

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY  
THE 1<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE (2009)**

**Interim Studies and Short-term Committees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Appropriations Committee Streamlining of State Government Initiative	PL 213, Part QQQ	1/6/10 to Leg. Council*
Task Force on the Sustainability of the Dairy Industry in Maine	PL 213, Part TTT	12/27/09 to ACF Committee and Governor*
Commission to Study Energy Infrastructure	PL 372, Part F	12/2/09 to Legislature; UTE Committee may submit legislation
Broadband Strategy Council	Resolve 108	Not specified
Task Force to Reform Public Retirement Benefits & Eliminate Social Security Offsets.	Resolve 111	3/1/10 to Labor Committee*
Updated Study of Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System (only by outside funding)	Resolve 135	1/15/10 to Legislature, IFS Committee may submit legislation
Task Force on Kinship Families	Resolve 136	12/2/09 to 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature; HHS Committee may report out legislation
Study Commission Regarding Teachers' Compensation	Resolve 138	12/1/09 to EDU Committee*
Stakeholder Group to Review Duties of State Board of Education	Resolve 140	12/1/09 to EDU Committee*
Legal & Veterans Affairs Committee to examine expansion of slot machine and casino-style gambling	Resolve 141	LVA Authorized to report out legislation to 124 <sup>th</sup> Legislature

**New Ongoing Committees and Boards (and revised existing Boards and Commissions)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
State Board of Corrections (revised)**	PL 89	
Interagency Transportation Coordinating Committee	PL 130	2/15 annually to Governor and TRA Committee
Advisory Council on Health Systems Development (revised)	PL 179	
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women	PL 191	Biennially to Governor & Legislature
Maine HIV Advisory Committee (revised)	PL 203	
Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse (revised)	PL 257	
Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission	PL 262	1/15/10 & 1/15/11 to JUD Committee
Land Use Regulation Commission (revised)**	PL 328	
Animal Welfare Advisory Council (revised)	PL 333	
Maine Fuel Board	PL 344	
Advisory Committee on Bias-based Profiling by Law Enforcement Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies	PL 353	Beginning 2/15/10 annually to CJPS Committee & Criminal Justice Academy*
Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health	PL 355	
Marine Resources Advisory Council (revised)**	PL 369	
Efficiency Maine Trust Board**	PL 372, Part B	
Maine Potato Board (revised)	PL 379	
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission (revised)**	PL 384	
Maine Children's Growth Council (revised)	PL 392	
Board of Agriculture (revised)	PL 393	
State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children	PL 409	Annually to Legislature, Governor, Judiciary
Communities for Maine's Future Review Panel	PL 414	
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services	PL 419	Annually to Legislature, Governor & Chief Justice

**Directs a Department, Office or Committee to Conduct a Study or Review**

Name	Conducted By	Authorized By	Report Date
Report on filing fees collected by Public Advocate	Public Advocate	PL 26	1/12/12 to UTE Committee
Various reports related to MaineCare	DHHS	PL 213, Part CC	1/15/10, 10/1/10, 1/15/11 To HHS Committee
Report on Penalty Reserve within General Purpose Aid	Commissioner DOE	PL 213, Part CCCC	1/15/10 to AFA & EDU Committees*
Review gambling addiction services	DHHS, Office of Substance Abuse	PL 213, Part DDDD	3/15/10 to AFA and LVA Committees
Report on point and nonpoint sources of fecal coliform affecting shellfish areas	DMR, DEP	PL 213, Part FFFF	1/1/11 to NAT Committee*
Work group to explore issues associated with compliance related to unfunded liability for retiree health benefits	State Treasurer	PL 213, Part NN	1/15/09 to AFA Committee*
Review telecommunications personal property tax	Taxation Committee	PL 213, Part P	1/15/10 to AFA Committee*
Review Katie Beckett option for MaineCare eligibility	DHHS, DOE	PL 213, Part PP	1/1/10 to HHS & EDU Committees
Report on use of risk-based contracts within MaineCare	DHHS	PL 213, Part PPPP	4/1/10 to HHS Committee
Report on optimum configuration of public safety answering points	PUC	PL 219	2/1/10 to UTE Committee*
Report on player limits in games of chance	Chief, State Police	PL 224	2/1/10 to LVA Committee
Study issue of residential contractor licensing	DPFR	PL 261	12/1/10 to BRED Committee*
Review issues regarding 3 <sup>rd</sup> -party inspectors	Tech. Building Codes Bd.	PL 261	12/1/10 to BRED Committee*
Review of unemployment insurance program	Commissioner, DOL	PL 271	1/15/10 to LAB Committee*
Report on recycling of mercury-added lamps	DEP	PL 272	1/1/10 to NAT Committee*
Report on seaweed research and harvest in Cobscook Bay	Commissioner, DMR	PL 283	1/15/10 to MAR Committee*
Review storm water management provisions	DEP	PL 293	1/15/10 to NAT Committee*
Review statutory language regarding terms "mental retardation" or "mentally retarded"	DHHS	PL 299	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Review and evaluate financial impact of mandated health insurance required in PL 307	DPFR	PL 307	2/1/13 to IFS Committee*
Review current framework for funding investigations and cleanup of tank-related oil discharges	DEP	PL 319	1/15/10 to NAT Committee*
Report on Progress Treatment Program	DHHS	PL 321	1/1/10 to HHS Committee

