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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**128th Legislature
Legislative Council**

**November 30, 2017
10:00 AM**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
October 26, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Gideon called the October 26, 2017 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 10:32 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Thibodeau, Senator Mason, Senator Cushing, and Senator Jackson and Senator Libby

Representatives: Speaker Gideon, Representative Herbig, Representative Golden, Representative Fredette and Representative Espling

Legislative Officers: Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology

Speaker Gideon convened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for September 19, 2017 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, submitted the following written report.

1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The new security cards have been received and we are in the process of updating photos for staff. We will be using the existing photos on file for Legislators until next Legislature begins. We hope to complete the updating of photos in the next couple of weeks and the new cards will be processed in a batch for distribution. Once the new cards are distributed, the card readers will be updated over a weekend to complete the transition. The tentative time frame for transition is a weekend in mid-November. Once the card readers have been replaced, we will be establishing a process to get the new cards to Legislators or others who did not receive their new card before the transition of the card readers. The old access cards will not work with the new card readers, so Legislators and staff must get their new card before they can access the building after hours or through entrances other than the main entrance. We are looking at arranging it with the Legislative Information Office to hold the new cards for Legislators and staff who did not get them before transition. Therefore, they can pick them up prior to having to go through security screening.

2. RFP for MELD Bill Production System Replacement

We have held the second demonstrations with the top 2 bidders for the MELD Bill Production System Replacement project and our IT staff had technical question and answer sessions with both of the bidders. We will be meeting soon to review our findings and develop recommendations.

3. NCSL Job Classification and Compensation Study

NCSL is currently reviewing comprehensive surveys filled out by staff that were due Friday, October 20th. They will soon be scheduling interviews with individual staff for their Maine visit during the week of November 13th to the 17th.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, submitted the following written report.

1. General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$356.3	\$377.0	\$20.7	5.8%	\$368.9	2.2%
FYTD	\$894.0	\$927.7	\$33.7	3.8%	\$904.4	2.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$20.7 million (5.8%) for the month of September and over budget by \$33.7 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$8.5 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$18.7 million. As with the month of August, strong withholding and estimated payments contributed to the positive variance. Sales and use taxes for September (August sales) were under budget by \$0.7 million for the month but over budget by \$3.9 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$7.7 million in September and over

budget by \$10.2 million for the fiscal year to date. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget (less transferred than budgeted) by \$3.2 million in September largely due to the timing of BETR transfers.

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission is scheduled to meet on October 27th to review and update its current economic forecast. The Revenue Forecasting Committee will then meet in late November to review and update the current revenue forecast.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$26.8	\$27.5	\$0.6	2.4%	\$26.6	3.2%
FYTD	\$87.1	\$85.9	(\$1.2)	-1.4%	\$87.5	-1.9%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.6 million (2.4%) for the month of September but under budget by \$1.2 million (1.4%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive monthly variance occurred in the Fuel Taxes and Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees revenue lines. The fiscal year to date negative variance continues to be the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for September was \$1,143.5 million, up from August's average of \$1,102.9 million and well above both last year's average balance for September and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in September. The average Highway Fund balance of \$29.8 million in September decreased from August's average of \$37.2 million as a result of construction season spending.

Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, submitted the written report found in the agenda packet. Several studies have work in progress. Some are still waiting for appointments to be completed. Some of the committees have held recent work sessions and public hearings.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

No Report

2. State House Facilities Committee

Representative Herbig presented the State House Facilities Committee report. The committee met on October 25th, to consider the following items.

1. State Postal Delivery Changes

The committee received an update from Andrew Giroux, Director, Central Services about changes to postal deliveries to state facilities including the State House and presented some

options for developing a single postal delivery and pick up location inside the State House. The committee directed the Executive Director to continue to explore options for this single location in the State House.

2. State House Parking – Handicapped Parking

Chief Gauvin of Capitol Police provided an update of the recent efforts at State Facilities to bring all parking spaces into complete ADA compliance as an example for other facilities around the State.

3. Artist Selection Committee Recommendations

The committee received a report from the Artist Selection Committee with their recommendations for the artwork to reuse the copper from the State House dome. The Artist Selection Committee recommended two artists for two different locations inside the State House, one above the Law Library door and the other on wall of the exit corridor at the main entrance. The selection committee felt that since these wonderful pieces of art did not require much of the available copper, there was an opportunity to do both and still have some pieces to sell to others interested in using the rough copper from the dome. The committee unanimously agreed with the acceptance of the artists' proposals and to provide funding from the State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund and is recommending that the Council adopt this recommendation.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the State House Facilities Committee the Legislative Council approve the recommendations of the Artist Selection Committee for the reuse of the copper from the State House dome and accept the proposals of two artists for projects in two locations inside the State House and that the funding for the artist costs be allocated from the funds appropriated to the State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by Senator Libby. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

4. Gold Star Memorial in Capitol Park

John Kelly presented a proposal for a Maine committee that is spearheading a fundraising effort for a Maine Gold Star Family Memorial. Their proposal is to locate this new memorial next to the Maine Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park. The committee also heard from Earle Shettleworth, the State Historian, on the history of the park and the statutory guidance established for Capitol Park. The committee recommended that this proposal be referred to the full Council to review and discuss the details of this proposal.

The committee also discuss two related matters, flying a new Killed in Action flag at the State House and the placement of a statue of a soldier from Maine somewhere near the State House. After discussing these two matters, the committee tabled them and directed Mr. Pennoyer to work with those presenting these proposals to further develop these proposals and report back to the committee.

5. Parking Lot O – Flag Poles from State House Low Domes

Mr. Pennoyer presented some background on the flag poles that were replaced on the State House's low domes that have been stored very poorly at one end of Parking Lot O. In preparation for the renovation of that parking lot next year, Mr. Pennoyer sought guidance on what to do with these flag poles. The committee recommended that Mr. Pennoyer reach out to Camp Sunshine that had previously expressed an interest in the flag poles. If Camp Sunshine is

not interested, Mr. Pennoyer should seek out other interested parties, before considering using state surplus property sale if no interest after a few months.

6. Review of Multi-year Plan for State House Maintenance and Improvements

Mr. Pennoyer provided an overview of the proposals in the Multi-year Plan for State House Maintenance and Improvements. The committee unanimously recommended adoption of the multi-year plan by the Council.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the State House Facilities Committee the Legislative Council approves the maintenance and improvement projects as summarized in the 2017 update of the Maine State House and Grounds Multi-Year Plan for Maintenance and Improvements. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by Senator Libby. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Task Force on Health Care Coverage Outside Funding

The Council has received more outside funds for the Task Force on Health Care Coverage to approve. This study is unique in that it covers two fiscal years. The Task Force has raised \$7,379 of the \$9,364 required to cover the total estimated costs of the study. The remaining \$1,985 must be raised and accepted before June 30, 2018 or the work of the task force may not continue after that date.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accepts the outside funding of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage. Motion by Speaker Gideon. Second by President Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Suggested Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests

Speaker Gideon and Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the procedures the Council will follow in deciding legislator bill requests.

Item #2: Consideration of Legislative Bill Requests for Introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on two hundred sixty-eight (268) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized sixty-three (63) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, tabled three (3) bill requests and declined to authorize two hundred two (202) bill requests. Four (4) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

Item #3: Legislative Council Meeting Schedule for 2018

Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Legislative Council for 2018.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the 2018 Legislative Council meeting schedule. Motion by Speaker Gideon. Second by President Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #4: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 128th Legislature, Second Regular Session

Mr. Hunt submitted the proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for the 128th Legislature, Second Regular Session for the Legislative Council's approval.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the Document Fee Schedule for the 128th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session. Motion by Representative Espling. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #5: Request from the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to Extend its Reporting Deadline

The Legislative Council received a request from the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to extend its reporting deadline from December 6th to January 15th. Since they were unable to begin meeting until October 19th, the Task Force feels that they do not have enough time to hold all five of their meetings and complete their report by December 6th.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request by the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovate Approaches to Services to extend its reporting deadline to January 15, 2018. Motion by Representative Fredette. Second by Representative Espling. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

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With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY		
LR 2493	Representative Dunphy of Old Town An Act To Reinstate Part-time State Park Ranger Positions	FAILED
LR 2508	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Facilitate the Adoption of Dogs and Cats That Have Been in the Possession of Publicly Funded Research Facilities	FAILED
LR 2520	Representative Hickman of Winthrop An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Laws To Clarify Local Authority Regarding Meat and Poultry Products	FAILED
LR 2569	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations	FAILED
LR 2682	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Keeping of a Dangerous Dog	FAILED
LR 2740	Senator Dow of Lincoln Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site	FAILED
LR 2741	Senator Jackson of Aroostook Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Transfer Land in the Town of Washburn	FAILED
LR 2742	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues	FAILED
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2475	Representative Devin of Newcastle An Act To Improve the Research Capabilities of State Employees	FAILED
LR 2481	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment	FAILED

