institutions may charge a fee.



Donna Bailey  
Senator, District 31

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
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**RE: LR 2743, An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Statement Fees for Financial Institutions**

Speaker Fecteau,

I write to appeal the vote of the Legislative Council on my bill request **LR 2743, An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Statement Fees for Financial Institutions**. It seeks to fix an ambiguity from my bill (now law) LD 580, which protects Maine consumers from being charged fees for preferring paper account statements over electronic ones.

Because the statute does not define "paper statement," the Bureau of Financial Institutions has determined that this new prohibition on fees for paper statements applies to all account statements – including monthly transactional accounts statements. As such, there is some ambiguity as to whether or not the prohibition also applies to replacement statements, statements covering custom date ranges, and statements requested for financial or legal documentation.

It was not my intent for financial institutions to not charge for labor-intensive or non-routine statement requests. LR 2743 aims to clarify that the prohibition on paper statement fees applies only to regular monthly account statements that financial institutions are required to provide without a fee. It explicitly allows institutions to charge reasonable fees for replacement or custom statement requests.

I urge you and your colleagues on the Legislative Council to reconsider your votes on this bill and support it for introduction into the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine State Legislature.

Sincerely,

**Donna Bailey**  
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*Buxton, Old Orchard Beach, and Saco*

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2900

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

Sponsor: Senator Baldacci of Penobscot

An Act to Create the Bangor Mall Redevelopment District

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish the Bangor Mall Redevelopment District to allow developers to access tax increment financing to create a possible mixed-use residential, retail, community and arts space in a public-private partnership.





Joe Baldacci  
Senator, District 9

THE MAINE SENATE  
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Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
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To the Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to you to appeal the Council's decision regarding **LR 2900, "An Act to Create the Bangor Mall Redevelopment District."** This bill would allow developers to access tax increment financing with the goal turning the currently largely abandoned Bangor Mall into a viable space for both commercial and housing.

A key directive from this bill would instruct the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor to compile data regarding ongoing economic disparities and strategies on how to best address these disparities. I am confident that the unused space in the Bangor Mall can play a major role in finding a solution to the housing shortages and economic deficiencies in the greater Bangor area.

LR 2900 would not only offer a possible resurrection for what used to be one of Maine's largest economic centers but would allow the space to play a part in finding solutions to many of the economic and housing troubles that the state is currently facing. I hope you will see the significant potential of what the Bangor Mall has to offer and will reconsider the action taken on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe M. Baldacci".

Joe Baldacci  
State Senator  
Senate District 9

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2910

EDUCATION DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Senator Beebe-Center of Knox

An Act to Support Children's School Readiness

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish regional childhood councils to coordinate services for young children in school. It would direct the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, to create regional contracts to support the establishment of the regional childhood councils. It would direct the regional childhood councils to identify gaps and additional assessments to understand early childhood needs of children and families and to establish a public data dashboard as well as a strategic plan. It would direct the regional childhood councils to report annually to the Department of Education, which in turn with the Office of Child and Family Services would report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the Children's Cabinet.



Pinny Beebe-Center  
Senator, District 12

**THE MAINE SENATE**  
132nd Legislature

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2910, An Act to Support Children's School Readiness**.

Across Maine, families and educators are working hard to ensure every child enters school ready to learn, yet too often the programs that support early development operate in isolation. This lack of coordination means that many children — particularly those in rural areas — miss out on early identification and services that could make all the difference in their long-term success.

This bill would establish Regional Childhood Councils to serve as coordinating entities for early childhood services across Maine. By bringing together schools, health care providers, child care programs, and community partners, these Councils would strengthen collaboration, identify local needs, and ensure families can easily access the supports that help children thrive.

Just as importantly, the Councils would help the state make smarter, more efficient use of existing resources by aligning services, avoiding duplication, and leveraging federal and local funds. The result would be stronger outcomes for children, greater accountability, and reduced strain on schools and property taxpayers who currently bear the cost of fragmented early intervention efforts.

Because this measure builds on existing systems, strengthens Maine's workforce pipeline, and advances our statewide goal of ensuring all children enter school ready to learn, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider its decision and allow this bill to move forward this session.

Sincerely,

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**Pinny Beebe-Center**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2869

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT

POWERS

Sponsor: Representative Brennan of Portland

An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program to provide resources to help at-risk nonprofits improve security at their locations to protect against hate crimes and extremist attacks. It would direct the Office of the Attorney General to administer the program.





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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2869, An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

We live in a heightened threat environment where we face a rise in hate crimes, mass shootings and other extremist violence directed at a range of targets – including religious houses of worship, public institutions like schools, political figures such as state legislators and members of Congress, and nonprofits who serve or provide gathering places for vulnerable populations and minorities. While the nonprofit institutions at higher risk for extremist attack appreciate the need for and benefit of extra security – few have the resources to pay for them. As a result, 22 states (so far) have established state grant programs for vulnerable nonprofits to use for improved security measures (such as reinforced doors, gates, high-intensity lighting, access control systems, armed personnel and the development and enhancement of security plans and protocols).

Sadly, Maine is not immune to this disturbing trend – having also experienced an increase in reports of hate speech and threats targeting nonprofits based on ideology, belief or mission. And Maine should act now to join those other states to pass this measure. Providing a relatively small amount of funding to be distributed to qualified community applicants for enhanced security will allow these institutions to continue safely serving their communities and help prevent tragedy. I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

Michael Brennan  
State Representative

District 115: Part of Portland

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2854

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE

BOTTLES

Sponsor: Senator Brenner of Cumberland

An Act to Invest in Maine's Natural Resources Economy

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would direct a portion of the unclaimed deposits from the beverage container law toward investment in the State's farmland and lakes beginning October 1, 2026.



Stacy Brenner  
Senator, District 30

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
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November 3, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
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Speaker Fecteau,

I would like to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2854, An Act to Invest in Maine's Natural Resources Economy**. This bill proposes directing \$4 million from Maine's unclaimed beverage container deposits toward farmland protection and lake restoration.

Soaring land values and development pressures are threatening agricultural viability, with farmland conversion occurring faster than conservation can respond. In the face of looming food insecurity tied to destructive federal policy, investing in our local food economy is now more critical than ever. Meanwhile, climate change and pollution are degrading the health and economic value of lakes across the state. Until the Working Farmland Access and Protection Program and the Lakes Restoration Protection Fund are adequately funded, this documented, largely irreparable decline in farmland retention and lake health will continue unchecked, with cascading environmental, social, and economic repercussions.

Following the precedent set by neighboring states, we can fund these critical natural resource programs within existing law—requiring no new tax and redirecting only a portion of existing, unclaimed revenues. Unclaimed bottle deposits, totaling some \$10 to \$17 million annually, are public dollars currently retained by the beverage industry to no public benefit. In line with the deposit system's original environmental promise, this bill enables immediate action to protect our natural resources from crisis-level degradation by ensuring that unredeemed deposits are finally working for Maine's people, lands, and waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stacy Brenner".

Stacy Brenner  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2756

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Sponsor: Representative Collamore of Pittsfield

An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Domestic Partnership"

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify the definition of "domestic partnership" to include unregistered domestic partners who can show evidence of cohabitation for at least 7 consecutive years.





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## Amanda N. Collamore

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November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to respectfully appeal the Legislative Counsel's decision to reject LR 2756, An Act to Clarify the Definition of "Domestic Partner". The summary provided to Legislative Counsel in the LR packet available on 10/23/2025 did not provide the Counsel with enough information to demonstrate the purpose of the bill.

As you are aware, my partner passed away unexpectedly on 8/9/2025. In addition to leaving me grieving the loss of the incredible man that I've spent more than a third of my life with, his passing brought to light a missing piece in our probate statutes around unregistered domestic partners. My goal with this bill is to clarify when an unregistered domestic partner is able to keep the home they have been living in with their partner. I have proposed that the language be clear that the partnership is consensual, monogamous, for an extended time (7 years as a starting point for discussion), and that the surviving partner does not have another residential property in their name. The burden of proof is on the surviving partner to show they have lived at the residence in a monogamous, consensual, romantic partnership with the deceased partner and that they have contributed to the home. This is a very limited scope clarification to ensure a surviving partner does not lose their home in addition to losing their partner.

While this bill will not help prevent me losing my home, it can help surviving partners in Maine from becoming homeless when their partner dies. We are consistently hearing about the housing crisis in our State, and this is a step we can take to ensure someone does not become homeless due to an unexpected death in their immediate family. I keep imagining an older couple, maybe in their 80s, who have decided to cohabitate in their relationship in one of their homes. Maybe they have decided not to get married because they were both married before and they are too old for another wedding. Then, after living together for 7 years, the partner whose name is on the house, passes away and the surviving partner is told they must leave their home because they are not in the line of heirs to receive the property and the estate's heir wants to sell the home. Where does the surviving partner go? We do not have enough independent living facilities or nursing homes for the surviving partner to move to. We do not have enough housing that would allow them to find a new home on their very limited retirement income. So, they are left homeless at 80 years old.

With all of this in mind, I respectfully ask that the Counsel reconsider their vote and approve LR 2756 so the bill can be heard in committee, and we can find a way to protect more Mainers from becoming homeless due to something out of their control.

Thank you for your consideration.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Amanda Collamore  
State Representative

House District 68 Clinton, Pittsfield, Burnham, and Troy

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2732

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT REFERENDA

Sponsor: Representative Crafts of Newcastle

An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District.



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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing to request your support for a straightforward administrative bill that addresses an outdated school district entity.

Last year, when the towns of Newcastle, Damariscotta and Bremen withdrew from AOS 93, they formed the newly configured RSU 48. However, during this transition, an old entity called the "Great Salt Bay CSD" was not formally dissolved, even though it no longer serves any purpose or has any connection to the current RSU structure.

The Maine Department of Education brought this administrative oversight to the attention of RSU 48, and the district subsequently asked for my assistance in correcting it. This bill simply dissolves the Great Salt Bay CSD – an unnecessary entity that is no longer relevant to RSU 48's operations – and clears up the administrative record.

This is a technical housekeeping measure with no policy implications or budgetary impact. It will allow RSU 48 to move forward with a clean administrative structure that accurately reflects the current reality of the district.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss LD 2732. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lydia Crafts  
State Representative

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2893

HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Senator Curry of Waldo

An Act to Support Homeowners in Building Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish the Maine Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentive Program to create year-round rental units affordable for 5 years, accelerate accessory dwelling unit production to advance workforce housing and aging in place, provide incentives directly to property owners to build affordable rental accessory dwelling units and create a self-replenishing revolving loan fund.





Glenn "Chip" Curry  
Senator, District 11

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2893, An Act to Support Homeowners in Building Affordable Accessory Dwelling Units.**

This bill proposes a unique, self-sustaining approach that puts resources directly into the hands of Maine homeowners, enabling them to be a part of solving our housing crisis. It would create the Maine ADU Incentive Program, a revolving-loan fund that helps residents finance small, affordable rental units on their own properties, whether to house a family member, generate modest income, or provide long-term workforce housing.

Under the proposal, homeowners could access low-interest loans of up to \$100,000 to design or construct an accessory dwelling unit, provided it is rented year-round at an affordable rate for at least five years. Loans would carry 0% interest during the compliance period and then convert to a modest 3% simple-interest loan, repaid upon sale of the property, and allowing the fund to continually replenish itself.

With an initial investment of \$10 million, the program would spur private investment, engage local lenders, and potentially produce hundreds of affordable, year-round units statewide. By working through community banks, it ensures accountability while giving Mainers a straightforward path to participate in housing creation — a bottom-up model that complements recent zoning reforms and empowers homeowners to be part of the solution.

Because this initiative offers an innovative, fiscally responsible, and community-driven way to expand Maine's housing supply, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider its decision and allow LR 2893 to move forward this session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Curry".

Chip Curry  
State Senator, District 11

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2894

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Senator Curry of Waldo

An Act to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would provide a \$5,000,000 General Fund appropriation to support increased MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services and direct the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for the Medicare match.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 35	Senator Curry, C
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2793	Representative DeBrito, F
Potential JR 217:	LD 1429	Representative Fredette, K



Glenn "Chip" Curry  
Senator, District 11

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Chair, Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2894, An Act to Strengthen Emergency Medical Services by Increasing MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services.**

Across Maine, emergency medical services are struggling to stay afloat. The state's two separate Blue Ribbon Commissions on EMS have identified a \$70 to \$90 million annual funding gap that threatens the stability of local ambulance providers and leaves communities, especially rural ones, at risk of slower response times or outright service loss.

This bill would provide a General Fund appropriation to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates for ambulance services and direct the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for the federal Medicare match. That match would bring millions in additional federal Medicaid dollars into Maine, multiplying the impact of the state's investment and strengthening local EMS without increasing costs to Maine taxpayers.

By improving reimbursement rates and leveraging federal funds, this proposal would give ambulance services the stability they need to continue serving every corner of the state. Just as importantly, it would help ease the growing burden on local property taxpayers by reducing the extent to which towns must subsidize their EMS budgets — a concern we continue to hear from constituents across the state.

Because this measure addresses a documented statewide emergency and maximizes federal resources, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider its decision and allow this bill to move forward this session.

Sincerely,

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2949

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

SOCIAL SERVICES

Sponsor: Senator Curry of Waldo

An Act to Establish a Pilot Project to Stabilize Housing for Former Foster Children

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a statewide pilot project within the Department of Health and Human Services to address the critical needs of former foster youth that includes housing stabilization, health outreach and workforce support within a public-private partnership framework.





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Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2949, An Act to Establish a Pilot Project to Stabilize Housing for Former Foster Children.**

Each year, roughly 100 to 200 young people in Maine age out of the foster care system and enter adulthood without a permanent home. Many face homelessness, unstable living situations, or barriers to employment and health care. This bill proposes a limited, data-driven pilot program to address that gap and test an approach that has proven effective in Cumberland County, providing stable housing to 50 former foster youth over the past two years.

LR 2949 would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with a community-based provider experienced in housing stabilization to serve up to 50 former foster youth who are homeless or at imminent risk. The program would pair rental housing with one year of intensive support services — connecting participants to health care, education, and employment — while maintaining strong landlord relationships and protecting tenancies through a modest retention fund.

By establishing the pilot for two years, Maine could leverage as much as \$750,000 in federal housing voucher funds that currently go unused due to a lack of support services. This small, targeted investment would draw down significant federal resources and provide lasting stability for young adults transitioning out of foster care.

Because this pilot builds upon a successful partnership and maximizes federal resources, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider its decision and allow LR 2949 to move forward this session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chip Curry".

**Chip Curry**  
State Senator, District 11

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2751

ELECTRIC UTILITIES

TRANSMISSION LINES

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

An Act to Promote Environmentally Sound Energy Transmission Infrastructure Siting in the State

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would establish provisions governing the siting of electric transmission facilities, including the placement of high-voltage transmission lines near state highways.

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Scott Cyrway  
Senator, District 16

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Hon. Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I am asking that Legislative Council reconsider its actions whereby LR 2751, "An Act to Promote Environmentally Sound Energy Transmission Infrastructure Siting in the State," was rejected by a 6-4 vote.