Report on changes to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System	MPERS	PL 322	1/10/10 to LAB Committee*
Review of online learning initiatives	DOE	PL 330	1/1/10 to EDU Committee*
Report on the use of parenting coordinators in domestic relations actions	Supreme Court	PL 345	3/1/10 JUD Committee*
Report on health care payment reform	Adv. Council on Health Systems Dev.	PL 350	1/15/10 to IFS & HHS Committees*
Report on initiating pilot program to examine agricultural districts	Commissioner, Agriculture	PL 356	2/15/11 to ACF Committee
Report on development of "Farming for Maine" program	Commissioner, Agriculture	PL 356	2/1/11 to ACF Committee
Review existing municipal ordinances to protect farmland	SPO and Agriculture	PL 356	12/1/09 to ACF Committee
Report on summary data of sentinel events and use of health care facilities	DHHS	PL 358	To HHS Committee*
Task Force to Advance Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Independence at State Facilities	Commissioner, DAFS	PL 372, Part I	12/1/09 to Governor and UTE & SLG Committees*
Stakeholder group to develop recommendations for ME drinking water fund	DHHS & DEP	PL 377	2/1/10 to UTE Committee*
Report on ME residents property tax program	State Tax Assessor	PL 382	1/15/12 to TAX Committee*
Report on 2010 tax data and revenue projections	State Tax Assessor	PL 382	11/1/11 to TAX Committee*
Review trade agreement and potential impact on State	Citizen Trade Policy Commission	PL 385	May submit Legislation
Report on registration by non-profits for fund raising	Chief of State Police	PL 386	1/1/11 to LVA Committee
Report on implementation of statewide HealthInfoNet project	Health Policy and Finance Office	PL 387	1/15/11 to HHS Committee
Report on (phase-in) & foreclosure mediation program	Supreme Judicial Court	PL 402	2/15/10 & 2/15/13 to IFS Committee*
Review provisions and processes of taking possession of abused animals	Commissioner, Agriculture	PL 403	12/9/09 to ACF Committee*
Report on the sale of lifetime licenses	Commissioner, IFW	PL 404	1/5/11 to IFW Committee*
Report on solid waste management system	DEP & SPO	PL 412	1/5/09 reported to NAT Committee/authorized to report out legislation 2 <sup>nd</sup> session
Report on recycling rulemaking	DEP	PL 412	2/1/10 to NAT Committee*
Highway system classification simplification study	DOT	PL 413	1/15/10 to TRA Committee*
Review E-9-1-1 surcharge revenue	UTE Committee	PL 416	May submit legislation
Report on directing fines from tribal law enforcement	Judicial	PL 417	1/15/12 to AFA & JUD Committees
Report on home-based and community-based care	DHHS	PL 420	1/1/10 to HHS Committee
Review of State litter control laws	CJPS Committee	PL 424	May submit legislation