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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2533	Representative Pickett of Dixfield An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits	FAILED
LR 2600	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants	FAILED
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2472	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund	FAILED
LR 2483	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement	FAILED
LR 2484	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Ensure Transparency in Acquisition of Military Equipment by Law Enforcement Agencies	FAILED
LR 2492	Representative Gerrish of Lebanon An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State	FAILED
LR 2494	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Require Cameras in Ambulances	FAILED
LR 2497	Representative Martin of Eagle Lake An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property	PASSED
LR 2499	Senator Rosen of Hancock An Act To Prohibit the Wearing of a Mask or Hood or Otherwise Disguising a Person's Identity While Participating in a Protest, Demonstration or Riot	FAILED
LR 2502	Representative Tuell of East Machias An Act To Fund the Downeast Correctional Facility	PASSED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2526	Representative Fay of Raymond An Act To Protect Working and Service Animals	PASSED
LR 2527	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Strengthen the Laws Regarding Child Abuse	FAILED
LR 2547	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Establish the Crimes of Forced Labor and Aggravated Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code	PASSED
LR 2560	Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Increase the Penalty for Visual Sexual Aggression against a Child	PASSED
LR 2563	Senator Maker of Washington An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents	FAILED
LR 2580	Representative Talbot Ross of Portland An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes	FAILED
LR 2599	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Strengthen Crime Victims' Rights	PASSED
LR 2605	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands	FAILED
LR 2614	Speaker Gideon of Freeport An Act To Enhance Safety for Victims of Sexual Assault and Stalking	PASSED
LR 2621	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement	FAILED

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY		
LR 2629	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle	FAILED
LR 2630	Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Prohibit Female Genital Mutilation and To Provide Education and Outreach Regarding Female Genital Mutilation	FAILED
LR 2647	Representative Talbot Ross of Portland An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs	FAILED
LR 2656	Representative Nadeau of Winslow An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Offenses against the Person	PASSED
LR 2675	Representative Guerin of Glenburn An Act To Waive the Fee for Attendance at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for Former Military Police Officers	PASSED
LR 2701	Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland An Act To Protect the Privacy of Conversations	FAILED
LR 2716	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them	FAILED
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2455	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Allow an Alternative Method To Make Up School Days Cancelled Due to Inclement Weather	FAILED
LR 2456	Representative Handy of Lewiston An Act To Restore Maine's School-based Health Centers	PASSED
LR 2464	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Shorten the Residency Requirements for In-state Tuition	PASSED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2477	Senator Rosen of Hancock Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono	FAILED
LR 2479	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches	FAILED
LR 2495	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools	PASSED
LR 2512	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Restore the Funding of School-based Health Centers	FAILED
LR 2522	Representative Perry of Calais An Act To Restore Funding for School-based Health Clinics	FAILED
LR 2525	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Allow Veterans Free Admission to the Maine State Museum	PASSED
LR 2542	Senator Maker of Washington An Act Forbidding Food Shaming, Food Denial and the Use of Food as Discipline Involving Any School-aged Child in Maine's Public Schools	PASSED
LR 2546	Representative Golden of Lewiston Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Adopt Protocols Designed To Prevent Youth Suicide	PASSED
LR 2558	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget	PASSED
LR 2576	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine	FAILED
LR 2577	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling	FAILED

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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2590	Representative Kornfield of Bangor An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	FAILED
LR 2591	Representative Kornfield of Bangor An Act To Ensure the Successful Implementation of Proficiency-based Diplomas by Extending the Timeline for Phasing in Their Implementation	PASSED
LR 2659	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards	FAILED
LR 2702	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Increase Access to the Aspirations Program for Students Returning to High School To Earn a Diploma	FAILED
LR 2751	Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor An Act To Identify Representatives of Regional School Management and Leadership Centers as Public Employers and To Establish Collective Bargaining Provisions for Regional School Management and Leadership Centers	FAILED
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2474	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act Regarding a Biomass-generated Energy Purchase and Sale Agreement and Payments to Contractors	PASSED
LR 2503	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Provide for the Discontinuance of Water to Customers Who Fail To Pay Their Sewer Usage Fees	FAILED
LR 2534	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Group Homes in the Northern Part of the State	PASSED
LR 2538	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Distributed Energy and To Eliminate Gross Metering	PASSED

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2584	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Eliminate Gross Metering for Energy Generation	FAILED
LR 2585	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Modify the Method of Notification by a Utility for Trimming of Trees	FAILED
LR 2594	Representative Rykerson of Kittery An Act To Revise the Renewable Portfolio Standard Laws To Require Certain Hydropower Facilities To Qualify as Class I Resources	PASSED
LR 2603	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Protect the Right To Self-generate Electricity	FAILED
LR 2608	President Thibodeau of Waldo Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry	PASSED
LR 2613	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Facilitate Wireless Broadband Deployment in Maine	PASSED
LR 2620	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Update the Laws Regarding the Provision of Telecommunications Services for Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing	FAILED
LR 2706	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers	FAILED
LR 2712	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Allow Hydropower Facilities To Sell Power Directly to Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Sites	PASSED
LR 2749	Representative Warren of Hallowell An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter	PASSED

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ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY		
LR 2775	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"	FAILED
LR 2786	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs	FAILED
LR 2787	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors	FAILED
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2551	Representative White of Washburn An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage	FAILED
LR 2568	Representative Hanington of Lincoln An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers	FAILED
LR 2570	Representative Martin of Sinclair An Act To Reduce the Minimum Population Threshold a Municipality Must Attain in Order To Have More Than One Redemption Center	FAILED
LR 2578	Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Repeal the Requirement That an Initiator of Deposit Register the Container Label of a Returnable Beverage Container	FAILED
LR 2632	Representative Espling of New Gloucester An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits	FAILED
LR 2686	Representative Harlow of Portland An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Groundwater during the Metallic Mineral Mining Process .	FAILED

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES		
LR 2779	Representative Chapman of Brooksville An Act To Include the Natural Resources Protection Act in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	FAILED
LR 2781	Representative Chapman of Brooksville An Act To Include the Site Location of Development Laws in the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	FAILED
LR 2785	Representative Chapman of Brooksville An Act To Limit Eligibility for a Metallic Mineral Mining Permit	FAILED
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2460	Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Prohibit Price Gouging on Essential Off-patent or Generic Drugs	FAILED
LR 2466	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially	FAILED
LR 2500	Representative Denno of Cumberland An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy	FAILED
LR 2501	Representative Hymanson of York Resolve, To Study Best Practices for Helping Adults with Developmental Disabilities	FAILED
LR 2517	Senator Maker of Washington An Act To Require a Police Report When a Person Is Treated with Medication To Reverse an Overdose	FAILED
LR 2521	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences	FAILED
LR 2532	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine	FAILED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2539	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Reduce Dependency on Medication-assisted Treatment	FAILED
LR 2545	Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications	FAILED
LR 2553	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products and for Enhanced Prescriber Communications for the Substitution of Generic Drugs and Interchangeable Biological Products	FAILED
LR 2561	Representative Malaby of Hancock Resolve, To Require the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Study of MaineCare Reimbursement Rates for Assistive Technology Assessments	FAILED
LR 2562	Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis	FAILED
LR 2564	Senator Mason of Androscoggin An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older	FAILED
LR 2579	Representative Talbot Ross of Portland An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights	FAILED
LR 2592	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Require Legislative Authorization for the Location and Funding of Secure Forensic Rehabilitation Facilities or Secure Assisted Rehabilitation Facilities	FAILED
LR 2622	Representative Corey of Windham An Act To Allow Qualifying Medicaid Recipients To Hire Spouses and Legal Guardians	PASSED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2623	Senator Millett of Cumberland An Act To Protect Children in Child Care	FAILED
LR 2648	Senator Breen of Cumberland An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs	FAILED
LR 2654	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs	FAILED
LR 2664	Senator Hamper of Oxford An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	FAILED
LR 2665	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic	FAILED
LR 2687	Representative Jorgensen of Portland Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals	PASSED
LR 2689	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Require Chaplaincy Staff at Certain Hospitals in the State	FAILED
LR 2692	Representative Grignon of Athens An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region	FAILED
LR 2700	Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers	FAILED
LR 2704	Representative Parker of South Berwick An Act To Allow the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Access to Investigations and Mortality Reviews Performed by the Department of Health and Human Services	PASSED