During discussions with the stakeholder group formed pursuant to LD 197 and with engineers, it was brought to my attention that Maine Department of Transportation rules and regulations only permit the colocation of electric transmission lines and interstate highways as a last resort. As a result, new transmission line projects rely on new corridors and eminent domain, often making them controversial. A few years ago, the proposed LS Power transmission line, which connected clean energy resources from Aroostook County, was terminated after immense backlash from the community.

As the Governor's Energy Office begins to prepare the updated energy plan for 2027, we should consider this bill now so transmission colocation, especially when lines are underground, can be a part of the plan for years to come.

Additionally, RFPs are ongoing for studies into the state's transmission strategies. A change in the prioritization for colocation of transmission and interstate highways and railways would allow this strategy to be studied as a viable option. If we do not make this change, colocation and its many benefits will not be considered.

Since this study is expected to be completed in the fall of 2026, we need to act this session to ensure electric transmission colocation can be included in this study.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Cyrway".

Scott Cyrway  
Senator District 16

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2913

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

HOSPITALS

Sponsor: President Daughtry of Cumberland

An Act to Prevent the Reduction of Services at Acute Care Hospitals

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require acute care hospitals to maintain obstetrics, birthing, pediatrics and surgical services, and maintain existing services, as a condition of licensure. The bill would also require an acute care hospital that does not provide the required services to submit a service compliance plan to the Department of Health and Human Services on or before January 1, 2027.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2774 Representative Graham, A





Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Pecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Pecteau,

I am writing to you to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding LR 2913, "An Act to Prevent the Reduction of Services at Acute Care Hospitals." If accepted, this bill would help ensure all Mainers continue to have access to critical medical services.

Maine people are not okay with maternity wards closing in rural areas.

This bill would require acute care hospitals to maintain the obstetric, birthing, pediatric, and surgical services as a condition of licensure. It would also establish a clear, transparent procedure for any proposed reduction in services or hospital closure. That process would include a six-month public notice, a public hearing, and a review by the Division of Licensing and Certification within the Department of Health and Human Services.

The need for this legislation is already clear. Since 2015, at least 10 of Maine's hospitals with emergency departments no longer have inpatient obstetric services. Many of these closures have occurred in the past few years and have left wide regions of rural Maine without local access to labor and delivery care. The same financial and staffing pressures driving these losses also threaten pediatric and surgical services, meaning additional cuts are likely without state action.

To facilitate those services remaining open, the bill would create a targeted funding program to support hospitals that demonstrate financial need. This funding would be used to help hospitals sustain operations, hire and retain necessary staff, and ensure compliance with the required service levels. In doing so, this bill would protect communities from the loss of vital care, prevent community members from losing their jobs, and keep hospitals from having to make impossible choices under difficult circumstances.

This bill is an emergency because the continued loss of these critical services has already proven to be a crisis in our rural communities. We must act now to safeguard these services and ensure that any future reductions occur only when all other options have been exhausted.

In sum, LR 2913 is a necessary and urgent step to preserve access to health care for all Mainers and to ensure that our rural communities have the services they need for them to thrive.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry  
President of the Senate

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LR 2718

PUBLIC LANDS

ACCESS

Sponsor: Representative Dill of Old Town

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Conservation Easements

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the laws governing conservation easements by changing the definition of "conservation easement" to include as an allowable purpose preserving the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of real property and by changing the definition of "holder" to include federally recognized Indian tribes.



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**Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair, Legislative Council**

**RE: LR 2718 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Conservation Easements**

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) and members of the land conservation community (under the group called First Light) have been working with Wabanaki Nations in Maine to return land, access, and caretaking responsibility to traditional lands and resources. One small piece of this effort identified by MCHT, supported by the Wabanaki Alliance and the Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship, is clarifying that federally recognized Tribal governments in Maine have access to the same legal tools as land trusts and municipalities to care for Wabanaki lands including culturally important sites. We understand these minor changes as providing more tools for the Wabanaki Nations to engage in land return, stewardship, and care through Wabanaki territory across the state of Maine.

This proposed amendment to the Maine Conservation Easement Act would do two things that are meant to clarify rather than change the statute:

- 1.) expand the definition of "conservation easement" to include easements that preserve the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of a property. In a way, the statute already speaks to these values by including them in the definition of a qualified holder in 476(2)(B). The amendment simply copies the phrase at the end of 476(2)(B) and pastes it into 476(1). In a sense, this is simply aligning the two different provisions of the statute so they both include this category of values. This is language similar to the State of California, where Tribes there have used it to expand their acc and land holdings.
- 2.) expand the definition of "holder" to include federally recognized Indians tribes. Although it is likely that the statute, by referring to any "government body empowered to hold an interest in real property already includes federally recognized tribes, this amendment would explicitly include such tribes within the definition. The term "federally recognized Indian tribe" is used in several other Maine statutes.

Staff from MCHT, First Light, the Wabanaki Alliance, and the Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship have been communicating on this issue for several months and agree that it should be passed as soon as possible.



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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2748

SOLID WASTES

MANAGEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Dill of Old Town

An Act to Prohibit Landfill Expansion into Wetlands

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would prohibit the expansion of landfills into wetlands.



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**Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair, Legislative Council**

**RE: LR 2748 An Act to Prohibit Landfill Expansion into Wetlands**

Disposal of municipal solid waste has become a critical issue in the State of Maine. The Legislature and the Department of Environmental Protection must identify and implement sustainable solutions beyond the continued reliance on landfills.

Facilities like the Juniper Ridge Landfill are filling much faster than originally projected because large volumes of waste are bypassing recycling, composting, and waste-to-energy facilities. As a result, landfill operators are seeking to expand their existing sites to accommodate the increasing waste stream. The operators of Juniper Ridge are now preparing an application to expand the landfill onto adjacent property.

The proposed expansion area contains approximately 3.73 acres of wetland and several vernal pools. Most Maine residents would not be permitted to build on or disturb wetlands and vernal pools, and landfills should not be exempt from these same environmental protections. The Juniper Ridge site is also in close proximity to streams and to the Penobscot River. The wetland in question may have a direct hydrological connection to these state waters, creating the potential for contamination if the landfill were allowed to expand. The environmental consequences of such an action could be severe and long lasting.

While I understand the need for additional landfill capacity, albeit a challenge largely resulting from current statewide waste management practices, any expansion must be conducted responsibly. Landfills should not be permitted to expand into wetlands or other ecologically sensitive areas where irreversible environmental harm could occur.

This is an urgent matter that requires immediate attention, not a delayed response. Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2916

HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Ducharme of Madison

An Act to Update Certain Duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would remove the requirement that the edition of a code or standard adopted by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board as part of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code be the most recent or the edition previous to the most recent edition of the code or standard required. The bill would also remove the requirement that the board maintain an appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code as an optional part of the code that contains energy conservation and efficiency requirements that exceed the established energy code requirements.





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November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council,

I respectfully submit this appeal of the decision not to advance **LR 2916, *An Act to Update Certain Duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board***, to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Maine's persistent and worsening housing shortage underscores the urgent need for legislation that promotes safe, efficient, and cost-effective construction. Communities across the state are under increasing pressure to rapidly expand housing availability, yet they must do so without compromising quality or safety. LR 2916 is a targeted, practical step to help meet that challenge. It's important to share that I consulted with designers and builders who expressed concerns about the code adoption process and the complex ongoing challenge of providing housing at an accelerated rate to meet statewide goals.

The bill would modernize the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board's authority by eliminating the current automatic adoption mandate and placing code adoption decisions in the hands of qualified experts appointed by the Governor. The 2021 building codes already ensure that homes are safe and energy efficient. This bill enables the Board to evaluate and recommend the timing, implementation, and adoption of future codes in a more deliberate and data-driven manner.

This approach would help control the rising costs of home construction while maintaining safety and environmental standards. Each new adoption cycle imposes substantial expenses on the industry, regulators, and homebuyers. For example, purchasing updated code books alone costs over \$1,100 before shipping. Likewise, recent changes—such as requiring basement egress modifications that increase costs from approximately \$2,000 to \$8,000—demonstrate how uncoordinated updates can burden homeowners without corresponding benefits. LR 2916 would not halt code adoption, but instead ensure that any new requirements are evaluated through expert discussion and public input to determine their true impact and value.

In addition, the bill would eliminate the optional "stretch code," which has created a patchwork of differing local standards. This lack of uniformity increases compliance costs and complexity for builders, developers, and municipalities. By establishing one statewide code, Maine would promote consistency, affordability, and fairness across all communities.

LR 2916 also expands the composition of the Board to include a housing developer and a representative from a lumber yard and designates the Executive Director of Efficiency Maine Trust as a voting member. These changes would ensure that the Board reflects the perspectives of those most directly involved in addressing Maine's housing and energy challenges.

Given the severity of the state's housing crisis, this legislation represents an urgently needed administrative improvement that can deliver real, measurable benefits, accelerate responsible housing development, while preserving safety and environmental standards. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Council reconsider and allow LR 2916 to proceed as an emergency measure.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions.

Respectfully,  
Jack Ducharme

District 71  
Cornville, Madison, and Norridgewock

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2758

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

SOLAR ENERGY

Sponsor: Representative Friedmann of Bar Harbor

An Act to Make Small, Portable, Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the law governing residential solar energy generation and interconnection requirements to create a new category for small, portable, plug-in solar generation devices of 1,200 watts or less. It would create a waiver for interconnection requirements for small, portable, plug-in solar generation devices and establish their basic safety requirements. It would also require all new construction of properties of more than 4 residential dwelling units to be made ready to use these devices and direct the Electricians' Examining Board to provide guidance on the requirements for their installation.





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November 3, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2758, An Act to Make Small, Portable, Plug-in Solar Generation Devices Accessible for All Maine Residents to Address the Energy Affordability Crisis, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

With the sudden loss of federal support for renewable energy, this legislation is a critical step in addressing Maine's energy affordability crisis. Between May 2024 and May 2025, Maine saw a 36.3% electricity price increase – the largest in the country. The number of households facing unaffordable home energy burdens is staggering. Even before the latest electricity price increase, low-income households in Maine were already facing an electricity burden of 8%, which is double the Public Advocate's 4% target, according to a report given to the Maine Electric Ratepayer Advisory Council in December of 2024. Much of this increase is tied to wholesale natural gas prices which are projected to continue rising in 2026.

Our state and ratepayers need far more distributed, onsite generation to help combat the growing energy affordability crisis. Plug-in Solar kits are small (1,200 watts or less) compact systems that comply with U.S. electrical standards and can plug into a standard outdoor outlet. They are designed to offset electricity use behind the meter and would not participate in Maine's Net Energy Billing program.

LR 2758 creates a pathway for economic relief for families struggling with high energy bills.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Gary Friedmann  
State Representative

District 14: Bar Harbor, Cranberry Isles, Lamoine and Mount Desert

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2645

EDUCATION DEPT

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Frost of Belgrade

An Act to Reinstate Content Specialists Within the Department of Education

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would remove the interdisciplinary instruction team and reinstate content specialists within the Department of Education.



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November 4, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2645, An Act to Reinstate Content Specialists Within the Department of Education, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

There is strong support in our communities from some of our top educators to restore Content Specialists into our public schools. They believe there is a direct correlation between cutting these positions and our drastically reduced test scores. Every year we put this discussion off is another year lost to improving student performance.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Frost".

Sharon Frost  
State Representative

District 58: Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, New Sharon, Rome and Vienna

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2753

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

An Act to Support Quality Health Care Through the Statewide Health Information Exchange

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a health information technology fund within the Department of Health and Human Services to collect voluntary private contributions from health care-related entities. The funds would be used to fund the state share requirements for receiving federal operating funds for the state-designated statewide health information exchange.





**Drew Gattine**

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2753, An Act to Support Quality Health Care Through the Statewide Health Information Exchange, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

This legislation would pull down desperately needed federal funds at a 3:1 federal-to-state match through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The state previously secured CMS funds for our state-designated health information exchange, HealthInfoNet, based on its proven ability to improve health outcomes and reduce costs. HealthInfoNet connects Maine health care providers and is accessed daily by approximately 9,000 providers as they care for Maine residents.

This investment is urgent to maintain this critical system's quality and availability to providers. In order to draw down significant federal funds, the state must provide matching funds. If this legislation is not approved for the Second Regular Session, it will reduce provider access to this critical system and increase the financial burden on MaineCare and our health care institutions. As we navigate soon-to-be-in-effect federal policy changes that will place enormous, untenable strain on our health care institutions, state budget and economy through widespread reductions in health care access for Maine people, we cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Gattine'.

Drew Gattine  
State Representative

District 126: Portions of Westbrook, Scarborough and Saco

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TAXATION

LR 2648

TAX ASSESSMENT

VALUATION

Sponsor: Representative Geiger of Rockland

An Act to Establish a State Property Tax Directed Toward 2nd Homes for the Purposes of Funding Education, Early Childhood Programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a state property tax directed toward 2nd homes for the purposes of funding education, early childhood programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund.

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November 4, 2025

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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2648, An Act to Establish a State Property Tax Directed Toward Second Homes for the Purposes of Funding Education, Early Childhood Programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund.

LR 2648 provides an opportunity to raise additional revenue for the specific purpose of providing an alternative method of funding school budgets and early childhood care without burdening the state by creating an additional state property tax directed at second homes. Maine has more second homes than any other state in the country, resulting in people who pay property taxes but do not contribute any additional money to local economies. Other states including Vermont provide two-tier property tax systems, but Maine does not allow it under our constitution. This bill satisfies the state constitution by creating a \$1 million homestead exemption, thereby exempting many Mainers from this tax. The homestead exemption has already survived a court challenge. Additionally, this equalizes the burden by adding a small property tax to commercial properties that have seen their burden drop since the huge run up in home values. Maine is facing severe financial headwinds as the economy shifts and federal funding is dramatically cut. An additional revenue source is imperative, and LR 2648 can provide a much-needed revenue boost.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Valli Geiger  
State Representative

District 42: Criehaven Township, Matinicus Isle, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Rockland  
and Owls Head (part)

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2709

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LIQUOR

Sponsor: Representative Geiger of Rockland

An Act to Modify Provisions of Law That Negatively Impact Distilleries

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would modify provisions of law negatively impacting the profitability and continued operation of distilleries in this State.





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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2709, An Act to Modify Provisions of Law That Negatively Impact Distilleries.

The small artisanal distillery business is fairly new in Maine and facing bureaucratic and regulatory headwinds are threatening its survival. LR 2709 seeks to ease this burden. Maine has previously adjusted its regulations and state taxes to ensure that our small breweries and wineries have a framework that would allow them to grow and thrive. It's time to provide a similar relief to artisanal distilleries. Two distilleries have been forced to close their tasting rooms and two others are for sale. The remaining distillers face potential closure because they are losing money due to the fees and a 25% tax on all of the products they sell. This is a small industry that has the potential to generate significant revenue and provide job security to Mainers, and they cannot wait until the 133<sup>rd</sup> Legislature for relief.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Valli Geiger  
State Representative

District 42: Criehaven Township, Matinicus Isle, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Rockland  
and Owls Head (part)

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2730

HOUSING

RENTAL HOUSING

Sponsor: Representative Golek of Harpswell

An Act to Promote Home Ownership for Tenants

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would give a group of tenants or a tenants' association the right of first refusal to purchase a rental property that the rental property owner intends to sell.