Review laws governing nursing facility projects	DHHS	PL 429	2/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Review on number of commemorative decals listed in MRSA 29-A, s. 523 issues	Sec. of State	PL 437	2/28/10 to TRA Committee*
Report on ways to improve State's health insurance market	Supt. Of Insurance	PL 439	2/1/10 to IFS Committee*
Promotion of regional energy conservation & renewable energy initiatives	PUC	Resolve 7	12/1/09 include in annual report
Research federal funding sources for nursing education loan repayment program	DHHS, DOL,DOE	Resolve 11	1/1/10 to HHS, EDU and LAB Committees
Stakeholder group to evaluate the options and actions available to prepare for climate change	DEP	Resolve 16	2/27/10 to NAT Committee*
Review existing commercial outdoor lighting standards	SPO	Resolve 22	1/15/10 to BRED Committee
Study issues surrounding the harvest of bait fish in territorial waters	Commissioner of DMR	Resolve 23	1/4/10 to MAR Committee*
Pilot program for early voting	SOS	Resolve 24	1/15/10 to the LVA Committee*
Identification of border of the State residents who fail to pay excise taxes in Maine	State Tax Assessor	Resolve 27	1/15/11 to TAX Committee*
Develop pilot program to provide coordination between UMS and MCCS	USM, UMA, SMCC, KVCC	Resolve 28	1/1/10 to EDU Committee*
Develop proposal to establish standard for credentialing of Braille transcribers and assistants	DOE	Resolve 29	12/3/09 to EDU Committee*
Development of written policies regarding employees accessing private woodland, farmland or coastal lands	IFW, DEP, DMR, AG, DOC	Resolve 30	1/15/10 to ACF Committee*
Review of management risks of surface uses on public water supplies	DHHS	Resolve 32	1/5/10 to NAT Committee*
Review of "edentulous arch" in denturists rules	Bd. of Dental Examiners	Resolve 34	1/30/10 to BRED Committee
Develop non-wildlife management plan for Swan Island and Little Swan Island in Perkins Township	IFW and DOC	Resolve 35	2/1/10 IFW Committee*
Working group to study equine husbandry practices	Commissioner Agriculture	Resolve 36	1/15/10 ACF Committee*
Development of methodology to determine new unfunded requirements within Dept. of IFW	Commissioner IFW	Resolve 38	1/5/10 to IFW Committee*
Stakeholder working group to review needs and funding solutions for blind and visually impaired individuals	Commissioner Labor	Resolve 39	1/31/10 to LAB & EDU Committees
Study ways to reduce energy use and promote efficiency along major transportation corridors	DOT	Resolve 42	1/31/10 to TRA & NAT Committees*
Evaluation of sport fishing program	Commissioner IFW	Resolve 47	1/31/10 to IFW Committee*
Study opportunities and issues regarding wild turkeys	Commissioner IFW	Resolve 48	1/5/10 to IFW Committee*
Examine options for on-bill financing programs for energy	PUC	Resolve 49	1/15/10 to UTE Committee*

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Study to enhance Maine's recreational fishing economy	IFW	Resolve 50	1/15/10 to IFW Committee*
Study of aging and outdated long-term care facilities	DHHS	Resolve 52	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Implementation of plan to assist private sellers of firearms	Dept. of Public Safety	Resolve 53	2/1/10 to CJPS Committee
Working group to design and implement statewide disposable checkout bag reduction campaign	SPO	Resolve 54	1/15/10 to NAT Committee*
Examination of accuracy of election results	SOS	Resolve 55	2/15/20 to LVA Committee*
Stakeholders to develop common protocols for use and administration of controlled substances	Bd. of Licensure in Medicine	Resolve 56	2/1/10 to BRED Committee*
Review of emerging technologies and laws regarding incinerators	DEP	Resolve 57	1/5/10 to NAT Committee*
Review team to review use of deadly force and amend minimum standards	ME Criminal Justice Academy, Bd. of Trustees	Resolve 58	1/15/11 to CJPS Committee
Working group to establish a process to collect child support debts through gambling payment intercept	DHHS	Resolve 60	1/15/10 to JUD Committee*
Working group to establish a process to increase protection for victims of domestic violence	Dept. of Corrections	Resolve 61	1/15/10 to CJPS Committee*
Working group to identify regulatory barriers for an identified business sector in the state	DECD	Resolve 62	12/15/09 to BRED Committee*
Development of best management practices for poultry production	Dept. of Agriculture	Resolve 63	1/15/10 to ACF Committee*
Results of selecting grant recipients for feasibility studies of renewable energy projects	PUC	Resolve 65	4/1/10 Interim; 12/31/11 Final report to UTE Committee
Working group to examine hospital data reporting regarding operating expenses	ME Health Data Organization & Gov's Office of Health Policy	Resolve 66	1/1/10 to HHS Committee*
Develop pilot programs for oral health screenings for children	Commissioners, DHHS & DOE	Resolve 67	2/15/10 to HHS & EDU Committees*
Working group to review Maine registry of certified nursing assistants	DHHS	Resolve 68	1/1/10 to HHS, CJPS Committees*
Stakeholder group to study practices of new utility line extension construction	PUC	Resolve 69	2/15/10 to UTE Committee*
Study safety measures relating to open trenches and excavations	DOT	Resolve 70	2/1/10 to TRA Committee*
Study group to review role of economic development incentives in unorganized territory	DECD	Resolve 71	1/15/10 to TAX Committee*
Study issues of homeless veterans	Director, Bureau of ME Veterans' Services	Resolve 72	1/15/10 to LVA Committee*
Sunrise review of proposal to license wetland scientists	DPFR	Resolve 73	2/15/10 to BRED Committee*