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2705	Representative Parker of South Berwick An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act	FAILED
LR 2707	Senator Keim of Oxford Resolve, To Study Medical Records Retention in Light of the Emerging Survivorship Field	FAILED
LR 2713	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals	FAILED
LR 2720	Representative Warren of Hallowell An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services	FAILED
LR 2724	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services	FAILED
LR 2725	Representative Farnsworth of Portland Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office To Develop a Proposal Designed To Improve the Process of Competency Evaluations	FAILED
LR 2743	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Support Vulnerable Seniors by Funding Assisted Living Programs	PASSED
LR 2744	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project	FAILED
LR 2747	Speaker Gideon of Freeport An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training	FAILED

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		Action
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
LR 2748	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program	FAILED
LR 2750	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases	FAILED
LR 2755	Representative Vachon of Scarborough An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services	FAILED
LR 2762	Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Clarify Authority Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers	PASSED
LR 2764	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Provide Protection for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injuries	FAILED
LR 2773	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Increase Access to Community-based Child Care for Maine's Workforce	FAILED
LR 2778	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families	FAILED
INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2482	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Boats	FAILED
LR 2496	Representative Duchesne of Hudson An Act To Rename the Coast of Maine Wildlife Management Area as the Alan E. Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area	PASSED
LR 2504	Representative Stearns of Guilford An Act To Amend the Term of Suspension of a Hunting License for a Conviction of Hunting Deer over Bait	FAILED

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INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE		
LR 2518	Representative Zeigler of Montville An Act To Impose a 3-year Moratorium on Allowing Anadromous Fish Species in Sheepscot Pond in Palermo and To Study the Consequences of Allowing Anadromous Fish Species To Enter Sheepscot Pond	PASSED
LR 2601	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Applicants for a Guide License Submit to a Background Check	FAILED
LR 2604	Senator Cushing of Penobscot An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm	FAILED
LR 2617	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Eliminate the Prohibition on Feeding or Baiting Deer during Certain Parts of the Year	FAILED
LR 2646	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement	FAILED
LR 2694	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State	FAILED
LR 2756	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Increase the Number of Any-deer Permits Distributed to Senior Hunters	FAILED
LR 2777	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Support Maine Guides	FAILED
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2458	Representative Fecteau of Biddeford An Act Regarding Accounts Opened for Minors at Financial Institutions	FAILED

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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES		
LR 2459	Representative Fecteau of Biddeford An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes	PASSED
LR 2467	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Cap Insurance Rate Hikes	FAILED
LR 2489	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Protect Patients with Preexisting Health Conditions	FAILED
LR 2544	Representative Foley of Wells An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers	FAILED
LR 2739	Senator Carpenter of Aroostook An Act To Protect Consumers from Bank Overdraft Fees by Prohibiting Resequencing	PASSED
LR 2788	Representative Lawrence of South Berwick An Act To Amend the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association Act To Improve Market Stability for Maine Residents Purchasing Individual Health Insurance Coverage	PASSED
JUDICIARY		
LR 2463	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Set 16 Years of Age as the Minimum Age for Marriage	FAILED
LR 2476	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents	FAILED
LR 2514	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Alteration of Birth Certificates of Transgender Maine Residents	FAILED
LR 2537	Representative Cardone of Bangor An Act To Revise the Grandparents Visitation Act	PASSED

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JUDICIARY		
LR 2628	Representative Moonen of Portland An Act To Amend the Laws Affecting the Judicial Branch Regarding Civil Railroad Trespass Violations	PASSED
LR 2652	Senator Rosen of Hancock An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents	FAILED
LR 2695	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities	FAILED
LR 2696	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act	FAILED
LR 2698	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	FAILED
LR 2699	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians An Act To Establish Representation for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in the Senate	FAILED
LR 2723	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Protect Children Subject to Custody and Visitation Decisions from Domestic Abuse	FAILED
LR 2772	Representative Tepler of Topsham An Act To Protect Consumers from Unscrupulous Contractors and Repair Persons	FAILED

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
LR 2506	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Support Funding for Workforce Development in Maine	TABLED
LR 2507	Representative Bailey of Saco An Act To Enhance Protections for Certified Search Team Members Regarding Work Absences	FAILED
LR 2515	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Increase Wage Transparency	FAILED
LR 2516	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Prevent Employers from Testing for Marijuana Use or Denying Employment on the Basis of Marijuana Use	FAILED
LR 2523	Representative Perry of Calais An Act To Ensure Federal Funding for Job Training Services	TABLED
LR 2541	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State	FAILED
LR 2549	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits	FAILED
LR 2550	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits	FAILED
LR 2582	Representative Mastraccio of Sanford An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zones	FAILED
LR 2586	Senator Dow of Lincoln An Act To Extend the Pine Tree Development Zone Program until December 31, 2021	FAILED
LR 2588	Senator Mason of Androscoggin An Act To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Implied Warranty Laws and the Arbitration Process for Those Laws	PASSED

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
LR 2596	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Empower Maine's Rural Economy and Workforce	PASSED
LR 2597	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Promote Innovation and Growth in Maine's Traditional Industries	PASSED
LR 2598	Representative Herbig of Belfast An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine	PASSED
LR 2612	Representative Harrington of Sanford An Act To Increase Transparency for Pawn Shops	FAILED
LR 2615	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When Compensability Has Been Determined	FAILED
LR 2618	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Maximize Funding for Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing	FAILED
LR 2670	Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Reduce the Number of Vacant Properties	FAILED
LR 2678	Representative Ackley of Monmouth An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program	FAILED
LR 2681	Representative Ackley of Monmouth An Act To Prevent Employment Discrimination Based on Unreliable Tests for Marijuana Use	FAILED
LR 2703	Representative Sanborn of Portland An Act To Make a Technical Correction Regarding the Information Required of Debt Buyers for Debt Collection	PASSED
LR 2709	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine	FAILED

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LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
LR 2721	Senator Dion of Cumberland An Act To Establish the Office of Broadband Development within the Department of Economic and Community Development	FAILED
LR 2726	Representative Pierce of Falmouth An Act To Support Maine Businesses by Authorizing the Imposition of a Surcharge on the Use of a Debit or Credit Card	FAILED
LR 2761	Senator Libby of Androscoggin Resolve, To Require the Department of Labor To Receive Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds	TABLED
LR 2783	Senator Langley of Hancock An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program	FAILED
MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION		
LR 2457	Senator Cyrway of Kennebec An Act Regarding Marijuana Odor	FAILED
LR 2671	Representative Harvell of Farmington An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act	FAILED
LR 2679	Representative Ackley of Monmouth An Act To Improve the Efficacy of Adult-use Marijuana Testing	FAILED
MARINE RESOURCES		
LR 2554	Representative McCreight of Harpswell An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders	FAILED
LR 2593	Representative Kumiega of Deer Isle An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Maine's Marine Resources Laws	PASSED
LR 2626	Representative Devin of Newcastle Resolve, To Join the International Alliance To Combat Ocean Acidification	FAILED

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2468	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Designate June 27th as Post-traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day	FAILED
LR 2480	Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Change Certain Gender-specific Terminology in the Laws Regarding Municipalities and Counties	PASSED
LR 2487	Representative Hanington of Lincoln An Act To Impose Reporting Deadlines on Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature and Deadlines for Action on Bills	FAILED
LR 2491	Representative Gerrish of Lebanon An Act To Clarify Residency Requirements for Municipal Officials	FAILED
LR 2559	Representative Turner of Burlington An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Codyville Plantation	PASSED
LR 2566	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes	FAILED
LR 2574	Representative Winsor of Norway An Act To Authorize the Oxford County Commissioners To Close the Western District Registry of Deeds	PASSED
LR 2609	Representative Hilliard of Belgrade An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Bicentennial Commission	PASSED
LR 2610	Representative Stetkis of Canaan An Act To Protect Work Opportunities for Maine Citizens by Eliminating Certain Laws, Rules, Policies and Fees Imposed on Professions and Occupations	FAILED
LR 2619	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Clarify State Hiring and Retention Practices Regarding Persons with Disabilities	FAILED