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2730 An Act to Promote Home Ownership for Tenants, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Maine is at a crossroads in addressing an escalating housing crisis that threatens the stability and future of our communities. With a projected need for over 84,000 additional housing units by 2030, the urgency to act is undeniable. LR 2730 offers a proactive solution by empowering renters with the right of first refusal when their rental units are put up for sale.

LR 2730 is not about restricting property rights for landlords or apartment owners. Instead, it establishes a fair and transparent process, ensuring renters are informed and given the opportunity to purchase their homes before they are sold to outside buyers. This approach has proven successful in Maine's manufactured housing parks, where similar legislation has protected residents from displacement and preserved affordable housing options for years to come.

One of the most compelling aspects of LR 2730 is that it achieves these goals without imposing any cost on the state. By leveraging the natural transition of property ownership, we can preserve and strengthen Maine's housing stock, ensuring it remains accessible and affordable for those who need it most. This is a massive investment in our future—one that benefits all Mainers without burdening taxpayers.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl A. Golek".

Cheryl Golek  
State Representative

District 99: Brunswick (Part), Harpswell

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2770

HOUSING

MANUFACTURED HOUSING

Sponsor: Representative Golek of Harpswell

An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Regarding Rent or Fee Increases for Manufactured Housing Communities

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify certain provisions of law governing the requirement for owners of manufactured housing communities to participate in mediation if the owner intends to raise fees or rent and the residents of the community request the mediation.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 255	Senator Baldacci, J
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2701	Senator Reny, C
Potential JR 217:	LD 365	Senator Curry, C
Potential JR 217:	LD 1067	Senator Bradstreet, D





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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2770, An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Regarding Rent or Fee Increases for Manufactured Housing Communities, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LR 2770 proposes emergency legislation to clarify and strengthen the compromise reached by the Housing, Economic, and Development (HED) Committee on LD 1723, which went into effect on September 24, 2025. During the previous legislative session, the HED Committee worked diligently to create a balanced solution regarding rent increases and mediation procedures for mobile home park residents and owners. While the resulting compromise received broad support, several critical details were omitted. These clarifications are urgently needed to ensure the law is clear, equitable, and fully functional for all stakeholders, as intended.

The clarifications needed include a limitation on annual rent increases, specification of consumer price index data, mediation and post-mediation procedures as well as definitions for terms like "area" and "majority consent."

Addressing these issues will honor the original compromise and protect the rights and responsibilities of all parties involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cheryl Golek  
State Representative

District 99: Brunswick (Part), Harpswell

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2733

SOLID WASTES  
MANAGEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach

An Act to Promote the Responsible Management of State-owned Landfills by Requiring the Submission of Certain Safety, Accountability and Financial Information in the Competitive Bidding Process

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require that any request for proposals issued for a new or extended contract for the management of a state-owned landfill include provisions addressing engineering and operational practices; environmental and climate safeguards; community impact and public health; financial transparency and fair pricing; regulatory and compliance history; accountability measures; and innovation and integration of sustainable economic practices.



**Lori K. Gramlich**

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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2733, An Act to Promote the Responsible Management of State-owned Landfills by Requiring the Submission of Certain Safety, Accountability and Financial Information in the Competitive Bidding Process**.

This proposal will provide the state and host communities with an impartial assessment of a state-owned landfill's compliance with environmental standards, potential risks to public health and evaluation of mitigation measures. It will include requirements for the Request for Proposals (RFP) process as well as annual reporting.

The contract for renewal for the management of the landfill is coming up quickly, making this critical issue time sensitive as the Department of Environmental Protection will need time to comply with changes to the law. Additionally, this bill could have implications for the expansion that Casella is requesting, which is in process. We need to move quickly to have systems in place to protect the surrounding communities, which this proposal will accomplish, but we must act in 2026.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this proposal and further clarify its need for consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori K. Gramlich", written over a horizontal line.

Rep. Lori K. Gramlich  
Assistant House Majority Leader

District 131: Old Orchard Beach

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2840

CIVIL PROCEDURE

TRESPASS

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Establish Administrative Review Procedures for State Property Access Restrictions

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a formal review process for individuals who receive access restrictions from state facilities that provide public services by requiring state entities to provide written justification for access denials based on specific criteria, granting individuals the right to challenge these restrictions in court, mandating expedited court hearings for challenges and defining the procedures of the court proceedings.



Nicole Grohoski  
Senator, District 7



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THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

November 5, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2840, "An Act to Establish Administrative Review Procedures for State Property Access Restrictions." Thank you to Senators Daughtry, Pierce, Duson, and Harrington and Representative Moonen for supporting this bill at the Council's October 23 meeting – I am grateful for the interest in this issue and hope to earn the support of other Council members.

If accepted, this bill would establish a formal review process for individuals who receive access restrictions (no trespass orders) from state facilities where the public can receive services. The bill would require state entities to provide written justification for access denials based on specific criteria, grant recipients the right to challenge these restrictions in court, mandate expedited court hearings for challenges, and define the procedures of the court proceedings.

I consider this bill an emergency because constituents are currently without due process protections if they have been prohibited by a state agency from accessing a state building or property. This is especially concerning if the person was prohibited during the course of exercising First Amendment rights. A clear and fair legal process will help protect people's rights as well as ensure that safety or other concerns are considered. Given increasing protests on state properties and an anticipated greater need for services from state agencies, this legislation is timely.

The Capitol Police Bureau has expressed interest in working on this legislation because it finds the current lack of specific statutory direction problematic. If approved, I will immediately reconnect with the Bureau and others with due process expertise to draft the bill for the next legislative session.

Thank you,  
Nicole Grohoski, State Senator

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2842

ELECTIONS

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Amend Maine's Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Foreign Government Influence

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the State's law prohibiting foreign government campaign spending by modifying the definitions and thresholds that determine which entities are subject to these restrictions. The bill would address legal concerns while maintaining the prohibitions on foreign influence in Maine elections and referenda. The bill would preserve existing penalties and enforcement mechanisms, including disclosure requirements for policy communications and due diligence obligations for media platforms.

Nicole Grohoski  
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132nd Legislature

November 5, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding **LR 2842, "An Act to Amend Maine's Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Foreign Government Influence."** Thank you to Representative Gramlich for supporting this bill at the Council's October 23 meeting – I am grateful for the interest in this issue and hope to earn the support of other Council members.

This bill would amend Maine's existing law prohibiting foreign government campaign spending ([Title 21-A, §1064](#)), a result of the citizen-initiated referendum that was led by Protect Maine Elections (a BQC for which I'm a decision-maker). It would modify the definitions and thresholds that determine which entities are subject to these restrictions. The amendments are designed to address legal concerns while maintaining prohibitions on foreign influence in Maine elections and referenda. The bill would preserve existing penalties and enforcement mechanisms, including disclosure requirements for policy communications and due diligence obligations for media platforms.

I consider this bill an emergency because this ballot question passed with a record-breaking 86% of the vote in 2023; however, its enforceability is jeopardized by current litigation. Modest changes to the law are supported by the backers of the ballot question, vetted by national experts at the Campaign Legal Center, and needed to ensure that as much as possible of the voters' intent is effective law, as soon as possible. Acting now will help deliver the result Maine people overwhelmingly voted for – protecting our elections from foreign government interference and strengthening voter confidence.

Thank you,  
Nicole Grohoski, State Senator

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

LR 2936

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Enact the Public Sector Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would enact the public sector recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force when it completes its work.



Nicole Grohoski  
Senator, District 7



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THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

November 5, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2936, **"An Act to Enact the Public Sector Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force."** As you are likely aware, the final report of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force (MAITF) was released on October 31, 2025, after the Legislative Council's first votes on R2 bill requests. I understand the rationale for the Council's initial rejection of this bill; however, now that the recommendations are finalized, I request approval.

Specifically, the MAITF made 6 recommendations related to the public sector, which are detailed in the report<sup>1</sup>. Some of these will require State funding and others statutory changes, but generally they are:

- Position AI as a policy priority across State agencies;
- Invest in State capacity for AI adoption and governance;
- Enhance public transparency into how AI tools are deployed in State government operations and where they are improving outcomes for Maine people;
- Support municipalities in assessing opportunities, developing technology plans, and identifying implementation funding for AI tools that improve local service delivery;
- Collaborate with Maine's higher education institutions to launch a Maine AI Innovation Hub;
- Enable innovative procurement strategies to solicit AI solutions for critical challenges.

I consider this bill an emergency because the MAITF has identified the need for immediate cross-agency coordination, governance capacity, and transparency frameworks. The recommended infrastructure around municipal support, procurement innovation, and the AI Innovation Hub will take years to build, and waiting would leave Maine behind in both protecting constituents and capturing benefits from responsible public sector AI adoption.

In preparation for the upcoming Council meeting, I will work with MAITF colleagues to further refine the scope of this bill, within the consensus framework listed above.

Thank you,  
Nicole Grohoski, State Senator

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<sup>1</sup> Report available at: <https://www.maine.gov/future/artificial-intelligence-task-force>

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LR 2937

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Enact the Potential Harms Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would enact the potential harms recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force when it completes its work.

Nicole Grohoski  
Senator, District 7



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THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

November 5, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2937, **"An Act to Enact the Potential Harms Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force."** As you are likely aware, the final report of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force (MAITF) was released on October 31, 2025, after the Legislative Council's first votes on R2 bill requests. I understand the rationale for the Council's initial rejection of this bill; however, now that the recommendations are finalized, I request approval.

Specifically, the MAITF made 6 recommendations related to potential harms of AI, which are detailed in the report.<sup>1</sup> Some will require State funding and others statutory changes, but generally they are:

- Pursue near-term legislative and executive action where harmful AI uses are apparent, responses are clear, and protections are lacking, ensuring that Maine is prepared to respond as these risks become more complex and widespread;
- Conduct dedicated study and ongoing monitoring domains where harmful uses or impacts of AI are still emerging, where the appropriate regulatory response path is ambiguous, or the breadth of AI's impact will be significant;
- Ground AI policy in principles of regulatory balance, accountability, transparency, modernized standards, and ethical use by government;
- Consider ways to affirm to courts how and where existing Maine statutes apply to circumstances involving AI;
- Launch a public AI literacy campaign to help Mainers navigate these emerging technologies in their daily lives;
- Actively monitor AI's emerging use cases and associated risks to Maine residents.

I consider this bill an emergency because the MAITF has identified areas of immediate action, while risks of AI use are still manageable. Waiting until 2027 allows harms to become more complex, widespread, and difficult to address retroactively. Delaying means Maine residents could face AI-related harms without legal protections, judicial clarity, or the knowledge to protect themselves during a critical period of rapid AI deployment across society.

In preparation for the upcoming Council meeting, I will work with MAITF colleagues to further refine the scope of this bill, within the consensus framework listed above.

Thank you,  
Nicole Grohoski, State Senator

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

LR 2942

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LICENSING

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Governing Licenses for the Sale of Liquor by Manufacturers

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify the amount of time a license holder that is in violation of the law has to become compliant and would allow a brewery license holder to operate a facility that is licensed for retail if the license holder does not sell products manufactured by the brewery at the retail location.



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THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2942, **"An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Governing Licenses for the Sale of Liquor by Manufacturers."**

If accepted, this bill would amend Title 28-A, §1355-A, to further clarify the provisions of LD 1456 (passed earlier this year) to ensure that a local, small business owner who owns a brewery is not forced to sell other businesses that are owned by the same business owner.

Previously, an owner of an on-premises retail liquor license held by a manufacturer (i.e., a brewpub) could have an unlimited number of such licenses, with no production volume requirements. LD 1456 curtailed this to just three if liquor is being manufactured in one of the three locations, or six, if the liquor is manufactured in two of the six locations, at a volume of over 1,000 barrels per year. This well-intentioned law separates our Maine-based breweries from competitors that don't brew much beer but benefit from calling themselves brewpubs when really they are restaurants.

However, I represent a brewer and restaurateur who has more licenses than are allowed under the new law. One location brews beer, and the others are restaurants that are not advertised as brewpubs, where he sells the beer along with liquor from other producers. My constituent is concerned that this law was not intended to force him to sell multiple locations, but that is the effect.

I consider this bill an emergency because a small business owner in my district, who employs many Mainers, is struggling to come into rapid compliance with this law. In order to do so, he would need to sell his brewery or some of his restaurants, which is not a quick process, and possibly it should not be necessary for him to do so, under the law.

Thank you,  
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## 132 Legislature - Second Regular Session

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2944

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: Senator Grohoski of Hancock

An Act to Encourage Timely Contract Negotiations Between Major Health Insurers and Hospital Systems by Establishing a Daily Fine in an Amount Equal to the Annual Compensation Package of the Entities' Respective Chief Executive Officers Per Day That the Contract Lapses

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would encourage timely contract negotiations between major health insurers and hospital systems by establishing a daily fine in an amount equal to the annual compensation package of the entities' respective chief executive officers. The fee would only apply to health insurers and hospital systems above certain size thresholds, to be determined.

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Nicole Grohoski  
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THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

November 4, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to you, the Chair of the Legislative Council, because I would like to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2944, **"An Act to Encourage Timely Contract Negotiations Between Major Health Insurers and Hospital Systems by Establishing a Daily Fine in an Amount Equal to the Annual Compensation Package of the Entitles' Respective Chief Executive Officers Per Day That the Contract Lapses."**

If accepted, this bill would incentivize health insurers and hospital systems to finalize contract negotiations in a timely manner, rather than leaving our constituents vulnerable to crushing medical debt or with no choice but to forgo their health care altogether. The bill would apply to health insurers and hospital systems above certain size thresholds.

I consider this bill an emergency because we have now entered the second month of deadlock between Anthem and Northern Light Health. I am hearing horror stories from constituents that implicate both sides. For example, one constituent has relocated to NH a few weeks in advance of her due date, so that she can stay in network for her critical pre- and post-natal care and delivery. Another constituent waited 6 months to see a neurologist in September, only to have her appointment moved first into October (when that timing was out of network) and now into November (when it'll be out of network) – this constituent could lose her sight without rapid intervention. Then there's the infant who had specialist visits in September that Anthem is billing as if they were out of network, which they were not at the time. And these are just some of the complaints that constituents contacted me about *today alone*.

While my policy proposal may not be the most workable, something must change. I would gladly restructure my bill in any way that would provide relief to the tens of thousands of Mainers who are slipping into the major crevasse that state government has allowed to widen through our inaction. If you agree that what is happening right now is unacceptable, I urge you to support this bill. It could not possibly make things worse.

Thank you,  
Nicole Grohoski, State Senator

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2872

HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Sponsor: Senator Harrington of York

An Act to Allow Nurse Anesthetists to Practice Independently in Urban Settings

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow nurse anesthetists to practice independently in urban settings. The bill would also change the prescriptive authority of nurse anesthetists.