Sunrise review of proposal to license certain mechanical trades	DPFR	Resolve 74	2/15/10 to BRED Committee*
Develop stakeholder watercraft safety education plan	IFW	Resolve 76	1/5/10 to IFW Committee*
Study connections between higher education and early childhood education	ME Children's Growth Council	Resolve 77	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Report on demonstration project to provide access to fitness programs for state employees	Office of Employee Health & Benefits	Resolve 78	2/1/10 to IFS Committee*
Working group on prevention & treatment of concussive head injuries in student-athletes	Commissioner DOE	Resolve 79	3/1/10 to EDU Committee*
Study of a Potato variety demonstration of resistance to Colorado potato beetle	ME Potato Breeding Program, U of M	Resolve 80	12/15/09 to ACF Committee
Stakeholder group to examine cogeneration energy zones & promote cogeneration at Maine sawmills	Office of Energy Independence	Resolve 81	2/15/10 to UTE Committee*
Working group to review domestic violence and firearms	Commissioner, Public Safety	Resolve 86	1/15/10 to CJPS Committee*
Develop recommendations on ethical standards for executive branch	Ethics Commission	Resolve 88	12/2/09 to LA Committee*
Develop plan for SPO reorganization	SPO	Resolve 89	2/1/10 to SLG Committee*
Develop voluntary model contract to assist, artists, galleries and dealers	Attorney General	Resolve 92	2/1/10 to BRED Committee
Develop action plan on health disparities of the Passamaquoddy Tribe & Washington County	DHHS	Resolve 93	1/15/11 to HHS Committee*
Conduct pilot program for ongoing absentee voter status	SOS	Resolve 94	2/15/11 to LVA Committee*
Review adjustments in school funding formula for units eligible for minimum state share	Education Research Institute	Resolve 95	1/15/10 to EDU Committee*
Work group to review status of direct support providers	LAB & HHS Commissioners	Resolve 96	12/15/09 to LAB Committee*
Examine low-profit limited liability companies	SOS, Bureau of Corp., Elections & Commissions	Resolve 97	1/15/1- to JUD Committee*
Make recommendations regarding efforts to promote science, technology, engineering and math education	DOE, UMS	Resolve 98	12/15/09 to EDU Committee*
Review policies & rules regarding training and education on dating violence prevention	DOE	Resolve 99	3/1/10 to EDU Committee
Study program models for children with autism	DOE	Resolve 100	1/29/1- to EDU Committee*
Development of form & review of procedures related to ME Estate Tax	DAFS, Bureau of Revenue Services	Resolve 101	1/15/10 to TAX Committee*
Stakeholder group regarding sale of real property in City of Hallowell	Commissioner, DAFS	Resolve 102	2/1/10 to SLG Committee
Advisory stakeholder group to develop implementation plan for shared decision making program	Maine Quality Forum	Resolve 104	2/1/10 to HHS, IFS Committees 2/1/11 Final Report to HHS, IFW*

Working group to examine concepts from family & consumer science for achieving educational goals	Commissioner, DOE	Resolve 105	4/1/10 to EDU Committee
Working group to study farm-to-school initiatives and programs	DOE, DHHS, Agriculture Departments	Resolve 106	2/1/10 to EDU,ACF, HHS Committees
Identify long-term funding sources for IFW programs	Dept. of IFW	Resolve 107	1/5/10 to IFW Committee*
Review alternative compensation models established in other states for teachers and school administrators	DOE	Resolve 109	1/15/10 to EDU Committee 1/15/12 to EDU Committee
Review & identify ways to advance State's business climate & improve regulatory systems	ME Regulatory Fairness Board	Resolve 110	2/15/10 to BRED Committee* 1/15/11 to BRED Committee*
Review data discrepancies & evaluate steps to better serve children with brain injuries	DOE	Resolve 112	2/15/10 to EDU Committee*
Working group to examine rules, training requirement and compliance regarding tanning booths	DHHS	Resolve 119	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Study domestic violence & parental rights & responsibilities	ME Commission on Domestic & Sexual Abuse	Resolve 120	2/1/10 to JUD Committee*
Statute, rule & policy review of Mental Retardation, Pervasive Dev. Disorders, & Cognitive Dev. Disorders	DHHS	Resolve 123	1/15/10 to HHS Committee*
Working group to arrange for a plaque in Hall of Flags to honor women veterans of Maine	Bureau of ME's Veterans Services	Resolve 129	1/15/10 to LVA Committee & Leg. Council
Study of environmental effects of laws and programs regarding recycling	SPO, Agriculture, DEP, DECD, MMA	Resolve 130	1/15/10, 11 & 12 to BRED Committee
Report on outreach and education program regarding renewable energy	PUC & U of M	Resolve 131	4/1/10 & 12/31/11 to UTE Committee
Review of potential legal impacts of international trade agreements with regard to groundwater resources	Land & Water Resources Council, Attorney General & Citizen Trade Policy Commission	Resolve 132	1/1/10 to NAT Committee*
Stakeholder group to implement building energy efficiency rating system	PUC	Resolve 134	2/1/10 to UTE Committee
Working group to study landlord & tenant issues	MSHA	Resolve 137	1/15/10 to LVA Committee*

\*Authorized to submit legislation.

\*\*Requires confirmation by Legislature