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
LR 2624	Representative Wadsworth of Hiram An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets	FAILED
LR 2655	Representative Chace of Durham An Act To Establish the Position of Civil Deputy To Serve Process throughout a County	FAILED
LR 2663	Senator Chenette of York RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Eliminate the Governor's Ability To Remove County Sheriffs from Office	FAILED
LR 2667	Senator Dion of Cumberland An Act To Establish Legal Requirements for Training and Certification of Civil Deputies	PASSED
LR 2763	Representative Campbell of Orrington An Act To Restore Bond Funding for the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission	PASSED
LR 2774	Representative Warren of Hallowell An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms	FAILED
LR 2782	Representative Talbot Ross of Portland An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity	FAILED
TAXATION		
LR 2453	Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future	FAILED
LR 2462	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State	FAILED
LR 2471	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2478	Representative Fredette of Newport An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws	FAILED
LR 2485	Representative Corey of Windham An Act To Increase Firearm Safety by Establishing a Tax Credit for Gun Safes	FAILED
LR 2490	Representative Hilliard of Belgrade An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes	FAILED
LR 2509	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Excise Tax on Automobiles	PASSED
LR 2513	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Increase Blood Donations	FAILED
LR 2519	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Expand the Tax Credit for Educational Opportunity To Include Student Debt from Out-of-state Graduate Schools	FAILED
LR 2530	Representative O'Connor of Berwick An Act To Amend the Tax Laws To Strengthen Charitable Institutions, Encourage Home Ownership and Manage Medical Expenses	FAILED
LR 2531	Representative O'Connor of Berwick An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Mill Rates on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax to Zero Percent	FAILED
LR 2548	Representative Kinney of Limington An Act To Increase Take-home Pay for Maine Taxpayers	FAILED
LR 2552	Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act To Establish a Statewide Uniform Property Tax	FAILED
LR 2557	Senator Keim of Oxford An Act To Create a Tax Credit To Encourage Pediatric Cancer Research	FAILED

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TAXATION		
LR 2565	Representative Hilliard of Belgrade An Act To Allow Seniors To Stay in Their Homes	FAILED
LR 2587	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Clarify the Interstate Commerce Sales Tax Exemption	PASSED
LR 2606	Senator Collins of York An Act To Allow Municipalities To Reduce Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rates	FAILED
LR 2616	Senator Woodsome of York An Act To Exempt Certain Low-income Residents of the State from Certain Telecommunications Fees and Taxes	PASSED
LR 2649	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Allow a Municipality To Retain 50 Percent of Sales Tax Revenues That Exceed Annual Projections	FAILED
LR 2658	Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States	FAILED
LR 2660	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Ensure Equality in the Property Valuation Appeal Process	FAILED
LR 2661	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes	FAILED
LR 2680	Representative Ackley of Monmouth An Act To Track Medical Marijuana Caregiver Sales Tax Collection	FAILED
LR 2683	Senator Bellows of Kennebec An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit To Encourage Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the State	FAILED
LR 2691	Representative Bailey of Saco An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit	PASSED

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TAXATION		
LR 2710	Speaker Gideon of Freeport An Act To Create a Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Educational Organizations That Provide Educational Programs That Require Overnight Accommodations and Meal Service	FAILED
LR 2711	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption	PASSED
LR 2717	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for All Nonprofit Charitable Organizations	FAILED
LR 2718	Senator Volk of Cumberland An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Organizations That Assist Victims of Human Trafficking	FAILED
LR 2789	Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Encourage Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs	PASSED
TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2510	Senator Dill of Penobscot An Act To Require That Railroads Provide Easements to Owners of Land That Would Otherwise Be Inaccessible	PASSED
LR 2528	Senator Dow of Lincoln Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan	FAILED
LR 2555	Representative Malaby of Hancock Resolve, To Designate Route 182 in Franklin as a Blue Star Memorial Highway	FAILED
LR 2567	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Allow the Operation of "Autocycles" on Roads in Maine	PASSED

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TRANSPORTATION		
LR 2595	Senator Collins of York Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells	FAILED
LR 2602	Representative Alley, Sr. of Beals An Act To Increase the Safety of Nonmotorized Watercraft in the Ocean by Requiring Lights When Visibility Is Impaired	FAILED
LR 2611	Representative Sanborn of Portland An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Develop and Operate Pilot Programs for the Use of Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation	PASSED
LR 2657	Senator Jackson of Aroostook Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads	PASSED
LR 2672	Senator Miramant of Knox An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers	FAILED
LR 2673	Senator Dion of Cumberland An Act To Promote Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia by Amending the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements	PASSED
LR 2719	Representative Blume of York An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection	FAILED
LR 2754	Senator Cushing of Penobscot Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine	FAILED
LR 2780	Senator Chipman of Cumberland An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation	FAILED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2465	Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis An Act To Protect the Employment of Veterans during Layoffs and in Certain Union Contracts	FAILED
LR 2473	Senator Brakey of Androscoggin An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities	FAILED
LR 2524	Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants	FAILED
LR 2535	Representative Stanley of Medway An Act To Make the Cost of Camp Leases Public Information	FAILED
LR 2543	Representative Stewart of Presque Isle An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships	FAILED
LR 2573	Senator Dion of Cumberland An Act To Modify the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in a Jurisdiction per Person	PASSED
LR 2575	Senator Dion of Cumberland An Act To Grant Liquor Inspectors Law Enforcement Authority and To Allow Them To Carry Weapons	FAILED
LR 2583	Representative Farrin of Norridgewock An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Beano	FAILED
LR 2625	Representative O'Connor of Berwick RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law	FAILED
LR 2627	Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act To Ensure Stability for Certain Holders of Liquor Licenses	PASSED
LR 2650	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit	FAILED

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		Action
VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2651	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports	FAILED
LR 2662	Senator Chenette of York An Act To Create a Lifetime Ban on Lawmakers Becoming Lobbyists	FAILED
LR 2674	Representative Guerin of Glenburn An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws To Allow Certain Businesses in Airports To Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption	FAILED
LR 2688	Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises	FAILED
LR 2690	Senator Chenette of York RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Prohibit for One Year the Enactment of Legislation That Amends or Repeals a Law Proposed by Citizen Initiative That Was Enacted by Referendum	FAILED
LR 2693	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	FAILED
LR 2697	Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature	FAILED
LR 2708	Representative Fredette of Newport RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation	FAILED
LR 2715	Representative Farrin of Norridgewock An Act To Establish a Grant Program for Community-based Veterans' Organizations	FAILED

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS		
LR 2745	Senator Deschambault of York An Act To Amend the Definition of "Premises" for Purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws To Include Real Estate That Is Not Contiguous	PASSED
LR 2746	President Thibodeau of Waldo An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard	FAILED

Total number of bills accepted: 63

Total number of bills tabled: 3

Total number of bills screened: 268

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SPONSOR: Sen. Scott Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2571	An Act Regarding Former Residents of Riverview Psychiatric Center Who Are Arrested for Minor Offenses	Withdrawn by Sponsor

SPONSOR: Sen. William Diamond

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2607	An Act to Clarify Site Location Permit Requirements for Land Trusts	Withdrawn by Sponsor

SPONSOR: Rep. Lance Harvell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2753	An Act to Exempt Subcontractors for Municipal Snow Removal from Class B License Requirements	Withdrawn by Sponsor

SPONSOR: Sen. Lisa Keim

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2556	Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Increase the Length of a Term for State Senators to 4 Years	Withdrawn by Sponsor

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Executive Director's Report November 30, 2017

1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The timing of the transition to a new card reader system is still uncertain. The new card readers are still pending delivery. Once received, we will process the new cards and distribute them. We are still hoping to make the transition to the new card readers and new cards in December before the start of the Second Regular Session. For those card holders that have not received their new card before the actual transition, we will have the replacement cards available in the Legislative Information Office before security screening so that any card holder that hasn't received their new card can have a new card available to go through the priority screening lane. We will be collecting all old cards after the transition.

2. NCSL Job Classification and Compensation Study

During the week of November 13th to the 17th, NCSL conducted interviews with many individual staff to learn more about the various positions in the Legislature to supplement the information from the surveys filled out by legislative staff. NCSL will be conducting additional analyses on the Legislature's positions and reviewing market information on salaries before formulating their recommendations for their report, which is scheduled to be released by March 15, 2018.

Fiscal Briefing

November 30, 2017

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$303.8	\$302.9	(\$1.0)	-0.3%	\$291.2	4.0%
FYTD	\$1,197.8	\$1,230.6	\$32.8	2.7%	\$1,195.6	2.9%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$1.0 million (0.3%) for the month of October and over budget by \$32.8 million (2.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$5.8 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$24.5 million. Withholding payments and estimated payments continued to be strong in October. Sales and use taxes for October (September sales) were under budget by \$0.1 million for the month but over budget by \$3.8 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$0.9 million in October but over budget by \$9.4 million for the fiscal year to date. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget (less transferred than budgeted) by \$0.7 million in October largely due to the timing of BETR transfers. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were under budget by \$1.5 million in October and by \$8.2 million for the fiscal year to date.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$28.3	\$28.3	\$0.0	0.1%	\$28.3	0.1%
FYTD	\$115.4	\$114.2	(\$1.2)	-1.0%	\$115.8	-1.4%

Highway Fund revenue was on budget for the month of October but under budget by \$1.2 million (1.0%) for the fiscal year to date. The fiscal year to date negative variance continues to be the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for October was \$1,142.1 million, down slightly from September's average of \$1,143.5 million but well above both last year's average balance for October and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in October. The average Highway Fund balance of \$21.7 million in October decreased from August's average of \$29.8 million.

