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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

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

RE: **General Fund 2026-2027 Supplemental Budget (LD 2212)**

February 27, 2026

On February 26, 2026, the Transportation Committee held a work session and unanimously voted all initiatives:

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Timothy Nangle in cursive.

Timothy Nangle
Senate Chair

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Lydia V. Crafts
House Chair

c: Melanie Furman, OPLA
Suzanne Voynik, OFPR

Sec. A-29. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: Transfers one State Police Detective position and one SBY Specialist position from the Gambling Control Board program, 100% General Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for All Other related costs.

Ref. #: 644 Committee Vote: out 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$196,466	\$204,717
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$196,466	\$204,717

Justification:

The State Police Detective and the State Bureau of Investigation Specialist positions currently budgeted in the Gambling Control Board program are needed more urgently in State Police program due to shifting priorities. Moving both positions to the State Police account is more appropriate to reflect the job duties assigned to each position.

State Police 0291

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

Ref. #: 645 Committee Vote: out 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$70,643	\$292,501
All Other	\$0	\$13,732	\$15,026
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$84,375	\$307,527

Justification:

These positions are necessary to support the Bureau of the Capitol Police.

State Police 0291

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

Ref. #: 646 Committee Vote: out 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$498,456
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$30,052
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$528,508

Justification:

These four State Police Detective positions will be assigned to the Executive Protection Unit which is in need of additional capacity to provide security for the Governor.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 5 Senior Laboratory Scientist positions from range 29 to range 31 and related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 647

Committee Vote: Y N 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$38,933
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$38,933

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on approved Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This management-initiation range change was approved in September 2025 for the 5 Senior Laboratory Scientist positions from range 29 to range 31 and provides funding for All Other related cost.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in rent for the northern field troop barracks.

Ref. #: 648

Committee Vote: Y N 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$65,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$65,000

Justification:

The Northern Field Troop has leased their current space in Ellsworth for over twenty years. The building needs substantial work and the landlord has decided to not continue the lease. The Department has been working with the Bureau of General Services on finding a new space and they have determined that a space that meets current operational needs will cost an additional \$100,000 annually.

Ref. #: 651

Committee Vote: 70 10.0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$131,874
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$131,874

Justification:

This initiative transfers one State Police Lieutenant position from the Traffic Safety program, 100% Highway Fund to the State Police program, 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Sergeant position, 2 State Police Corporal positions and 4 State Police Trooper positions and provides funding for related All Other costs to increase coverage on the Maine Turnpike. This initiative also provides funding for 7 vehicles for those 7 positions.

Ref. #: 659

Committee Vote: 70 10.0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$241,563	\$1,040,648
All Other	\$0	\$93,573	\$190,958
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$385,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$335,136	\$1,616,606

Justification:

The Department of Public Safety and the Maine Turnpike Authority have a ten-year MOU in place that is based on Statute and dictates the relationship between the two parties. Over the past 5 years, there has been both an increase in calls for service and traffic volume necessitating an assessment of resources while Maine State Police and Maine Turnpike Authority were collaborating on the new MOU. These additional positions will enable Troop G to provide both patrol and proactive traffic enforcement such as impaired driving, distracted driving, and wrong way driving as agreed upon with Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA). Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1974, subsection 5 authorizes the MTA to pay for services provided by the Maine State Police in enforcing the laws of the State of Maine and the regulations of the MTA on the Turnpike.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$495,848	\$2,393,299
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$335,136	\$1,616,606
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$830,984	\$4,009,905