Matthew A. Harrington  
Asst. Republican Leader  
Senator, District 33

THE MAINE SENATE  
132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature

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November 3, 2025

The Hon. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Speaker Fecteau:

This letter serves to appeal the Legislative Council's decision to reject LR 2872, "*An Act to Allow Nurse Anesthetists to Practice Independently in Urban Settings*," for introduction in the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature's Second Regular Session.

LR 2872 intends to resolve the current two-tier anesthesia care system in Maine facilities by incorporating certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) in all areas of the state into the statutory requirements currently applicable to CRNAs in critical access hospitals (CAHs) and rural hospitals. LR 2872 would also clarify aspects of CRNA practice, resulting in consistent criteria for care provided by CRNAs in all settings.

In 2017, the Maine Legislature enacted LD 1166, which removed outdated requirements for CRNAs to be "responsible and accountable" to a physician or dentist for CRNAs providing care in CAHs and rural hospitals. LR 2872 would remove the remaining outdated language that provides that CRNAs are "responsible and accountable" to a physician or dentist, instead aligning CRNA practice throughout the state with current CRNA practice in CAHs and rural hospitals that has been in place since 2017. LR 2872 would more accurately reflect how patient care is provided, specifying that CRNAs practice in collaboration or consultation with a physician, dentist, podiatrist or other healthcare provider as needed.

LR 2872 would align CRNA practice in all settings with the requirements that have been in place since 2017 for CRNA critical access hospitals/rural practice. This alignment would resolve the current discrepancy and variation for CRNAs providing anesthesia care in Maine facilities, resulting in consistent criteria for safe, high quality anesthesia care by CRNAs in all settings.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Harrington".

Matthew Harrington  
State Senator

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2644

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

Sponsor: Representative Hasenfus of Readfield

An Act to Update the State of Mind Requirement for Certain Provisions of the Law Regarding the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would update the state of mind requirement for certain provisions of the law regarding the crime of gross sexual assault.



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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2644, An Act to Update the State of Mind Requirement for Certain Provisions of the Law Regarding the Crime of Gross Sexual Assault, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

I put forward this proposal when I learned that a law court case had determined a legislative fix was appropriate regarding the state of mind requirement under a certain subsection of the crime of gross sexual assault.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tavis Hasenfus" with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Tavis Hasenfus  
State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2792

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Representative Hepler of Woolwich

An Act to Respond to the Emergent Epidemic of Co-occurring Brain Injury and Overdose and Substance Use Disorder

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's Office of Behavioral Health to partner with the Brain Injury Association of America-Maine and the Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council to plan a response to emergent brain injury co-occurring with overdose and substance use disorder, focusing on identifying key treatment settings and priorities for building capacity to respond to the emergent epidemic, including through screening for brain injury, staff training and technical assistance, neuro-resource facilitation, peer support and strengthening online brain injury resources.





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November 3, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
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C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2792, An Act to Respond to the Emergent Epidemic of Co-occurring Brain Injury and Overdose and Substance Use Disorder, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

Over the past several years, there has been a widespread increase in availability of overdose reversal medications like naloxone in Maine. Fortunately, as a result, many more individuals are surviving overdose, but unfortunately, they may then face a range of other health issues, one of the most severe being brain injury caused by hypoxia – a lack of oxygen to the brain caused by slowed or stopped breathing. Such hypoxic brain injuries are an under-reported and too often overlooked or misunderstood consequence of a drug overdose. Because this type of brain injury can lead to complex and serious impairment – of movement, communication, thinking, concentration, memory and other vital aspects of life – this public health issue warrants immediate attention.

This proposed legislation directs the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with Maine's brain injury partners to create state-wide response to the growing number of Maine people living with an overdose induced brain injury, and co-occurring substance use disorder. The strategy is intended to build on what's been learned through the current brain injury and overdose/SUD pilot projects in Augusta, Lewiston and Presque Isle and will be integral for maintaining vital health care access for more populations as we navigate federal changes to health insurance coverage.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Allison Hepler, State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LR 2830

RECREATION

WATERCRAFT

Sponsor: Representative Hepler of Woolwich

An Act to Safely Remove Derelict and Abandoned Boats in the State

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would create a process for removing abandoned boats and establish penalties for owners who do not reimburse municipalities or the State for the removal of abandoned boats. A dedicated fund would be created for the removal of abandoned boats, with boat registration fees increasing by \$1 per year.



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October 29, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2830, An Act to Safely Remove Derelict and Abandoned Boats in the State, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

The state's "Abandoned Boats" statute is inadequate for municipalities seeking to safely and economically remove boats that have washed ashore and pose environmental and navigational hazards. After seeking non-legislative solutions exhaustively, it is clear that current statute is a "gray area" that can easily be clarified. There is urgency to this matter as we experience increasing natural weather disasters that often particularly affect our coastal municipalities, who have limited funding to address these dangerous vessels.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison".

Allison Hepler  
State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2836

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

DELIVERY

Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen of York

Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Prioritize Mental Health and Wellness Resources Within Maine's Heritage Industries

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This resolve would establish a working group to develop recommendations to improve access to mental health and wellness resources for individuals involved in the fishing, forestry and agricultural industries.





Henry Ingwersen  
Senator, District 32

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

**RE: LR 2836, Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Prioritize Mental Health and Wellness Resources Within Maine's Heritage Industries**

Speaker Fecteau,

I write to appeal the vote of the Legislative Council on my bill request **LR 2836, Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Prioritize Mental Health and Wellness Resources Within Maine's Heritage Industries**. It follows up on what I heard and learned at Maine's first-ever Land and Sea Farmer Wellness Forum, which is rooted in the work of the Agriculture: Wellness and Resilience at the UMaine Coop Extension.

In their recent survey, 61% of respondents from agriculture, aquaculture, and wild-harvest fisheries identified the urgent need for increased public education to raise awareness and reduce stigma around mental health. According to DACF Commissioner Beal, the 2021 suicide rate among working-age Americans was 33% higher than the previous two decades. Workers in the above industries had even higher rates. On top of that, many farmers and fishermen have no employer-provided health insurance. Recent cuts to Medicaid (MaineCare) and more costly health insurance premiums will increase Maine's uninsured population.

It is no secret that these are high-risk, high-stress jobs. The hardworking men and women who tend to their fields, raise their livestock, and pull fish from the sea are hurting – financially, physically, and mentally. LR 2836 would enable us to better understand the gaps in care and services, ensuring these workers receive the resources they deserve. For these reasons, I urge you and your colleagues on the Legislative Council to reconsider their votes on this bill and support it for introduction into the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine State Legislature.

Sincerely,

Henry Ingwersen  
State Senator, Senate District 32  
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**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2832

BUSINESS PRACTICES

SALES

Sponsor: Representative Julia of Waterville

An Act to Clarify Resale Ticket Fee Limitations

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would clarify the law that prohibits a ticket reseller or ticket issuer from charging more than 10% of the total price of the ticket.



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November 4, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2832, An Act to Clarify Resale Ticket Fee Limitations, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

This proposal offers an amendment to LD 913, a consumer protection bill that helps to ensure price transparency of event tickets, specifically the resale of event tickets, which was passed in the First Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. LR 2832 would amend language in LD 913 to specify that the 10% cap over face value is limited to the resale price of the ticket and does not limit third party sellers from charging a platform fee of their discretion.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassie Julia".

Cassie Julia  
State Representative

District 65: Part of Waterville

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2865

LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATORS

Sponsor: Representative Kessler of South Portland

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement for Security Purposes

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would allow for a \$4,500 allowance per biennium for Legislators for security-related expenditures.





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Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of *LR 2865 - An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Legislative Reimbursement for Security Purposes* for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

The intent of this bill seeks to provide legislators with an additional financial allowance to enhance personal security for themselves and their families in the face of increasing political violence. Reported threats against Maine lawmakers have more than tripled over the past couple of years, and there are no signs that the trend will be moving in the opposite direction in the near term. I believe it is important to provide this assistance to our members now more than ever.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Kessler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris Kessler  
State Representative

District 121: Parts of South Portland and Cape Elizabeth

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2837

MUNICIPALITIES

LAND USE

Sponsor: Representative Kuhn of Falmouth

An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Municipal Land Use

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the law governing residential areas to change density bonus eligibility to either growth areas as identified in a state-approved comprehensive plan or areas where there is sewer and water if the municipality does not have such a plan. It would also change the implementation date to 6 months after final rulemaking.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair

Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2837, An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Municipal Land Use, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

This bill would make an important clarification to LD 1829, An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Housing Density, which was enacted last session. The bill would change application of housing density bonuses to *either* growth areas identified in a state approved comprehensive plan, *or* where there is sewer and water if the municipality does not have a state approved comprehensive plan (instead of permitting it in both).

Aligning density bonuses with approved comprehensive plans encourages responsible land use and capital planning, supports the goals of the Growth Management Act and would align LD 1829 with the same density parameters set forth in LD 2003 from the 130th. For communities that do not have approved comprehensive plans, leveraging sewer and water investment makes sense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy D. Kuhn".

Amy Kuhn  
State Representative

District 111: Falmouth (part)

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2640

WASTE FACILITIES

TRANSFER

Sponsor: Representative Lemelin of Chelsea

An Act to Provide Transparency and Accuracy at Transfer, Trash and Recycling Facilities

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require transfer, trash and recycling facilities to allow customers to see the scale weight reading before and after depositing materials at a facility.





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November 5, 2025

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

RE: L.R. 2640, "*An Act to Provide Transparency and Accuracy at Transfer, Trash and Recycling Facilities*"

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2640 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 798-9399.

Sincerely,

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Michael H. Lemelin  
State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2625

HUMAN RIGHTS

PRIVACY

Sponsor: Senator Libby of Cumberland

An Act to Protect Maine Residents from Deceptive Audio and Digital Depictions of Persons

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish the crime of fraudulent use of deepfakes, establish a cause of action for fraudulent use of deepfakes and prohibit the registration of lobbyists who have been found to have fraudulently used deepfakes in certain cases. The bill would define "deepfake" as a video, audio or any other media of a person in which the person's face, body or voice has been digitally altered so that the person appears to be someone else, the person appears to be saying something that the person has never said or the person appears to be doing something that the person has never done.



James Libby, Ph.D.  
Senator, District 22

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Hon. Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I am asking Legislative Council to reconsider its actions whereby Legislative Request 2625, "An Act to Protect Mainers from Deceptive Audio and Digital Depictions," was rejected by a 6-4 vote.

The issue of Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated deep fakes, especially deep fakes exploiting minors, is recognized nationwide and is an issue here in Maine. In September, the Maine Monitor reported that State Police could not bring a man to justice who used AI to alter images of children playing soccer into pornographic images.<sup>1</sup> The Maine Monitor referred to out-of-date state laws. The laws do not reflect the ways AI can alter images.

In an interview, Lt. Jason Richards said, "I'm very concerned that we have this out there, this new way of exploiting children, and we don't yet have protection for that."<sup>2</sup>

Maine is clearly behind when it comes to addressing digital depictions. The request that you are evaluating is modeled on a concise one-page bill that was enacted in New Hampshire last year. This bill creates a class B felony for the use of deep fakes to harm another person and a class A felony when deep fakes are used to harm a minor. Not only does this bill protect our youth from sexual exploitation, but it is broad enough to protect all Mainers from malicious actions using Artificial Intelligence deep fakes.

I hope that you will join me in my efforts to allow Maine citizens to provide testimony on this issue, with the goal being to end exploitive AI practices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Libby, Ph.D.  
Senator, District 22

<sup>1</sup> Maine Monitor, "AI-generated Child Sexual Abuse Images Are Being Created in Maine. Police Can't Investigate," Sept. 15, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2749

DAMS

MAINTENANCE

Sponsor: Senator Libby of Cumberland

An Act to Place a Moratorium on Dam Removals

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would place a 10-year moratorium on dam removals in the State by prohibiting a state agency, municipality, private entity or nonprofit organization from authorizing, funding or implementing the removal of any dam in the State in the 10 years following the effective date of this bill.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 846	Representative Blier, M
Closely Related Legislator Req:	LR 2921	Representative Soboleski, M
Potential JR 217:	LD 430	Representative Campbell, D





James Libby, Ph.D.  
Senator, District 22

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3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 3, 2025

Hon. Ryan Fecteau  
Chair, Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I am asking for the Legislative Council to reconsider its actions whereby LR 2749, "An Act to Place a Moratorium on Dam Removals" was rejected by a 6-4 vote as this request addresses a regional emergency.

On September 23, Brookfield Renewable announced the sale of four dams to The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Upon the acquisition of these dams, TNC revealed plans to remove them.<sup>1</sup> While their objective to remove the dams has understandable goals, there are implications that immediately threaten many jobs in the region.

SAPPI's Somerset Mill in Skowhegan relies on water drawn through the engineering of the Shawmut Dam. I recently met with SAPPI officials regarding the importance of the draw and the design of the intake. Other officials will be joining me this week in a preliminary informational meeting at the plant. Unfortunately, there is no "plan B" at present to meet Sappi's water needs should the four dams be removed. If the dams were to be removed, the mill would likely close due to problems associated with a draw from lower water levels. This issue can be solved by stakeholders if we all come to the table. Experts need time to consider alternatives for both dam removal and the improvement of fish passage systems in Maine. For example, recently unveiled technology that utilizes piped siphon systems for fish passage has created great interest in the field, as have other fish passage systems that appear to be superior to current constructs in Maine.

Recently, News Center Maine reported that the Somerset Mill employs 800 workers; and each job creates eight more jobs in the community.<sup>2</sup> Delay in consideration of this problem will be consequential.

Thank you, Speaker Fecteau, for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Libby".

James Libby, Ph.D.  
Senator, District 22

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<sup>1</sup> Maine Public, "Historic Deal Reached to Purchase Kennebec River Dams," Sept. 23, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> News Center, "The Nature Conservancy's Dam Deal in Maine Sparks Hope and Concern." Sept. 25, 2025.  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2878

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATION

Sponsor: Representative Libby of Auburn

An Act Banning the Issuance of Digital Identification Documents by State or Local Governments

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would ban the issuance of digital identification documents by state or local governments that would be used for proving a person's identity.



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November 5, 2025

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

RE: L.R. 2878, "*An Act Banning the Issuance of Digital Identification Documents by State or Local Governments*"

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2878 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

The issue of government-issued digital identification strikes at the very core of individual liberty, privacy, and the proper limits of state power. As global trends, such as the United Kingdom's move toward mandatory digital IDs, demonstrate, these systems can advance quickly and are exceedingly difficult to reverse once implemented. Maine must get out ahead of this issue now, establishing clear legal boundaries to protect our citizens before such programs gain momentum here. It is therefore imperative that the legislature fully examine the implications of digital ID initiatives through the full legislative process, allowing for a public hearing and debate. Proactive action today will safeguard privacy, security, and the constitutional freedoms our constituents rely upon us to defend.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 632-7619.

Sincerely,

*Laurel Libby*

Laurel D. Libby  
State Representative

District 90      Auburn (part) and Minot

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2591

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PROCEDURES

Sponsor: Representative Lookner of Portland

An Act to Increase Accountability of Law Enforcement by Prohibiting the Use of Masks That Conceal the Identities of Law Enforcement Officers

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would prohibit the use of masks that conceal the identities of law enforcement officers.