4. December 2017 Revenue Forecast

The Revenue Forecasting Committee met on November 27th to review and update the current revenue forecast to comply with its December 1st statutory deadline. A summary of its preliminary findings follows below. The complete report will be available later this week.

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 Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

General Fund revenue estimates were revised upward by \$17.9 million for FY18 but downward by \$11.7 million for FY19 (upward by \$6.2 million for the 2018-2019 biennium). The revised forecast increases the overall rate of growth for General Fund revenue for FY18 from -0.2% to 0.3% but reduces the rate of growth for FY19 from 4.7% to 3.8%. The projections for FY20 assume a much smaller overall growth rate of 0.5%, largely the result of Municipal Revenue Sharing returning to the 5% level under current law from the 2% level in place for FY16 through FY19. The growth rate for FY21 is now projected to be 3.6%.

General Fund Summary - Preliminary December 2017 Forecast

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Current Forecast	\$3,448,809,669	\$3,611,309,138	\$3,622,429,076	\$3,740,251,502
Annual % Growth	-0.2%	4.7%	0.3%	3.3%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$17,938,255	(\$11,750,528)	(\$6,307,179)	\$6,727,385
Revised Forecast	\$3,466,747,924	\$3,599,558,610	\$3,616,121,897	\$3,746,978,887
Annual % Growth	0.3%	3.8%	0.5%	3.6%
Summary of Preliminary Revenue Revisions by Major Revenue Category				
Sales and Use Tax	\$4,900,000	(\$250,000)	\$9,400,000	\$20,500,000
Service Provider Tax	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Individual Income Tax	\$15,500,000	(\$26,000,000)	(\$28,850,000)	(\$28,000,000)
Corporate Income Tax	\$6,200,000	\$13,500,000	\$12,600,000	\$14,500,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	(\$7,650,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance Companies Tax	\$385,000	\$385,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Estate Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Taxes and Fees	\$1,231,400	(\$182,075)	(\$1,157,291)	(\$1,157,744)
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Income from Investments	\$1,555,731	\$707,637	\$709,868	\$886,115
Transfer from Lottery Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Tax Relief Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Municipal Rev. Sharing	(\$632,249)	\$159,735	\$238,624	(\$437,835)
Transfers to Education Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Revenues	(\$6,371,627)	(\$2,890,825)	(\$2,318,380)	(\$2,633,151)
Total Revisions - Increase (Decrease)	\$17,938,255	(\$11,750,528)	(\$6,307,179)	\$6,727,385

Highway Fund revenue estimates were revised downward by \$2.5 million for the FY18 and by \$0.3 million for FY19 (downward by \$2.8 million over the 2018-2019 biennium). The FY 18 reduction was largely the result of fuel tax payments received in June (FY17) that were expected in July.

Fund for a Healthy Maine revenue estimates were revised upward by \$2.7 million for FY18 and by \$3.1 million for FY19 (upward by \$5.8 million over the 2018-2019 biennium). The changes were largely the result of updated national estimates for tobacco settlement payments.

Medicaid/MaineCare Dedicated revenue estimates were revised upward by \$0.9 million per year for FY18 and FY19.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

October 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '17			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals		
	Budget	October '17 Actual	October '17 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		Variance %	% Change from Prior Year
Sales and Use Tax	133,315,637	133,174,927	(140,710)	549,892,280	553,679,395	3,787,115	0.7%	4.9%	
Service Provider Tax	4,900,000	5,123,539	223,539	19,600,000	20,566,925	966,925	4.9%	-1.9%	
Individual Income Tax	119,400,000	125,196,585	5,796,585	483,350,000	507,817,444	24,467,444	5.1%	3.4%	
Corporate Income Tax	8,000,000	7,132,419	(867,581)	48,900,000	58,277,071	9,377,071	19.2%	14.0%	
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,118,247	10,615,920	(1,502,327)	49,839,458	41,636,766	(8,202,692)	-16.5%	-16.0%	
Insurance Companies Tax	9,299,106	9,168,848	(130,258)	11,641,598	9,527,248	(2,114,350)	-18.2%	-22.1%	
Estate Tax	1,044,000	170,293	(873,707)	4,176,000	5,161,982	985,982	23.6%	-20.9%	
Other Taxes and Fees *	22,552,901	20,329,238	(2,223,663)	51,304,638	49,781,628	(1,523,010)	-3.0%	20.4%	
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,449,950	1,317,821	(132,129)	6,659,326	6,032,103	(627,223)	-9.4%	-2.4%	
Income from Investments	212,937	440,952	228,015	643,546	1,305,488	661,942	102.9%	81.6%	
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,143,413	4,719,941	576,528	18,645,358	21,175,355	2,529,997	13.6%	2.3%	
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(2,000,000)	(1,280,077)	719,923	(11,000,000)	(5,641,515)	5,358,485	48.7%	4.9%	
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(6,676,553)	(6,986,703)	(310,150)	(22,853,000)	(23,967,000)	(1,114,000)	-4.9%	-6.7%	
Other Revenue *	(3,951,720)	(6,272,843)	(2,321,123)	(12,980,855)	(14,763,003)	(1,782,148)	-13.7%	-255.2%	
Totals	303,807,918	302,850,861	(957,057)	1,197,818,349	1,230,589,887	32,771,538	2.7%	2.9%	

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

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

October 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '17			October '17			Fiscal Year-To-Date			% Change from Prior Year	FY 2018 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:											
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	14,312,702	12,220,827	(2,091,875)	14,312,702	12,220,827	(2,091,875)	14,312,702	12,220,827	(2,091,875)	-14.6%	14,312,702
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,837,981	1,692,411	(145,570)	5,956,230	5,168,782	(787,448)	5,956,230	5,168,782	(787,448)	-13.2%	14,951,635
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,599,733	1,828,151	228,418	6,994,134	8,585,423	1,591,289	6,994,134	8,585,423	1,591,289	22.8%	19,086,688
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	173,841	224,767	50,926	1,146,762	1,407,742	260,980	1,146,762	1,407,742	260,980	22.8%	9,538,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	1,506	1,506	0	2,707	2,707	0	2,707	2,707	N/A	6,250,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,196,000	1,662,850	(533,150)	8,784,000	8,287,700	(496,300)	8,784,000	8,287,700	(496,300)	-5.7%	26,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	256,996	233,843	(23,153)	1,027,984	1,358,119	330,135	1,027,984	1,358,119	330,135	32.1%	3,083,951
- Racino Revenue	688,629	678,194	(10,435)	3,063,631	2,985,903	(77,728)	3,063,631	2,985,903	(77,728)	-2.5%	8,572,671
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	224,618	169,260	(55,358)	1,401,096	1,178,129	(222,967)	1,401,096	1,178,129	(222,967)	-15.9%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	841,310	989,404	148,094	5,751,760	6,079,799	328,039	5,751,760	6,079,799	328,039	5.7%	15,882,295
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	421,091	628,026	206,935	2,866,339	2,506,498	(359,841)	2,866,339	2,506,498	(359,841)	-12.6%	11,046,358
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	22,552,901	20,329,238	(2,223,663)	51,304,638	49,781,628	(1,523,010)	51,304,638	49,781,628	(1,523,010)	-3.0%	134,140,500
Detail of Other Revenue:											
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,565	3,050	485	9,690.00	16,264	6,574	9,690.00	16,264	6,574	67.8%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	144,253	59,068	(85,185)	664,799	338,279	(326,520)	664,799	338,279	(326,520)	-49.1%	1,800,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,637,094	1,640,706	3,612	6,469,913	6,120,520	(349,393)	6,469,913	6,120,520	(349,393)	-5.4%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	7,500,000
- Tourism Transfer	(5,382,202)	(5,971,685)	(589,483)	(15,487,275)	(16,076,758)	(589,483)	(15,487,275)	(16,076,758)	(589,483)	-3.8%	(15,487,275)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(874,051)	(868,277)	5,774	(5,708,107)	(4,592,353)	1,115,754	(5,708,107)	(4,592,353)	1,115,754	19.5%	(11,436,869)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	(2,019,897)	(2,969,841)	(949,944)	(7,950,000)	(8,899,944)	(949,944)	(7,950,000)	(8,899,944)	(949,944)	-11.9%	(7,950,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,540,518	1,834,136	(706,382)	9,020,125	8,330,988	(689,137)	9,020,125	8,330,988	(689,137)	-7.6%	21,282,889
Subtotal - Other Revenue	(3,951,720)	(6,272,843)	(2,321,123)	(12,980,855)	(14,763,003)	(1,782,148)	(12,980,855)	(14,763,003)	(1,782,148)	-13.7%	14,034,077
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:											
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	1,096	1,096	0	2,769	2,769	0	2,769	2,769	N/A	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(2,000,000)	(1,281,405)	718,595	(11,000,000)	(5,641,046)	5,358,954	(11,000,000)	(5,641,046)	5,358,954	48.7%	(26,800,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	232	232	0	(3,238)	(3,238)	0	(3,238)	(3,238)	N/A	(37,968,101)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(2,000,000)	(1,280,077)	719,923	(11,000,000)	(5,641,515)	5,358,485	(11,000,000)	(5,641,515)	5,358,485	48.7%	(64,768,101)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,142,093	1,302,114	160,021	7,512,936	7,767,305	254,369	7,512,936	7,767,305	254,369	3.4%	21,499,926

Highway Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)

October 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '17		October '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals		
	Budget	Actual	October '17 Actual	October '17 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance			
Fuel Taxes:										
- Gasoline Tax	17,262,085	17,141,182	17,141,182	(120,903)	73,975,844	74,910,812	934,968	1.3%	1.5%	202,622,900
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,480,790	4,642,720	4,642,720	161,930	16,736,040	12,969,796	(3,766,244)	-22.5%	-22.1%	47,656,300
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,598,340)	(1,601,644)	(1,601,644)	(3,304)	(6,664,646)	(6,468,748)	195,898	2.9%	2.6%	(18,390,916)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(431,672)	(428,650)	(428,650)	3,022	(1,849,913)	(1,878,019)	(28,106)	-1.5%	-1.8%	(5,066,991)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,712,863	19,753,609	19,753,609	40,746	82,197,325	79,533,840	(2,663,485)	-3.2%	-2.9%	226,821,293
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:										
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,300,881	5,140,633	5,140,633	(160,248)	23,035,358	23,308,107	272,749	1.2%	0.4%	67,095,787
- License Plate Fees	100,956	98,851	98,851	(2,105)	1,231,076	1,352,029	120,953	9.8%	2.0%	3,458,710
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	507,888	643,605	643,605	135,717	1,853,531	2,772,380	918,849	49.6%	25.6%	9,884,523
- Title Fees	995,533	1,188,076	1,188,076	192,543	4,424,055	5,097,379	673,324	15.2%	7.7%	13,366,264
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	720,710	691,865	691,865	(28,846)	3,063,987	2,842,509	(221,479)	-7.2%	-7.2%	8,886,689
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	0	(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)	-5.5%	-2.1%	(15,570,414)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,625,968	7,763,029	7,763,029	137,061	29,394,109	30,928,764	1,534,655	5.2%	2.4%	87,121,559
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees										
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	300,100	193,143	193,143	(106,957)	1,030,720	933,691	(97,030)	-9.4%	-7.4%	2,982,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees										
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	102,831	119,113	119,113	16,282	456,698	498,286	41,588	9.1%	5.7%	1,293,729
Interest Earnings	60,392	53,554	53,554	(6,838)	289,218	309,142	19,924	6.9%	7.5%	739,039
Other Highway Fund Revenue	49,476	28,076	28,076	(21,400)	197,904	102,289	(95,615)	-48.3%	-4.6%	593,712
Totals	28,289,983	28,310,633	28,310,633	20,650	115,403,563	114,224,556	(1,179,007)	-1.0%	-1.4%	329,627,432

2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated November 27, 2017

Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
NEW STUDIES							
ACF Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Conservations Organizations	PL 2017 c. 284 TT-2	4	10/12/17	12/1/17	2/15/18	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	Work ongoing
Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services	PL 2017 c. 384 UUUU-17	4	9/7/17 10/12/17 10/31/17 11/14/17	12/1/17	12/6/17	Sen. Lisa Keim Rep. Barbara Cardone	Work ongoing
Task Force to Address Opioid Crisis in the State	SP 210	10	9/12/17 9/27/17 10/31/17 11/13/17	11/28/17	12/6/17	Sen. Andre Cushing Rep. Joyce McCreight	Work ongoing
Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce	SP 294	4	9/26/17 10/31/17 11/16/17	12/4/17	3/1/18	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Erin Herbig	Work ongoing
Commission to Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	Resolve 2017 c. 27	4			1/15/18	Sen. Ronald Collins Rep. Jared Golden	Meeting not yet scheduled
Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	Resolve 2017 c. 26	5	10/19/17 11/16/17	12/4/17	12/6/17	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Richard Farnsworth	Work ongoing
Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine	SP 592 (pending funding)	4			1/1/18 (initial may be submitted), final 11/1/18		Meeting not yet scheduled
Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine	Resolve 2017 c. 25	up to 5 per year			12/6/17, 11/7/18, 12/4/19, 11/4/20		Staffed by ME State Cultural Affairs Council
ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES							
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			1/1 annually		Appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/6/17 9/20/17 10/12/17 11/15/17		1/15 annually	Sen. Lisa Keim	Work ongoing
Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	20-A MRSA Sec. 6663	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually		Currently not meeting; staffed by DOE
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/18/17 10/24/17 11/20/17		annually	Sen. Rodney Whittemore Rep. Craig Hickman	Work ongoing
State Compensation Commission (former Judicial Compensation Commission repealed and State Compensation Commission amended by PL 2017, c. 242)	PL 2017 c. 242	not specified			5/1 of every odd-numbered year and 1/15 of every even-numbered year an interim report; 11/15 of every even-numbered year a final report		Appointments due January of odd-numbered years at 1st Regular Session of each Legislature (beginning 2019)

2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

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AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Select Committee on MLI	HP 96 PL 2017 c. 278	as needed	9/26/17 9/27/17 9/28/17 10/12/17		n/a	Sen. Roger Katz Rep. Teresa Pierce	PH on draft LR 09/26; WSS to follow 9/27, 9/28; language review 10/12
Legislative Staff Recodification and Revision of Title 28-A	Resolve 2017 c. 18				1/15/19	n/a	Staff work ongoing
SLG re work on CO bill LD 1588 (Roads)	approved by POs	3	9/21/17 10/30/17 11/20/17		n/a	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. R. Danny Martin	
EUT re work on CO bill LD 257 (Microgrids)	approved by POs	2	10/24/17	12/7/17	n/a	Sen. David Woodsome Rep. Seth Berry	
ENR re work on CO bills LD 1095, 1298 and 1534; Fiberright Project update; and review of DEP GEA report	approved by POs	1	11/15/17		n/a	Sen. Thomas Saviello Rep. Ralph Tucker	
VLA re LD 1446 (Ranked choice voting)	approved by POs	1	10/16/17			Sen. Garrett Mason Rep. Louis Luchini	PH and WS 10/16
AFA re LD 1649 (GIS)	approved by POs		10/13/17 10/20/17				PH 10/13; WSs 10/13 and 10/20
ACF re LDs 1647 (Bureau of Parks and Lands) and 1648 (food sovereignty)	approved by POs	1	10/20/17			Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	PHs and WSs 10/20
TAX re work on tax expenditure review	approved by POs	3	10/17/17 11/27/17			Sen. Dana Dow Rep. Ryan Tipping	

Legislative Council Meeting
November 30, 2017

Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 128th Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 128th Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Appeals

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.
- D. Legislators who have appealed a decision of the Legislative Council will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not a Legislator Sponsor address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish his or her bill request from the closely related one.