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October 29, 2025

Dear Speaker Fecteau and Esteemed Colleagues on Legislative Council,

I'm writing to inform you that I am appealing the Legislative Council's decision to Reject **LR 2591 - An Act to Increase Accountability of Law Enforcement by Prohibiting the Use of Masks That Conceal the Identities of Law Enforcement Officers**. This legislation addresses an emergent and critical threat to public trust and transparency in our state.

We are living in an unprecedented time. The sight of masked, anonymous federal law enforcement agents operating in our communities is a reality that sows fear and erodes the principles of accountable governance. When the public cannot see the faces of those granted the power to detain and arrest, it creates a dangerous barrier and undermines the fundamental accountability that must exist between the state and its citizens.

This bill is a necessary and measured response. It specifically targets the use of masks whose primary purpose is to conceal an officer's identity during public interactions. It does not affect the use of protective equipment designed for legitimate safety reasons, such as respirators for airborne diseases or environmental hazards. The distinction between a mask meant for concealment and one meant for protection is clear and common-sense.

There is little doubt Maine's law enforcement agencies will gladly adhere to this standard of transparency - they already do. They see no need to hide their identities while enforcing the laws of our state. Unfortunately, that may change in the future as federal law enforcement practices change the culture and expectations of our local police. We should act now to ensure that it does not.

As a state, we expect everyone here to follow our laws. That includes federal agents here in their line of work - but whether or not they comply with this proposed law is a separate issue. It is still critically important that we stand united as a state in declaring our opposition to these practices. By enacting this law, Maine sends a powerful message; that we will not normalize the use of anonymous, unaccountable law enforcement acting with impunity within our jurisdiction.

Please reconsider this vital piece of legislation. Please place the public's right to transparency and accountability above the alarming trend of state-sanctioned anonymity. The time to act is now.

Respectfully,

Representative Grayson Lookner

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TAXATION

LR 2917

INCOME TAX  
RATE

Sponsor: Representative Lookner of Portland

An Act to Create a Tax on Net Investment Income

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would create a net investment income tax that conforms to federal law.

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Potential JR 217: LD 1047 Representative Lookner, G

**To: Speaker Fecteau, Chair of the Legislative Council**

**Notice of Appeal for LR 2917, An Act to Create a Tax on Net Investment Income**

At this time of severely restricted State revenues and unprecedented need to protect our residents from savage Federal cuts to SNAP benefits and healthcare coverage, this bill creates a 3% wealth proceeds tax modeled after the federal net investment income tax on income generated from wealth (also called "passive income").

The tax would apply to income generated by capital gains, dividends, interest, and other investments. The tax would only apply to Mainers with high incomes, above \$250,000 for single filers or \$500,000 for those married filing jointly.

Currently Maine taxes income from wealth at the same rate as income from work. At the federal level, income from wealth is taxed at a much lower rate--about 40% less than income from work.<sup>1</sup> With this state-level tax, Maine has an opportunity to partially correct this imbalance.

**LR 2917 Would:**

- Impact about 3% of Mainers
- Raise approximately \$100m per year in much needed revenue
- Help address growing economic inequality
- Align with the existing federal definition of net investment income
- Mirror the federal tax and the state wealth proceeds tax passed in Minnesota in 2023
- Include more types of passive income than just a capital gains tax
- Help correct a federal disparity in how passive income is taxed vs. income from work

**LR Would Not:**

- Increase taxes on most Mainers
- Increase taxes on income from work
- Require significant policy work--a federal tax already exists to which Maine can conform

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<sup>1</sup> Austin, Sarah and Carl Davis. "The Wealth Proceeds Tax: A Simple Way for States to Tax the Wealthy." Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 30 Oct 2025.  
<https://itep.org/wealth-proceeds-tax-net-investment-income-tax/>

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2924

PUBLIC HEALTH

DISEASE CONTROL

Sponsor: Representative Macias of Topsham

Resolve, Directing State Agencies to Increase Awareness, Accountability and Preparedness Regarding Long COVID

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would direct state agencies to increase awareness, accountability and preparedness regarding long COVID through the development of accommodations for students and workers, consumer protections, expanded in-state treatment capacity, provider training, modernized public facilities and preparation for future airborne disease threats.





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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

This is my formal appeal of the rejection of LR 2924: Resolve, Directing State Agencies to Increase Awareness, Accountability, and Preparedness Regarding Long COVID.

We are not serving the well-being of our residents by not understanding Long COVID. It is neither speculative nor rare. It is a documented condition recognized by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which reports that:

- Long COVID can affect multiple organs, including the heart, lungs, brain, and immune system.
- An estimated 10%–20% of infected individuals develop prolonged symptoms.
- It is now a leading cause of new disability in working-age adults.
- There is no single diagnostic test, and the condition remains widely misunderstood.

These facts represent thousands of Mainers—children, workers, caregivers, and veterans—whose lives and livelihoods are being disrupted. Rejecting even a baseline effort at awareness and coordination leaves them without a clear path to diagnosis, treatment, or support.

LR 2924 asked for a minimal but necessary step: coordination among state agencies and standardized information. For these reasons, I respectfully ask the House to reconsider this Resolve—not for my sake, but for the Mainers who are still fighting to breathe, to work, to learn, to heal, and to be believed.

Respectfully,

Rafael Macias  
State Representative

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LABOR

LR 2850

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
BENEFITS

Sponsor: Representative Malon, II of Biddeford

An Act to Update the Calculation of Retirement Benefits for State Employees

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would update the calculation of retirement benefits to clarify that the cap on salary or wage increases that applies to employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement applies to state employees who are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement.



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October 30, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair

Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2850, An Act to Update the Calculation of Retirement Benefits for State Employees, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

The intent of this proposal is to ensure parity in how the final compensation, in relation to state workers retirement, is calculated. Currently, confidential employees are not able to count raises from collective bargaining in the calculation of their average final compensation, something which other state workers are able to benefit from. This has a significant impact on the retirements of hundreds of hardworking and dedicated state employees. We owe it to the state employees preparing for retirement to align statutes so that they can receive benefits comparable to those of other employees. This will allow them to make informed decisions about their future retirement.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Marc Malon  
State Representative

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TAXATION

LR 2868

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES

VALUATION

Sponsor: Senator Martin of Oxford

An Act to Provide Fair and Predictable Property Taxation for Landowners in the Unorganized Territory

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the State Tax Assessor to maintain valuations for forest land once every 10 years beginning in the 2030 tax year and freeze current valuations at 2024 tax year levels. The bill would provide that the tax levy may not be changed until the 2030 valuation and may not increase by more than the percentage increase in the federal social security cost-of-living adjustment for the corresponding year. The bill would specify that, if there is no cost-of-living adjustment, the tax levy may not increase. This legislation would apply to property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.





Joseph E. Martin  
Senator, District 19

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

House Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

**Re: Appeal of Council Vote to Reject LR 2868**

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Thank you for the time and care you and the Legislative Council devote to reviewing the many requests submitted for the Second Session. With well over 250 proposals before you, I recognize the difficulty of deciding which meet the emergency threshold and which can be deferred to a future session.

I am writing to respectfully ask that you reconsider the decision to reject **LR 2868, An Act to Provide Fair and Predictable Property Taxation for Landowners in the Unorganized Territory**.

Over the past several months, my office has been inundated with calls and emails from residents—many of them lifelong Mainers—who are struggling to cope with dramatic property tax increases following recent revaluations and mil rate changes in Franklin County, Oxford County, and others that have Unorganized Territory in the form of townships. In some cases, property taxes have **more than doubled in a single year**.

These are not speculative concerns; these are people—retirees, working families, and landowners—who are terrified they will lose homes and property that have been in their families for generations. They are not asking for special treatment, only for fairness and predictability in how their land is taxed.

This situation rises to the level of an emergency because it threatens the very ability of Mainers to remain in their communities. Some may manage to pay this year's bill, but most know they cannot withstand another increase of this magnitude. Without immediate legislative attention, we risk displacing the very people who have built and sustained these rural areas for decades.

I deeply appreciate your attention to this appeal and your continued leadership on behalf of all Mainers. I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider LR 2868 so that we may act swiftly to provide relief and restore stability to these residents.

With gratitude,

Joseph E. Martin  
State Senator

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2857

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

CHILDREN

Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Lewiston

An Act to Sustain Access to Children's Residential Care Services

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	Yes	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to initiate an emergency rate determination process for children's residential care services and implement the new rates within 60 days. It would also establish an emergency stabilization fund to prevent closures of providers and to ensure continued access to in-state care.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair of the Legislative Council

FROM: Julie McCabe

DATE: November 5th, 2025

RE: Appeal Request for LR 2857 - An Act to Sustain Access to Children's Residential Care Services

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing in support of LR 2857 - An Act to Sustain Access to Children's Residential Care Services and believe it should be considered a priority bill for the upcoming second session.

This bill would establish an emergency rate determination process for Children's Residential Care Facilities and implement the newly determined rate within 60 days. Section 2 establishes a \$1 million emergency stabilization fund to prevent further closures of CRCFs which have seen a precipitous decline of 500 beds over the past two decades.

Due to the current low rate of reimbursement, it is all but guaranteed that more CRCFs will close soon, like the two facilities that closed this past April resulting in the loss of 33 additional beds for young Mainers in need.

These residential care facilities matter because they are the lifeline and in many cases last hope for at-risk, struggling Maine teenagers. These young people have severe behavioral health needs and deserve the chance to restabilize their lives in their home state, near their family and community - and not out-of-state where nearly 70 Maine teens currently reside. To that end, there is a financial consideration as well because it costs nearly double to send a patient out-of-state for care (\$1200/day) versus in-state (\$600-\$800/day).

I look forward to the opportunity to present my appeal on November 20th and appreciate your consideration of this important legislation.

Thank you,

Julie McCabe

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2752

SCHOOL POLICIES

COMPUTERS

Sponsor: Representative McIntyre of Lowell

An Act to Implement the Education Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would implement the education recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

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October 25, 2025

Chair of the Legislative Council, Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives Ryan D. Fecteau  
Room 303, State House  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0002

### SUBJ: Appeal of Legislative Council's Decision on Requests for Second Regular Session

Speaker Fecteau,

In your capacity as the Chair of the Legislative Council, I respectfully request to formally appeal the October 23, 2025 decision of the Council to reject LR 2752, "An Act to Implement the Education Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force" (MAITF), and submit the following as justification to support this request.

As you are likely aware, the collaborative work of the MAITF concluded on October 24, 2025, one day past the scheduled convening of the Legislative Council. While I could have perhaps submitted DRAFT language of the recommendations from the Education subgroup with my submission of LR 2752, I felt it most appropriate to wait until the report was considered final, by consensus. This ultimately proved prudent, as on the last day of the work of MAITF, one final recommendation was infused. Though LR 2752 will not center around that final recommendation, I could not be certain.

In total there are six high-level recommendations forthcoming from the MAITF, specific to the Education sector, however LR 2752 will focus only on a single recommendation, given below;

#### *C2) Reach every educator in Maine with professional development supports focused on AI*

*Many Maine educators and administrators are eager to learn about AI but districts lack the capacity, time, or technical expertise to do so. Maine should build on resources like the Maine Department of Education's best-in-class AI guidance and toolkit and peer learning programs offered by groups such as the Maine Math and Science Alliance. Efforts like these can help convert pockets of AI innovation into resources from which all Maine educators can benefit. The State can also help districts and school administrators interested in piloting AI tools, highlighting promising use cases aligned with real-world needs, and exploring potential funding mechanisms to support innovation.*

I understand the rationale for the Council's initial rejection, and humbly ask you allow me to engage the appeal process before the entirety of the Council, when scheduled.

Respectfully,

/s/ Mathew McIntyre  
Representative for Maine's House District 18

House District 18

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2927

HOUSING

CONSTRUCTION

Sponsor: Representative Montell of Gardiner

An Act to Require Radon Testing and Remediation of Newly Constructed Buildings

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require that all newly constructed buildings in the State, before being transferred from the builder to the end user or before receiving a certificate of occupancy or habitability, be tested for radon. If the radon level is found to be above state-established standards, the bill would require that the building be remediated before transfer to the end user or a certificate is issued. Buildings not generally used for or expected for long-term human occupancy, including, but not limited to, warehouses, barns and storage facilities, would be exempt from this requirement.

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2927, An Act to Require Radon Testing ~~and Remediation~~ of Newly Constructed Buildings, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature. Please note, the title of LR 2927 **should not include remediation**, this is a mistake.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that comes up from the ground and gets trapped inside buildings. Exposure to radon causes lung cancer. Radon exposure can occur in any built environment: home, school, work and more. Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Only smoking causes more lung cancer than radon. Maine is #3 in the country for having the highest rates of radon-induced lung cancer. In our state, 310 Mainers contract radon-induced lung cancer each year and 165 Mainers die from radon-induced lung cancer each year. One in three Maine homes likely has a radon problem, and two in three homes in Cumberland County likely have radon problems. Maine's average radon level is 5.9 picocuries per liter, which is 392% higher than the nationwide average of 1.3 picocuries per liter, and 68% above U.S. EPA recommended action level of 4.0 picocuries per liter. Exposure to 5.9 picocuries per liter is equivalent to smoking 12 cigarettes a day or getting 300 chest x-rays per year. It doesn't matter what size a building is, what type of foundation it has, where it's located, or what soil types/ground conditions it sits on: any building might have a radon problem. The only way to know is to test. **Maine is increasing new home production to a goal of 80,000 by 2030, a number which doesn't include new schools and commercial construction. It is critical that we deliver these buildings to occupants without the risk of radon-induced lung cancer.**

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Karen Montell  
State Representative

District 54: Gardiner and Farmingdale



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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2928

LEGISLATURE

CAPITOL COMPLEX

Sponsor: Representative Montell of Gardiner

An Act to Establish a Long-term Plan for the Remediation of Radon in the State House

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish a procedure to implement the recommendations of a required engineering report regarding high radon levels in portions of the State House. The bill would establish reasonable timelines to implement a permanent solution to address radon levels above state standards. The bill would also establish a system to regularly test all areas of the State House for radon.

Potential JR 217: LD 1776 Representative Montell, K





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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2928, An Act to Establish a Long-term Plan for the Remediation of Radon in the State House, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

In the 131st Legislature, I sponsored legislation (LD 1173) that revealed elevated levels of radon in areas of the State House that are currently being mitigated pending the engineer's recommendations for long-term remediation. The engineer's report of finding was to be available by June 30, 2025 and has still not been made available. The proposed LR 2928 would establish a long-term plan for remediating these spaces by requiring the Bureau of General Services (BGS) to release the engineer's finding to the Legislature's committee of jurisdiction to review these recommendations and authorize that committee to report out a bill to require BGS to take action to remediate those spaces.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen D. Montell".

Karen Montell  
State Representative

District 54: Gardiner and Farmingdale

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2867

COUNTIES

FUNDING

Sponsor: Senator Moore of Washington

An Act Regarding the Finances of Washington County

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would provide \$8,000,000 to Washington County to fund critical services.

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Closely Related Carryover Req:    LD 461    Senator Moore, M



Marianne Moore  
Senator, District 6

THE MAINE SENATE  
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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

**Re: Appeal of Council Vote to Reject LR 2867, "An Act Regarding the Finances of Washington County"**

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

I want to thank you for taking the time to consider the more than 250 legislative requests you received for the Second Regular Session. It is a difficult job to decide which bills are truly emergencies that can be handled during our short session, and which can be overlooked for now.

I urge you to reconsider the denial of LR 2867, *An Act Regarding the Finances of Washington County*, because this matter is truly an emergency. As you may have seen, years of financial mismanagement in Washington County have resulted in a debt of \$7.6 million plus interest.

In yesterday's election, Washington County voters were given the chance to bail our county out of this hole with an \$8 million bond, covering the \$7.6 million debt plus the interest owed to Machias Savings Bank for their Tax Anticipated Note. At the time of my writing, the results of the vote are not yet final but it looks like a majority of voters will reject this solution.

Given the promise of a 40% increase in taxes, I can't say I'm surprised with this result. However, this will cause the county's credit rating to default into "junk bond" status and cause future borrowing costs to skyrocket. If rejected, it is hard to know how any of the essential services the county provides will be conducted when we are out of cash. How will our sheriffs, jails, etc. continue to operate? Washington County, which has the lowest average income and the lowest median income, will be in real trouble and need help.

Even if the voters did support this bond, the people of Washington County will be facing an incredible tax burden for many years. One-time State funding would save these Mainers from needing to borrow on an extended basis. As an added note, in Maine, counties cannot declare bankruptcy. This is addressed in LR 2731, which you unanimously allowed to be considered during our second session.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request to reconsider LR 2867.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Moore".

Marianne Moore

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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2938

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

PARKING

Sponsor: Senator Nangle of Cumberland

An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Lots Accessible to the Public

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend provisions enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 350 regarding enforcement of parking violations to remove the requirement that fines be posted on signs at the entrance and exit of a parking lot. The bill would also require that written notice of a violation be affixed to the vehicle at the time of the violation.





Timothy Nangle  
Senator, District 26

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Speaker Fecteau,

I respectfully appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2938, An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Lots Accessible to the Public.**

This bill addresses the unintended consequences of Public Law 2025, chapter 350 (LD 1794), which established 10 MRSA §1500-Z. While the original legislation was designed to protect Maine drivers from unfair parking practices, some language adopted in the final version has placed unforeseen burdens on municipalities.

Specifically, the current signage requirement — mandating postings at every entrance and exit — has proven costly and difficult to implement, with some communities facing expenses in the tens of thousands of dollars. This has effectively created an unfunded mandate for municipalities that operate public parking lots. LR 2938 would remove that requirement while preserving all core consumer protections that received unanimous committee support last session.

The bill also improves fairness for motorists by requiring that notice of a parking violation be affixed to the vehicle at the time of the infraction. Under current law, notices can be mailed weeks later, leaving drivers without timely awareness or the opportunity to respond promptly. This clarification promotes transparency and efficient resolution.

Because municipalities are now being instructed to comply with the signage mandate, prompt clarification this session would help prevent unnecessary local spending while maintaining the law's intent.

Sincerely,

**Tim Nangle**  
State Senator, District 26  
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TAXATION

LR 2941

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Sponsor: Representative Pluecker of Warren

An Act Regarding the Qualified Small Business Stock Tax Exemption

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would remove all tax exemptions for cashing out early-stage investments.

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Speaker Fecteau, Chair of the Legislative Council,

**RE: LR: 2941 An Act Regarding the Qualified Small Business Stock Tax Exemption**

I wish to appeal the council's rejection of LR 2941.

This bill would help raise revenue by \$4 million next year—growing to over \$7 million annually by 2031—by closing a tax loophole that overwhelmingly benefits out-of-state millionaires.

The culprit is an arcane provision of the federal income tax code that has been in existence for decades, but which is now exploding in cost. This provision allows wealthy venture capitalists and others to receive a 100 percent tax exemption when they cash out their early-stage investments in companies that have soared in value. Lawmakers named the provision the Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) exemption, but the law doesn't limit investments just to small businesses by any conventional measure.

Nationally, nearly 94 percent of these tax breaks go to people earning over \$1 million annually—the top one-half of one percent.

Recent federal tax changes have made this crisis worse, expanding eligibility and increasing costs by nearly two-thirds by 2031. This is an emergency because federal tax law changes keep widening the loophole.

California, Alabama, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania have already closed this loophole without harming their economies. It is imperative that we take action this year as we face the increasing needs of our state as the federal government rescinds programs, and widens these tax breaks to the wealthy.

**District 44:** Hope, Union, & Warren

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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JUDICIARY

LR 2585

ABUSE

PROTECTION ACTIONS

Sponsor: Representative Poirier of Skowhegan

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Extreme Risk Protection Order Process by Supporting Crisis Receiving Centers, Requiring School Resource Officer Education and Establishing the Yellow Flag Public Safety Fund

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the law requiring court orders prohibiting the purchase or possession of a dangerous weapon, require school resource officers to receive training on the extreme risk protection order process and establish a fund to support implementation of the extreme risk protection order process and address the underlying mental health concerns that require the use of such an order.

Closely Related Carryover Req: LD 1378





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November 5, 2025

Honorable Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State Legislature  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Legislative Council to reconsider LR 2585, "An Act to Strengthen Maine's Extreme Risk Protection Order Process by Supporting Crisis Receiving Centers, Requiring School Resource Officer Education and Establishing the Yellow Flag Public Safety Fund." This bill would establish a comprehensive approach to safety, crisis response, and mental health infrastructure in Maine. This initiative would strengthen the effectiveness of existing public safety measures while addressing the critical gaps in mental health care.

The proposal would include four essential components:

1. Training for School Security and Resource Officers on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)
2. Creation of a "Yellow Flag Public Safety Fund"
3. Expansion of Crisis Receiving Centers
4. Implementation of Five Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBCCs)

Together, these measures represent a balanced, evidence-based approach to public safety—combining strong, fair firearm protocols with meaningful mental health investment. By taking these steps, Maine can reduce suicide rates, prevent acts of violence, and provide the professional support that our schools, officers, and families urgently need.

This bill has earned the support of the Department of Public Safety, NAMI Maine, and Governor Mills. It is a bipartisan proposal that will strengthen Maine's ERPO laws, and address the mental health crisis we are facing. I strongly urge the Legislative Council to allow this bill to move forward for consideration. It represents a commonsense, bipartisan investment in Maine's safety, public health, and the well-being of our children and communities.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued service to the people of Maine.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Poirier  
State Representative

District 70 Skowhegan

# 132 Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2736

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Sponsor: Senator Reny of Lincoln

An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medication in Underserved Areas

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding support for federally qualified health centers to develop or expand the centers' capacity to provide access to affordable prescription drugs for patients.



Cameron Reny  
Senator, District 13

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

Thank you for considering the appeal of **LR 2736, An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Medications in Underserved Areas**. If allowed through Legislative Council, this bill will address the critical shortage of access to affordable medications that Mainers are facing, particularly in rural and underserved areas served by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Maine's FQHCs, also known as community health centers (CHCs) provide high quality accessible primary and preventive medical care for over 200,000 Maine people at more than 100 service delivery sites across the state. These organizations make up the largest independent primary care network in Maine and are the healthcare safety net in our state, providing services to nearly 1 in 6 Mainers. LR 2736 would provide \$4 million of one-time funding to establish a grant program to provide support for FQHCs to develop or expand pharmacy access for patients in pharmacy deserts.

LR 2736 meets the emergency threshold due to multiple conditions that create an immediate threat to public health due to the loss of access to affordable medication in rural and underserved areas. Without emergency action, residents in rural and underserved Maine communities will continue to lose access to life-saving medications, endangering public health and safety. LR 2736 seeks to help address this problem and provide more Mainers access to life-saving prescriptions.

Sincerely,

Cameron Reny  
State Senator, District 13

*Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Edgecomb, Hibberts Gore, Jefferson, Louds Island, Monhegan Island Plantation, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Somerville, South Bristol, Southport, Waldoboro, Washington, Westport Island, Whitefield, Windsor and Wiscasset*

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2902

INSURANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE

Sponsor: Senator Reny of Lincoln

An Act to Ensure Affordable Health Care Coverage in the Absence of Federal Support

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would create state-level affordability programs to reduce the cost of health insurance purchased through the State's marketplace. It would authorize supplemental premium and cost-sharing subsidies for individuals who already receive federal tax credits under the federal Affordable Care Act.

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Cameron Reny  
Senator, District 13

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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to appeal the Legislative Council's decision regarding **LR 2902, An Act to Ensure Affordable Health Coverage in the Absence of Federal Support**. If accepted, this bill would stand up a system of tax credits similar to the now defunct Enhanced Premium Tax Credit (EPTC).

Mainers are struggling to afford healthcare costs and losing EPTC will only multiply this issue. Estimates indicate that the average premium in Maine without any subsidies will be an estimated \$900 per month in 2026. To put that into perspective, that is approximately 20% of the average household income.

LR 2902 would add tax credits into the CoverME platform so that they are taken into consideration at the front end, exactly as they are now, but state funded. Front end inclusion would support households' month to month budgets and cause minimal disruptions to consumers. The eligibility and amount would be based on the existing sliding scale based on age, income, and family size. This program is imperative to help Mainers afford healthcare and to keep the healthy Mainers who make premiums more affordable for everyone from exiting the health insurance marketplace.

Sincerely,

Cameron Reny  
Senator, District 13

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2755

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Sponsor: Representative Rielly of Westbrook

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Citizen Trade Policy Commission

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would amend the provisions of law governing the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2755, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

Maine's businesses are grappling with the effects of tariffs and the rise of artificial intelligence. The Citizen Trade Policy Commission was originally created to look at the effects of trade deals, like NAFTA, and its effects on Maine's businesses and workers over two decades ago. A lot has changed and it is crucial we update the commission to be able to meaningfully look into how the state should navigate these new developments.

Tariffs have directly and harshly hurt Maine exporters, especially our heritage industries (seafood, wild blueberries) and raised input costs for manufacturers that use steel/aluminum. This has resulted in a lowering of margins, reduction of exports, and has created short-run job and revenue pain that is affecting all of our communities.

Currently, we don't know the impacts AI will have on Maine's trade with other countries. This unknown has created a potent combination that the Citizen Trade Policy Commission should be studying and discussing, then sharing back out with the Legislature.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Morgan Rielly".

Morgan Rielly  
State Representative

District 127: Westbrook (part)

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2725

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE

Sponsor: Representative Roberts of South Berwick

An Act to Require Electronic Monitoring of an Excessive or Habitual Speeder's Motor Vehicle as a Condition of License Reinstatement

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the installation of a global positioning system device designed to actively limit a motor vehicle's speed to posted or preset speed limits in the vehicle of a person whose license has been suspended for excessive or habitual speeding as a condition of reinstatement of that person's license. The driver would be responsible for the cost of leasing, installing, removing and maintaining the device, with discounts available to partially offset these costs for qualifying low-income individuals.





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November 4, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

LR 2725 would require drivers whose licenses were suspended for excessive or habitual speeding to install an intelligent speed assistance (ISA) or similar monitoring device as a condition of reinstatement. The device limits acceleration to posted speed limits, includes emergency overrides and is removed after successful compliance. Costs are offender-funded, with hardship accommodations aligned with existing ignition-interlock programs.

Speeding caused 11,775 deaths nationally in 2023 – 29% of all crashes – and Maine has seen record-high fatalities since 2022. Similar measures are advancing elsewhere: Washington's BEAM Act (2025) and Virginia's speed-limiter law (2026) both target repeat offenders. Supported by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Road to Zero Coalition and the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, this policy promotes accountability, safety and fiscal responsibility.

By using proven, available technology and aligning with industry trends, LR 2725 offers a practical, bipartisan solution to reduce fatalities and restore safe driving privileges responsibly. I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tiffany Roberts  
State Representative

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LABOR

LR 2739

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

Sponsor: Representative Roberts of South Berwick

An Act to Amend the State's Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program Regarding Eligibility Determinations, Employee Protections and Wage Deductions

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would require the Department of Labor to determine whether Maine residents whose wages are not reported to the unemployment insurance system qualify for a benefit. It would prohibit employers from reclassifying remote positions to avoid paid family and medical leave contributions, require employers to make restitution and repay contributions if such a reclassification occurs and protect employees from retaliation. It would make these and other changes apply retroactively to January 1, 2025, with a 12-month window beginning January 1, 2026 for affected employees to submit claims under the new laws.



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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

LR 2739 makes targeted amendments to Maine's new Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) law to clarify eligibility, wage deductions and employee protections, addressing administrative gaps discovered during early implementation.

Recent cases show inconsistency with Maine residents working remotely for out-of-state employers. Those who were taxed for PFML but deemed ineligible by their employers, who reported unemployment insurance (UI) elsewhere, contradict Section 6 of PFML rules, which state that employees primarily working in Maine should qualify. There have been instances of deductions from restricted stock units (RSUs) rather than wages without notice. It is unclear how many of the 1 in 3 remote or hybrid workers are contributing and whether they are aware of their status.

The bill codifies the four-factor locality-of-work test, creates a formal appeals process within the Department of Labor, clarifies agency jurisdiction and ensures written notice of eligibility and appeal rights. It also establishes protections against retaliation or job reclassification tied to PFML inquiries.

By resolving confusion for both employers and workers, LR 2739 promotes transparency, fairness and economic stability, ensuring Maine's PFML program functions as intended in a modern, remote-work economy.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tiffany Roberts  
State Representative

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LABOR

LR 2741

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

LEAVE

Sponsor: Representative Roberts of South Berwick

An Act to Support Seasonal Businesses and Retain Foreign Workers in the State's Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would amend the law governing the State's paid family and medical leave benefits program to provide for undue hardship for seasonal businesses that also retain foreign workers.

Potential JR 217:

LD 1712 Representative Roberts, T





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Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

LR 2741 clarifies Maine's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) law to ensure it aligns with federal immigration and labor requirements, protecting both seasonal employers and the foreign workers who sustain Maine's tourism and hospitality economy. Each year, roughly 5,000–6,000 H-2B and J-1 visa holders help support 70,000 seasonal jobs statewide. Current PFML rules conflict with federal mandates by extending job-protection and benefit eligibility beyond a worker's valid visa period, placing employers at risk of violating federal law.

The bill also establishes an undue hardship exemption for seasonal businesses facing these conflicts, recognizing their unique economic and operational constraints. LR 2741 provides legal clarity, preserves access to earned PFML benefits during authorized employment and directs the Department of Labor to issue coordinated guidance – ensuring compliance, fairness and economic stability for Maine's seasonal workforce.

Given the scale of Maine's seasonal workforce and the legal complexities surrounding PFML implementation, I respectfully request that the Legislative Council grant LR 2741 leave to print for the Second Regular Session to ensure clarity, compliance and continued economic vitality.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany O. Roberts".