128th Legislature - Second Regular Session

Appealed Bill Requests

Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2693

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians

LR: 2694

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State

LR: 2695

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities

LR: 2696

Title: Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act

LR: 2697

Title: Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature

LR: 2698

Title: Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Sponsor: Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland

LR: 2700

Title: An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

LR: 2521

Title: An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences

LR: 2600

Title: An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants

128th Legislature - Second Regular Session

Appealed Bill Requests

Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Bellows of Kennebec

LR: 2724

Title: An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services

Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham

LR: 2786

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs

LR: 2787

Title: An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors

Sponsor: Representative Blume of York

LR: 2719

Title: An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection

Sponsor: Senator Brakey of Androscoggin

LR: 2473

Title: An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities

Sponsor: Senator Breen of Cumberland

LR: 2648

Title: An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs

Sponsor: Senator Chenette of York

LR: 2650

Title: An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit

LR: 2651

Title: An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports

LR: 2659

Title: An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards

LR: 2661

Title: An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Chipman of Cumberland

LR: 2780

Title: An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation

Sponsor: Senator Collins of York

LR: 2595

Title: Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells

Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth

LR: 2524

Title: An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants

Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot

LR: 2604

Title: An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm

LR: 2754

Title: Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine

Sponsor: Senator Cyrway of Kennebec

LR: 2549

Title: An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits

LR: 2550

Title: An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits

Sponsor: Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis

LR: 2646

Title: An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement

Sponsor: Representative Denno of Cumberland

LR: 2500

Title: An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle

LR: 2466

Title: Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially

LR: 2569

Title: Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations

Sponsor: Senator Dow of Lincoln

LR: 2528

Title: Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan

LR: 2740

Title: Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site

Sponsor: Representative Espling of New Gloucester

LR: 2632

Title: An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits

Sponsor: Representative Foley of Wells

LR: 2544

Title: An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers

Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport

LR: 2478

Title: An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws

LR: 2479

Title: An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches

LR: 2481

Title: An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment

LR: 2708

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook

LR: 2744

Title: An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project

LR: 2748

Title: An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

Sponsor: Representative Gerrish of Lebanon

LR: 2492

Title: An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State

Sponsor: Speaker Gideon of Freeport

LR: 2747

Title: An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training

Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot

LR: 2532

Title: An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine

LR: 2654

Title: An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs

Sponsor: Representative Grignon of Athens

LR: 2692

Title: An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region

Sponsor: Representative Guerin of Glenburn

LR: 2674

Title: An Act To Amend the Liquor Laws To Allow Certain Businesses in Airports To Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption

Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland

LR: 2453

Title: An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Hamper of Oxford

LR: 2664

Title: An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

Sponsor: Representative Hanington of Lincoln

LR: 2568

Title: An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers

Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington

LR: 2671

Title: An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act

Sponsor: Representative Herbig of Belfast

LR: 2716

Title: An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them

Sponsor: Representative Hilliard of Belgrade

LR: 2490

Title: An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes

Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook

LR: 2658

Title: An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States

LR: 2742

Title: An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues

Sponsor: Senator Keim of Oxford

LR: 2476

Title: An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents

LR: 2707

Title: Resolve, To Study Medical Records Retention in Light of the Emerging Survivorship Field

LR: 2709

Title: An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Representative Kornfield of Bangor

LR: 2590

Title: An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements

Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock

LR: 2615

Title: An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When Compensability Has Been Determined

LR: 2775

Title: An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"

LR: 2783

Title: An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

Sponsor: Senator Maker of Washington

LR: 2563

Title: An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents

Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin

LR: 2564

Title: An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older

Sponsor: Representative McCreight of Harpswell

LR: 2554

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders

Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland

LR: 2483

Title: An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement

LR: 2623

Title: An Act To Protect Children in Child Care

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

LR: 2462

Title: An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Miramant of Knox

LR: 2566

Title: An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes

LR: 2672

Title: An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

Sponsor: Representative O'Connor of Berwick

LR: 2625

Title: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law

Sponsor: Representative Parker of South Berwick

LR: 2705

Title: An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act

Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel

LR: 2562

Title: An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis

Sponsor: Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield

LR: 2545

Title: An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications

Sponsor: Representative Pickett of Dixfield

LR: 2533

Title: An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta

LR: 2688

Title: An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises

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Sorted By Sponsor

Sponsor: Senator Rosen of Hancock

LR: 2477

Title: Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono

LR: 2652

Title: An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents

Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway

LR: 2713

Title: An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals

Sponsor: Representative Stewart of Presque Isle

LR: 2471

Title: An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax

LR: 2472

Title: An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund

LR: 2541

Title: An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State

LR: 2543

Title: An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships

LR: 2576

Title: An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine

LR: 2577

Title: An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling

LR: 2629

Title: An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle

Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

LR: 2579

Title: An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights

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Sponsor: Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

LR: 2580

Title: An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes

LR: 2647

Title: An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs

LR: 2782

Title: An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity

Sponsor: President Thibodeau of Waldo

LR: 2605

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands

LR: 2621

Title: An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement

LR: 2746

Title: An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard

Sponsor: Representative Vachon of Scarborough

LR: 2665

Title: An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic

LR: 2750

Title: An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases

LR: 2755

Title: An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services

Sponsor: Senator Volk of Cumberland

LR: 2778

Title: An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families

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Sponsor: Representative Wadsworth of Hiram

LR: 2624

Title: An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets

Sponsor: Representative Warren of Hallowell

LR: 2720

Title: An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services

LR: 2774

Title: An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms

Sponsor: Representative White of Washburn

LR: 2551

Title: An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage

Total number of bills screened: 100

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To: Speaker Sara Gideon, Chair
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From: Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director

Date: November 30, 2017

Re: Recommendation for MELD Replacement Bill Production System

At the request of the 127th Legislative Council, the Legislature solicited proposals from potential vendors to replace our outdated bill production system known as MELD. The RFP (Request for Proposal) process began early last fall and only recently concluded with the staff's decision to recommend awarding the bid to Tallan.

After completing the RFP document, we set a deadline in late May for firms to respond. We received proposals from four of the major firms that have been active in providing legislative information systems in the United States and Canada. These firms were: Irosoft; Propylon, Tallan and Xcential. A review team of key staff from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes (ROS), the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis (OPLA), the Office of Fiscal and Program Review (OFPR) and the Office of Legislative Information Technology (LIT) evaluated with the Executive Director the four proposals from these major firms that were received in May of this year.

The initial review narrowed down the bidders to two firms, Tallan and Propylon, which were invited to provide in-person presentations of their proposals and to give some demonstrations. The first demonstrations were scheduled in mid-August after the conclusion of the First Regular Session. Both firms presented very well, making it difficult to select between the proposals at this stage. After these initial presentations and reviews of the written proposals, LIT staff developed a number of technical questions about the proposed new drafting systems and had conference calls with each of the firms. Both firms were also invited back to provide additional demonstrations and respond to additional questions developed by the review team. An additional demonstration with each firm was held during a two-week span in late September and early October.

The review team gathered again in late October to evaluate and reach a decision on a recommendation. At that late October meeting, the team decided to recommend selecting Tallan for this bill production system project. Both firms had excellent proposals and each firm's cost were relatively close to one another. While Tallan's cost proposal at \$3.4 million was higher by roughly \$400,000, there are several other factors overriding the cost differential. In addition to their core estimates, both proposals included substantial additional contingency budgets for unexpected items that were out of the scope of the original estimate that could significantly affect the final cost of both proposals.

Some other key factors tipping the scale in favor of Tallan include the compatibility of Tallan's programming language of its proposal with LIT's existing applications, most importantly our core LEAP system with which the bill production system must have multiple interfaces. Tallan's programming language is also used by in-house programmers for most LIT projects, enhancing LIT's ability to provide future fixes and programming changes after conclusion of the contract. Propylon's solution included the purchase of their Legislative Workbench system that they have used in several other states. Their proposal also offered ongoing software support for upgrades, fixes and enhancements at a cost of \$50,000 per year. The unknown nature of Propylon's programming within the Legislative Workbench system, which has been modified multiple times over the years, would inhibit LIT staff from making changes in the future without Propylon's assistance. Maine's previous experience with using systems developed for use in another state has not been good. The current MELD system was such a case that proved to be an incredibly difficult implementation that dragged on for years.

Tallan's proposal is based on a custom software solution for Maine. While they will be able to use some of the programming code that they developed for a similar successful installation in Delaware, it will be designed specifically for Maine. Delaware's bill production process has similarities to Maine's that make this possible. Their proposal also would integrate more easily with our core bill status and tracking system due to the compatibility of programming languages used. Propylon's Legislative Workbench system is duplicative of many LEAP's functions and would mean a complex mapping and developing of multiple data interfaces.

As noted previously, both firms had substantial contingencies or change control budgets for unanticipated work as part of the MELD replacement project. It is for that reason that in our recommendation to award the bid to Tallan, we are recommending breaking the project into two distinct phases with two separate contracts. The first phase would be a planning and design phase that would include the development of a detailed requirements document and a diagram of the system to be developed. The Phase I cost would be \$149,000 and begin in early January and end in mid-February.

Based on the work of the first phase, Tallan would refine their cost estimate and resubmit an estimated project cost. We will provide an update to the Legislative Council after receiving an estimate of the revised cost for the actual development and implementation work. We are hopeful that Tallan with the benefit of this in-depth analysis gathered during the first phase of the project will be able to reduce their overall project cost below their original bid.