Tiffany Roberts  
State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2879

BUSINESS PRACTICES

SALES

Sponsor: Representative Roberts of South Berwick

An Act to Make Certain Changes to the Subscription Cancellation Law

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would update the laws regarding consumer subscription cancellation requirements by requiring a seller of an automatic subscription to provide an online method for canceling the subscription and eliminating the requirement that a seller obtain express consent from a consumer prior to enrolling the consumer in an automatic subscription. The bill would also require the seller to provide a notice of a subscription renewal no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days prior to the cancellation deadline.

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November 4, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of the Legislative Council:

LR 2879 restores Maine's subscription-cancellation statute to the version originally approved by the committee, correcting last-minute amendments that created unintended consequences for both consumers and businesses. The bill ensures the law protects against unfair automatic renewals while allowing realistic compliance for retailers and digital service providers.

As enacted, the law requires that subscriptions be canceled "in the same manner" they were initiated – an unworkable standard for modern commerce. For example, a Microsoft 365 license purchased at Best Buy must be canceled online through Microsoft, and a gamer's EA Play subscription must be canceled through a console platform, not the retailer. The law is contrary to this, requiring both of these instances to be cancelled at the retailer.

LR 2879 replaces the rigid "same way" rule with a flexible "online cancellation available" standard, removes the "express consent" renewal requirement and reinstates the 30-60 day renewal notice window.

These updates restore legislative intent, simplify compliance and maintain strong consumer protections while preventing confusion, unnecessary friction and compliance risks for Maine retailers and service providers.

I look forward to addressing the Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tiffany Roberts  
State Representative

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2866

DEATH

RECORDS

Sponsor: Representative Roeder of Bangor

An Act to Require That Death Certificates of Individuals with No Fixed Address Indicate Domicile Unknown

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require that the death certificate of an individual who dies in Maine with no fixed address indicate "domicile unknown."

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**Amy Roeder**

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October 31, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2866, An Act to Require That Death Certificates of Individuals with No Fixed Address Indicate Domicile Unknown, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

In the Legislature, we spend a lot of time discussing solutions to help address homelessness. LR 2866 can help us to address this issue. Currently, Maine death certificates don't track housing status. Other states, like Oregon, are starting to track housing status as it is important for collecting data on common causes of death of those who are unhoused and can help us shape future legislation to better respond to Maine's unhoused crisis.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amy Roeder".

Amy Roeder  
State Representative

District 23: Part of Bangor

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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TAXATION

LR 2905

INCOME TAX

CREDITS

Sponsor: Senator Rotundo of Androscoggin

An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Eligible Local News Organizations

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would create an income tax credit for eligible local news organizations.

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Peggy Rotundo  
Senator, District 21

THE MAINE SENATE  
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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
Maine State House  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Speaker Fecteau,

I am writing to respectfully request that the members of the Legislative Council reconsider their decision on LR 2905, **An Act to Create an Income Tax Credit for Eligible Local News Organizations**, to allow the legislation to be addressed in the upcoming legislative session.

Local news is vital for the health, welfare, and future of Maine. Maine has lost 73 percent of its news jobs since 2000 and seen numerous local newspapers close altogether--particularly in rural communities. Accurate, trustworthy community news strengthens civic life and keeps communities connected.

Similar to other tax credits extended to businesses in Maine, this legislation provides financial assistance to newsrooms in the form of a refundable employment tax credit, with an emphasis on helping Maine's smallest community newsrooms grow. This legislation recognizes that local news is a public good, like our libraries and public parks, and deserves immediate investment to ensure its preservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Rotundo".

Senator Peggy Rotundo  
State Senator, Senate District 21  
Lewiston

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**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
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LABOR

LR 2778

JOB TRAINING  
PROGRAMS

Sponsor: Representative Sayre of Kennebunk

An Act to Adopt the Workforce Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would adopt the workforce recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force, including actively evaluating artificial intelligence's real-time effects on Maine's workers and labor markets, expanding training opportunities, readying Maine's workforce investment strategy and reemployment policies, leveraging artificial intelligence tools to expand state workforce programs, engaging workers to ensure that artificial intelligence improves careers and equipping students and trainees for the future workplace.





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November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
C/O Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
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Augusta, ME 04333

**SUBJ: Appeal of Legislative Council's Decision on LR 2778**

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

I seek to appeal the October 23, 2025 decision of the Council to reject LR 2778, "An Act to Adopt the **Workforce** Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force" (MAITF). Now that the final recommendations of MAITF have been published, I am narrowing the scope of LR 2778 to recommendation B2: "expand training opportunities that prepare Maine workers with the skills needed for an AI-enabled workplace."

Specifically, LR 2778 proposes a \$100k fund for grants to develop and deliver AI workforce training courses. This would be a competitive grant program that would support up to 4 training organizations to create and provide trainings tailored to the needs of workers at companies in Maine that need to upskill their workforce due to the adoption of AI.

An April report from the Maine DOL cites data indicating that higher-wage jobs have higher exposure to disruption by AI. Companies like Amazon have recently announced major white-collar layoffs, demonstrating that the risk of job loss is not on the horizon, it is here. The State needs to act promptly to ensure that Maine workers and employers can respond proactively to AI disruption and ensure that companies that increase productivity by adopting new technologies do not leave their workers behind. This bill will provide resources to enable companies to do that.

Respectfully,

Dan Sayre  
State Representative

District 135: Kennebunk (part)

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR 2782

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

Sponsor: Representative Sayre of Kennebunk

An Act to Adopt the Economic Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would adopt the economic recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force, including expanding entrepreneurial assistance for artificial intelligence-enabled startups, spur national leadership in artificial intelligence innovation, help private sector firms, community nonprofits and other organizations enhance cybersecurity, improve access to advanced computing resources, provide regulatory predictability and continue to strengthen the State's broadband and energy infrastructure.

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**SUBJ: Appeal of Legislative Council's Decision on LR 2782**

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

I seek to appeal the October 23, 2025 decision of the Council to reject LR 2782, "An Act to Adopt the **Economic** Recommendations of the Maine Artificial Intelligence Task Force" (MAITF). Now that the final recommendations of MAITF have been published, LR 2782 will focus on two of the final recommendations: A1 "expand entrepreneurial assistance for AI-enabled startups and other Maine businesses" and A3: "help private sector firms, community nonprofits and other organizations enhance cybersecurity."

LR2782 proposes to expand an existing program, the Maine Technology Institute's Maine Entrepreneurial Resource Corp AI training program (MERC-AI), which currently provides eligible businesses with free access to a catalog of AI training courses. LR 2782 expands MERC-AI by adding cybersecurity courses to the current range of course offerings. It also establishes a \$150,000 fund for small grants to support implementation and cybersecurity readiness, complementing the program's existing mission to provide businesses access to training in AI. The fund would support grants of \$5000 to allow eligible Maine businesses to obtain direct expert-to-entrepreneur business assistance on both AI and cybersecurity solutions through engaging with Maine-based consultants.

Respectfully,

Dan Sayre  
State Representative

District 135: Kennebunk (part)

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

LR 2666

CRIMES

MOTOR VEHICLE

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act to Prohibit a Person with an Expired Tourist Visa from Operating a Motor Vehicle in Maine

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit a person whose B-2 tourist visa has expired from operating a motor vehicle in this State.

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*132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature*  
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*Maine*  
*Senate District 2*

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November 4, 2025

The Hon. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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115 State House Station  
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Speaker Fecteau:

This letter serves as an appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2666, "*An Act To Prohibit a Person with an Expired Tourist Visa from Operating a Motor Vehicle in Maine.*"

Persons with a tourist visa can legally drive a motor vehicle in Maine using their foreign driver's license. It only seems logical that once that tourist visa has expired and the person is not in the state legally, their privilege to drive should be terminated. Addressing the issue of prohibited persons driving in Maine is of utmost importance and deserves to be acted upon in the coming months during the Second Regular Session.

I look forward to addressing the Council at its next meeting and providing more information on this very important proposal.

Sincerely,



Harold 'Trey' Stewart, III  
State Senator

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2669

MUNICIPALITIES

ORDINANCES

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act to Prohibit the Imposition of a Fine on an Owner of Commercial Rental Property Who Is Unable to Rent that Property

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would prohibit a municipality from fining an owner of commercial rental property who is unable to rent the property at market rates.

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*132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature*  
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November 4, 2025

The Hon. Ryan Fecteau, Chair  
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Speaker Fecteau:

This letter serves as an appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2669, "*An Act To Prohibit the Imposition of a Fine on an Owner of Commercial Rental Property Who Is Unable to Rent that Property.*"

I think we can all agree the real estate market has strong upswings as well as occasional plunges caused by a variety of reasons including economic downturns, increased interest rates, or a recession. Landlords should not bear the brunt of a market instability through fines imposed because they cannot lease their property.

The Legislature should address this matter in the Second Regular Session because of the rapid fluctuations in the real estate market. Pushing this matter off another year could compound financial obligations for commercial property owners who want to fill their spaces. As a realtor and in speaking with other professionals, I have never met a landlord who didn't want to rent their space. Our time should be spent on addressing the issues of why the properties are vacant – cost of doing business in Maine, crime, homelessness, public safety – rather than turn to punitive measures. It is not reasonable to castigate landlords for circumstances beyond their control.

I look forward to addressing the Council at its next meeting and providing more information on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Harold 'Trey' Stewart, III  
State Senator

# 132 Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

TAXATION

LR 2859

PROPERTY TAX  
RELIEF

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would appropriate \$40,000,000 for property tax relief for seniors.

Closely Related Carryover Req:	LD 715	Representative Milliken, N
Potential JR 217:	LD 7	Senator Bennett, R
Potential JR 217:	LD 1541	Senator Martin, J



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Speaker Fecteau:

This letter serves as an appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2859, "*An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Seniors*."

We are all very well aware of the exorbitant property tax burden Mainers share; and we, as a legislative body, have deliberated several measures in the recent past in an attempt to provide relief. In light of the growing excess revenue, my proposal would take anticipated revenue surplus (currently \$74 million) and offset property tax increases by reworking the cascade so that funds go towards reducing the property tax burden.

I look forward to addressing the Council at its next meeting and providing more information on this very important proposal.

Sincerely,



Harold 'Trey' Stewart, III  
State Senator

# 132 Legislature - Second Regular Session

## Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LR 2919

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Sponsor: Senator Stewart of Aroostook

An Act Regarding Scholarship Granting Organizations

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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### Comment

This bill would encourage the establishment in the State of scholarship granting organizations certified by the United States Internal Revenue Service and provide oversight for their operation, including registration, reporting, transparency and administration requirements.

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Speaker Fecteau:

This letter serves as an appeal of the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2919, "*An Act Regarding Scholarship Granting Organizations*."

This proposal is urgent and straightforward. It authorizes Maine to register in-state Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) so Maine families can use the new \$1,700 federal tax credit beginning in 2027 and send that money to benefit Maine students. Maine cannot wait until 2027 to act. Scholarships under this federal program can be used for education expenses, including special needs services, tutoring, books, curricula, computers, transportation, and even private school tuition.

The Department of Education and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services will need months to build an application process, verify SGOs and establish rulemaking. If we delay, the statute won't take effect until late 2027, forcing taxpayers and schools to scramble in the final quarter of that year. Donations will flow to out-of-state SGOs and benefit students in other states rather than flow to Maine's schools, draining resources that should stay here to help our students.

This measure responds to the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which passed into law in July 2025, after the legislature adjourned sine die so Maine lawmakers have not had the opportunity to consider enrollment. We need to allow lawmakers a vote on this issue in a timely fashion and keep Maine's money supporting Maine's students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Harold 'Trey' Stewart, III  
State Senator

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2843

MEDICAID

MAINECARE

Sponsor: Representative Stover of Boothbay

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Adopt and Publish Rules Regarding Rates for Home and Community-based Services Under the MaineCare Program

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	1	9	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and publish rules regarding rates for home and community-based services under the MaineCare program for which the department initiated a rate determination process in 2024.

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Closely Related Legislator Req:    LR 2760    Representative Sachs, M  
Potential JR 217:                      LD 1509    Representative Stover, H





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Legislative Council  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2843, Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Adopt and Publish Rules Regarding Rates for Home and Community-based Services Under the MaineCare Program.**

Providers of home care services have been vocal about the need for MaineCare rate increases for many years, especially for nursing care. Currently there are thousands of hours of unmet nursing services in the home care sector each month, and this is directly tied to inadequate reimbursement rates. Rates for MaineCare Sections 19, 40 and 96 services have not been updated since 2018 and were set based on data from as far back as 2012. In some cases, the reimbursement rate is only roughly half of the comparison rate.

LR 2843 would direct DHHS to publish the rates from the recently completed process and issue rules to implement the new rates. We simply cannot wait until 2027 to address this critical issue.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this proposal and further clarify its need for consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly B. Stover".

Holly B. Stover  
State Representative

District 48: Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport and Westport Island

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

JUDICIARY

LR 2844

VICTIMS OF CRIME

SEX CRIMES

Sponsor: Representative Stover of Boothbay

An Act to Increase Accountability of Those Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

Comment

This bill would establish fines on those engaged in commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The money received from the fines would be used to address issues of trafficking and exploitation and to provide individuals experiencing and survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation with supports and services.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2835 Representative Stover, H

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2918 Senator Nangle, T



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115 State House Station  
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Dear Speaker Fecteau:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of **LR 2844, An Act to Increase Accountability of Those Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims.**

We simply cannot wait another year to consider how we could better deter these heinous crimes and provide increased support for survivors.

This bill would establish fines on those engaged in commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The money received from the fines would be used to address issues of trafficking and exploitation and to provide individuals experiencing and survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation with supports and services.

I look forward to addressing the Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this proposal and further clarify its need for consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly B. Stover".

Holly B. Stover  
State Representative

District 48: Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Edgecomb, South Bristol, Southport and Westport Island

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2827

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY-BASED

Sponsor: Representative Supica of Bangor

An Act to Establish an Advisory Committee on Supporting People with Severe and Persistent Mental Health Concerns

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	Yes
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	Yes	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	2	8	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would establish an advisory committee to advise the Legislature, the Governor and state agencies on the internal structures and policies relating to support for people with severe and persistent mental health concerns who cannot otherwise be supported by community-based resources. It would also provide ombudsman services to the adults and families regarding adult protective services and guardianship.

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President Matthea Daughtry, Vice Chair  
Legislative Council  
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7 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Speaker Fecteau, President Daughtry and members of Legislative Council:

Please accept this letter as notice of my intention to appeal the Legislative Council's rejection of LR 2827, An Act to Establish an Advisory Committee on Supporting People with Severe and Persistent Mental Health Concerns, for consideration during the Second Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature.

The current structures of Maine's mental health care system are struggling to assist people with severe and persistent mental health concerns, leaving them to ultimately move through a cycle of emergency room visits, incarceration and homelessness. This bill seeks to establish an advisory committee to advise the Legislature, the Governor and other state agencies on how to improve the internal structures of the mental health care system by implementing policies that will give struggling Mainers an opportunity to receive treatment. Maine needs an Ombudsman for Adult Protective Services because too many adults who are homeless, isolated or without means have fallen through the cracks of a system that is supposed to protect them. Reports of neglect, exploitation or abuse go unanswered, and those with no one to advocate for them are left vulnerable and unseen. An independent Ombudsman would ensure that every concern is taken seriously, that investigations are thorough and fair and that the department is held accountable for its actions. The people of Maine deserve a system that treats every adult with dignity and compassion, no matter their circumstances.

I look forward to addressing Legislative Council on Nov. 20 to discuss this necessary proposal and its urgent nature. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Supica".

Laura Supica  
State Representative

District 22: Part of Bangor

**132 Legislature - Second Regular Session**  
**Bill Requests For Screening On Appeal**

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JUDICIARY

LR 2940

HUMAN RIGHTS

FREE SPEECH

Sponsor: Senator Talbot Ross of Cumberland

An Act Requiring School Boards to Develop Policies to Ensure Educators' Free Speech Rights Are Protected

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require school boards to develop policies to ensure educators' free speech rights are protected.

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Closely Related Carryover Req:    LD 426    Representative Kuhn, A



Rachel Talbot Ross  
Senator, District 28

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

November 5, 2025

Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Speaker Fecteau,

I write to appeal the Legislative Council's ruling regarding **LR 2940, An Act Requiring School Boards to Develop Policies to Ensure Educators' Free Speech Rights are Protected**. LR 2940 aims to change the current language of Title 20-A MRSA §13202 which specifically outlines the perimeters allowed for expulsion of a teacher. At current time, the statute states that "A school board, after investigation, due notice of hearing and hearing thereon, shall dismiss any teacher, although having the requisite certificate, who proves unfit to teach or whose services the board deems unprofitable to the school; and give to that teacher a certificate of dismissal and of the reasons for the dismissal, a copy of which the board shall retain. That dismissal shall not deprive the teacher of compensation for previous services." However, LR 2940 would remove the word "shall" and add the word "may." Additionally, LR 2940 would entirely remove "or whose services the board deems unprofitable to the school."

LR 2940 is not a complex bill, but it is crucial and pertinent to the strongly polarized world we are currently living in. With the way that Title 20-A MRSA §13202, a teacher will lose their job because a school board views them as "unprofitable" but that raises questions about if the school has to fire the teacher and what unprofitable means. A person who is educating our youth should be better protected by our laws. LR 2940 is just wordsmithing an already standing law but can secure one's career.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Talbot Ross".

Rachel Talbot Ross  
State Senator, District 28  
*Part of Portland, Part of the Casco Bay Islands, and the University of Southern Maine Campus*

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

LR 2726

SOLID WASTES

MANAGEMENT

Sponsor: Senator Tepler of Sagadahoc

An Act to Improve the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require the installation, by August 1, 2028, of facilities or equipment at the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town necessary to provide for the substantial drying or dewatering of wastewater treatment plant sludge received at the landfill for disposal.

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Denise Tepler  
Senator, District 24

THE MAINE SENATE  
132nd Legislature

3 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Maine Legislative Council  
115 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

To the Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to you to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2726, "**An Act to Improve the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill.**" If accepted, this bill would have the potential to bring about substantial improvements to the current wastewater treatment facilities at Juniper Ridge. This bill would be a significant step forward in protecting Maine's environment.

To prepare for the upcoming Second Session, I and many of my fellow Environment and Natural Resources Committee members toured the Juniper Ridge facility, along with several other waste management locations in the state. This bill would equip Juniper Ridge with a sludge dryer, allowing the facility to store dry waste, eliminating the out-of-state, oversized bulky waste. This makes waste management cheaper in the long run and allows for easier storage of waste. This will slow the need to expand the landfill, which Casella has already applied for a permit to do. If transportation of this waste is needed, dried sludge is much easier to move. Additionally, because the water has been removed from the waste, it also reduces the risk of runoff polluting the water sources and land surrounding the facility.

LR 2726 would offer a significant addition to not only to the Juniper Ridge facility, but to Maine's fight against pollution and PFAS contamination. I hope you will reconsider the action taken on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise Tepler", written in a cursive style.

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State Senator  
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR 2855

ELDERLY

CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITIES

Sponsor: Senator Tepler of Sagadahoc

An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Create a System of Penalties for Residential Facilities That Provide Care That Violate State Guidelines

Daughtry	Yes	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	Yes
Gramlich	No	Duson	Yes
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	3	7	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a system of penalties up to and including license removal for private nonmedical institutions, memory care facilities and nursing homes that violate state rules or guidelines regarding the safety and care of residents and in the hiring and training of staff.

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Denise Tepler  
Senator, District 24

THE MAINE SENATE  
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To the Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to you to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2855, "**An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Create a System of Penalties for Residential Facilities That Provide Care That Violate State Guidelines.**" This bill aims to better hold residential facilities accountable for violations made that have the potential to put their residents in harm's way.

There is currently no system of penalties in Maine that can hold residential homes — such as nursing homes, memory care facilities or other private nonmedical facilities — accountable for living environments that endanger the safety of their patients. This bill would allow complaints to be filed with and investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services, and if necessary, levy a penalty against the facility. These penalties could include license removal if deemed necessary by the Department.

LR 2855 will ensure that the facilities that care for some of Maine's most vulnerable residents are operating with the knowledge that there will be consequences should the living conditions not meet the standards set by the state. I hope you will reconsider your action on this piece of proposed legislation and allow the Legislature to come to a solution that will help protect elderly Mainers.

Sincerely,

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Denise Tepler  
State Senator  
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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2860

STATE GOVERNMENT

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Sponsor: Senator Tepler of Sagadahoc

Resolve, to Create a Study Commission to Improve the Health and Safety of Maine's People and Environment by Improving Communication Between Executive Branch Departments with Shared Responsibilities

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This resolve would create a study commission to improve the health and safety of Maine's people and environment by improving communication between executive branch departments with shared responsibilities.

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Denise Tepler  
Senator, District 24

**THE MAINE SENATE**  
132nd Legislature

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Augusta, Maine 04333

Maine Legislative Council  
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To the Members of the Legislative Council,

I am writing to you to appeal the Council's decision regarding LR 2860, **"Resolve, to Create a Study Commission to Improve the Health and Safety of Maine's People and Environment by Improving Communication Between Executive Branch Departments with Shared Responsibilities."**

This bill is straightforward in its goal — increase the efficiency of interdepartmental communication for state departments whose areas of responsibility overlap or otherwise require close cooperation. This bill will create a study group to examine the ways in which this goal can best be achieved and present their findings to the Legislature at a later date.

Last session, there was significant discussion around mixed material beverage containers that would have harmed the state's bottle redemption program. Better communication and collaboration between the Department of Environmental Protection and the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations could have been extremely valuable to the discussions in the Legislature. Additionally, this bill could ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education efficiently administer necessary resources to Maine children facing domestic challenges or dealing with mental health issues.

More efficient levels of communication in Maine's government are always in the best interest of our constituents, especially when that communication could affect timely action impacting their health and safety or the protection and preservation of our environment and wild spaces. I hope you will see the potential for improvement this bill offers and reconsider the action taken on this piece of proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise Tepler".

Denise Tepler  
State Senator  
District 24

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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

LR 2886

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Sponsor: Senator Tipping of Penobscot

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Medications by Requiring Public Payors to Cap Drug Reimbursement Amounts

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	No	Stewart	No
Smith	No	Harrington	No

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	0	10	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require public payors, except for MaineCare, to use the maximum fair prices for drugs negotiated by Medicare to cap reimbursement amounts. This bill would direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board with the Office of Affordable Health Care and the Maine Health Data Organization to provide an analysis of savings achieved by public payors using maximum fair prices for prescription drugs negotiated under Medicare Part D.

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Mike Tipping  
Senator, District 8

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Speaker Ryan Fecteau  
Chair of the Legislative Council  
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**RE: Letter of Appeal for LR 2886, An Act to Reduce the Cost of Medications by Requiring Public Payors to Cap Drug Reimbursement Amounts**

Speaker Fecteau:

I write to appeal the vote of the Legislative Council on my bill request for **LR 2886, An Act to Reduce the Cost of Medications by Requiring Public Payors to Cap Drug Reimbursement Amounts**. I initially requested this bill because prescription drugs do not work if Mainers cannot afford them and because a program like this could also save millions in state expenditures.

According to the 2025 Report of Findings from a Survey of Maine Voters, one out of three Mainers postponed filling (or refilling) a prescription, cut pills in half, or skipped a dose of medicine in the last year. **Why? Because they cannot afford their prescriptions drugs.** Moreover, more than half of Maine households worry about not being able to afford a prescription drug they need. Nearly half worry about not being able to afford co-pays for prescription drugs.

As requested, the bill would require Maine public payers (except for MaineCare) to utilize the "maximum fair prices" for drugs negotiated by Medicare. Maine's Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with the Office of Affordable Health Care and the Maine Health Data Organization, shall provide an analysis of savings achieved by public payors utilizing "maximum fair prices" for prescription drugs negotiated under Medicare Part D.

At a time when additional funding is necessary for so many critical programs, upper payment limits have the potential to create millions in savings to Maine's state budget. At the same time, capping drug prices will help lower out-of-pocket costs for Mainers who rely on these drugs to treat serious and chronic conditions. It can also help to address rising premium costs.

So many Mainers are struggling to afford the medicine they need. Maine should take action to improve affordability and create millions in savings for both Maine people and the State.

Sincerely,

Mike Tipping  
State Senator, Senate District 8  
*Central and Northern Penobscot County*

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2586

STATE GOVERNMENT

STATE COMMEMORATIONS

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

An Act Designating July 21st as Remembrance Day for Those Who Fish Commercially in Maine

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would designate July 21st as Remembrance Day for Those Who Fish Commercially in Maine to honor those persons of this State who fish commercially and who have lost their lives at sea, whether lobstering, digging clams, scalloping or actively participating in any other commercial fishery.

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President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing today to formally appeal your 6-4 decision on LR 2586, "An Act Designating July 21st as Remembrance Day for Those Who Fish Commercially in Maine."

I submitted this bill at the request of Liz Michaud, whose nephew Tylar Michaud was lost at sea at the age of 18 on July 21, 2023. While I never met Tylar, if you live in Downeast Maine long enough, you know someone who has either lost their life at sea or a family devastated by it. Liz, and the nonprofit group she has started to advocate for and raise awareness of safety in the commercial fishing industry, have turned grief into hope, have given the community something positive to focus their energies on, and have worked tirelessly to make sure the fishermen – all fishermen – who lost their lives in a watery, unmarked grave, did not do so in vain.

This past summer we had a major controversy locally about whether two fishermen who died trying to bring their scallop boat home at the end of the season should be included on the Lost Fishermen's Memorial in Lubec. Liz, her foundation, area fishermen, and the broader community rallied for weeks to right a wrong decision and ultimately prevailed with the two fishermen's names being etched on the Lubec monument.

While that was the right decision, the whole episode proved that Maine must do more to honor and recognize those brave souls who have lost their lives hauling traps, dragging for scallops, digging clams, or even bringing gear home on rough seas.

Governor Mills proclaimed July 21 Lost Fishermen's Memorial Day this year. We as lawmakers should follow suit and make that a permanent observance. People need to know the names of those lost at sea, the families affected by them need to be supported, and the industry as a whole needs to talk openly about the dangers those who earn a living on the water face every day.

Yes, this is simply naming a day, but as you will hear from those in the industry in the coming weeks, it is so much more than that.

I thank you for your consideration and urge you to vote to allow this legislation to move forward.

Respectfully,

Will Tuell  
House District 10

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LR 2643

COUNTY BUDGETS

OMNIBUS

Sponsor: Representative Tuell of East Machias

An Act to Require County Budgets to Be Approved by a Countywide Referendum

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	No	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	4	6	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would require that county budgets be approved by a countywide referendum prior to the start of the county's fiscal year and that a public hearing be held in each county commissioner's district prior to the referendum vote.

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Closely Related Legislator Req:    LR 2821    Representative Woodsome, D



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President Daughtry, Speaker Fecteau, Distinguished Members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing to formally appeal your 6-4 decision on LR 2643, "An Act to Require County Budgets to Be Approved by a Countywide Referendum."

I do so for two reasons – one broad and one specific.

First, the broad reason why you should allow this bill to have a public hearing. Maine has a rich tradition of local control and of citizen involvement in both the municipal and school budget process. People debate and ultimately decide on whether they wish to pass a local budget that best represents their values, either at a town meeting or through a referendum process.

Counties, however, operate under a hybrid process that does not welcome broad participation by the public, or give those most affected by county tax increases, a chance to choose whether their county government is acting in their best interests. The citizens of every county should have that choice, and this legislation would give counties time to move toward that goal by phasing it in over the next several years.

Now to the specific reason why you should allow this bill to go before the State and Local Government Committee in January.

Washington County government is in crisis. Widespread financial mismanagement over the past five years, incomplete audits since 2022, and a recognition that the people paying the bills deserve more accountability make this the right time for LR 2643 to move forward. In years past, we have heard "one off" bills from various counties demanding the same. The criticism has always been that allowing the people of a county to vote on their county's budget should not be based on ZIP Code. I would agree with that, and believe that we as lawmakers have the opportunity to create checks and balances on county government – checks and balances which already exist for schools and municipalities – so that Washington County's fiscal crisis doesn't happen again, or become the norm.

I want to close by thanking you for approving Senator Moore's bill allowing counties and municipalities to pursue federal bankruptcy protection. That is a valuable tool to have in the toolbox going forward. I hope that you can reconsider your decision on LR 2643 and give it the same strong bipartisan vote of confidence that Senator Moore achieved.

Respectfully,

Will Tuell  
House District 10

House District 10



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TRANSPORTATION

LR 2629

MOTOR CARRIERS

SAFETY

Sponsor: Representative White of Guilford

An Act to Align the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck-tractors with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act

Daughtry	No	Fecteau	No
Moonen	Yes	Pierce	No
Gramlich	No	Duson	No
Faulkingham	Yes	Stewart	Yes
Smith	Yes	Harrington	Yes

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Total:	5	5	0	0	<b>Out</b>

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Comment

This bill would align the law governing emergency equipment for trucks and truck-tractors with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act by removing references to lanterns and emergency reflectors and replacing them with references to reflective triangles.

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The Honorable Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair

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**RE: L.R. 2629, "An Act to Align the Law Governing Emergency Equipment for Trucks and Truck-tractors with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act"**

Dear Speaker Fecteau:

It is my desire to appeal the Legislative Council's decision whereby L.R. 2629 was not accepted for consideration during the Legislature's Second Regular Session.

This proposal is meant to prevent the possibility of two very real things. First, to prevent people from getting run over trying to follow a law that has been obsolete for fifty years, and secondly, to prevent the State from losing federal highway funding for failing to be in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The applicable statutory language should have been cleaned up back in the 1990s when the State joined the rest of the nation in the adoption of the Commercial Driver's License Program.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to addressing Council members' related questions and/or concerns at the upcoming meeting when appeals are to be considered. In the meantime, if you wish to discuss this legislative request with me personally, I can be reached on my mobile phone at 564-7308.

Respectfully,

James Lee White  
State Representative

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