It is also good practice when we get to the development and implementation phase of the project that we contract with a project manager to represent the Legislature's interest and make sure that the project is implemented as intended. We will be researching options and reporting back on this important supplement to in-house staff resources for the next phase of this project.

Thank you for your consideration of and support for this approach to implement this important and long-overdue information systems project. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.



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November 28, 2017

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Dear Honorable Members of the Legislative Council,

In accordance with Title 5§243.9 we are conducting the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the year ended June 30, 2017. The Single Audit is an audit of the State's financial statements and major Federal assistance programs. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance,

As stated in our engagement letter to Commissioner Porteous dated September 18, 2017, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

In planning and performing our audit, we will consider the State of Maine's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedure for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. We will also consider internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major Federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the State of Maine's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit. Also in accordance with the

Uniform Guidance, we will examine, on a test basis, evidence about the State of Maine's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major Federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the State of Maine's compliance with those requirements. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the State of Maine's compliance with those requirements.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to Uniform Guidance, we will examine, on a test basis, evidence about the State of Maine's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement applicable to each of its major Federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the State of Maine's compliance with those requirements. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the State of Maine's compliance with those requirements.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to

management's discussion and analysis, budgetary reporting, the state retirement plan, other post-employment benefit plan, and information about infrastructure assets using the modified approach, which supplement the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI will not be audited and, because the limited procedure do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We have been engaged to report on supplementary information such as the combining statements, individual fund statements and schedules, and the schedule of expenditure of Federal awards, which accompany the financial statements but are not required supplementary information. Our responsibility for this supplementary information, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We have not been engaged to report on the introductory section and statistical section, which accompany the financial statements but are not required supplementary information. Our responsibility with respect to this other information in documents containing the audited financial statements and auditor's report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the report. We have no responsibility for determining whether this other information is properly stated. This other information will not be audited and we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

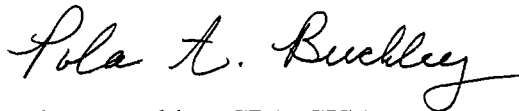
Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

The State of Maine's financial statements are required to include information related to certain component units. Because the financial statements of these component units have been audited by other auditors, and we plan to rely on the audits conducted by the other auditors, we will refer to these other auditors in our audit opinion.

We have begun our audit and will issue our report in December 2017.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Governor and the Legislative Council members and management of the State of Maine and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

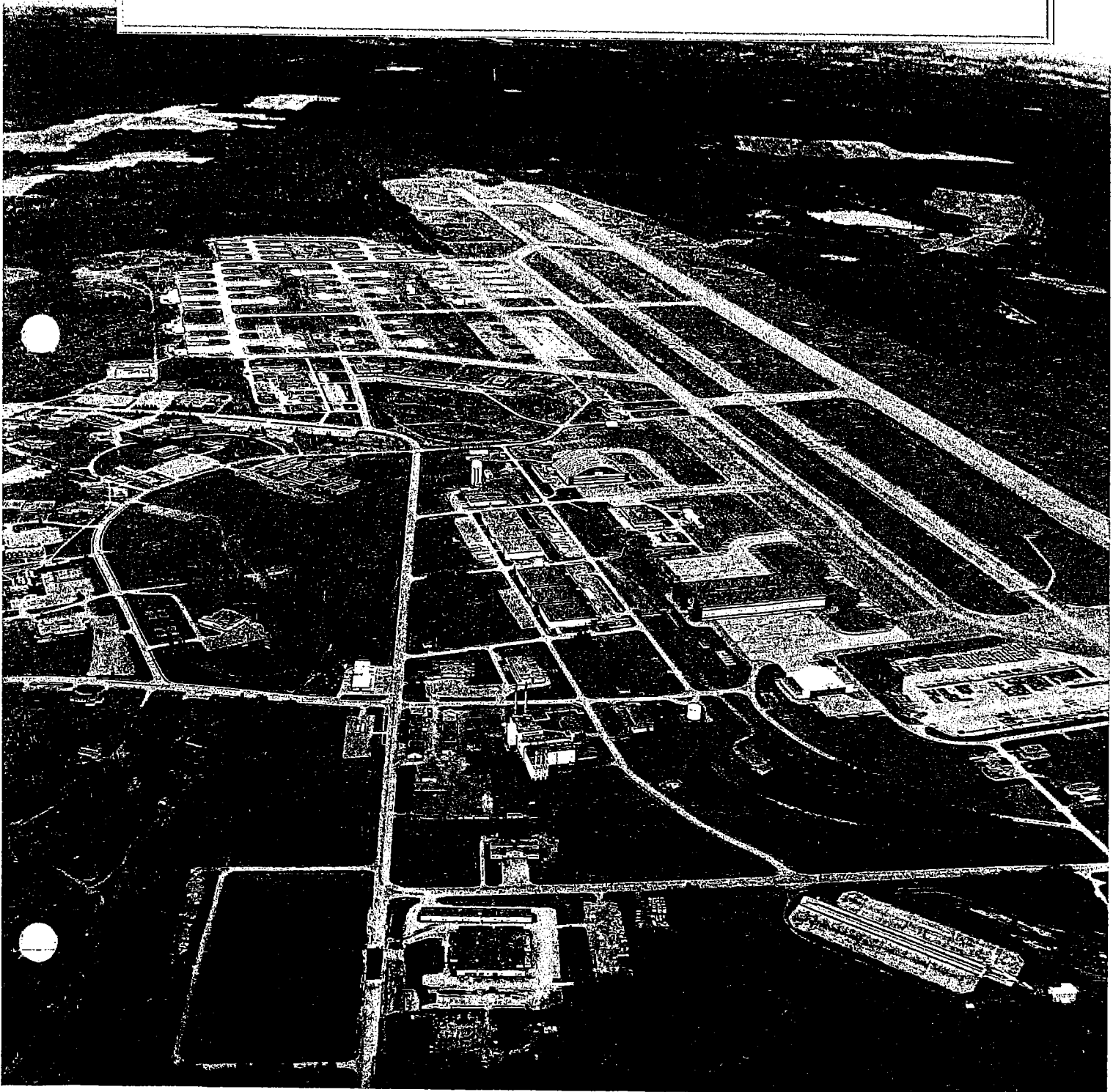
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Pola A. Buckley, CPA, CISA
State Auditor

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LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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 Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report
 July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017**

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PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties formerly comprising the Loring Air Force Base, for the purpose of creating new jobs and new economic activity following the base's closure. Accomplishing that mission requires LDA to manage the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serve as landlord to leasehold businesses and supply municipal-type services to approximately 300 residents and to 26 businesses that collectively employ approximately 800 people and occupy 1 million square feet of space in numerous major buildings. LDA operates a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintains and plows 26 miles of roadways; performs grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and through arrangements with the Town of Limestone and others, secures fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services and contracts for wastewater treatment. The LDA works with prospective businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Employers at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included in an addendum at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE LDA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017,
WHICH SUPPORT ITS PRIMARY MISSION OF JOB CREATION AND FACILITY ABSORPTION ON
LORING COMMERCE CENTRE.**

LORING INDUSTRIES, LLC. Loring Industries (LI), a company formed to facilitate new business activity at Loring in collaboration with the Maine Military Authority (MMA) and LDA in 2014, became privately owned in January 2017. Joseph Alosa Sr. of Concord, N.H is now the principal owner of Loring Industries. Also the owner of New England Kenworth (NEK), Mr. Alosa has extensive experience in the transportation industry, and has many contacts in that industry which will help tremendously in the growth and development of Loring Industries and its relationship to MMA. As a private entity, LI is able to pursue business opportunities with various partners, and can attract capital as any private enterprise might.

LI has attracted contracts for refurbishing buses and other vehicles including end-of-life bus overhauls, overhauls of coach buses and landfill compactors.

LI together with New England Kenworth opened a TRP truck parts outlet in building #7210. Loring Industries and New England Kenworth have hired twenty-four people.

LI also leases building #2501 the former Loring Inn and has invested in improvements. The building is used as guest quarters for business affiliates, but may be open to the public in the future.

MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY. In addition to its capacity to rebuild military vehicles, MMA has developed a reputation for rebuilding transit buses. MMA's contract the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), for the refurbishment of 32 articulating buses, proved to be challenging; however, after a work stoppage last fall, the MBTA bus project resumed in May and laid-off employees were recalled. More bus operators are seeing the financial benefits that result from a mid-life overhaul. MMA is working with Loring Industries to complete the MBTA project and both are pursuing future bus refurbishment projects.

AVIATION PROJECT. LDA is working with an established aviation company that has begun the process of establishing an aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operation at Loring Commerce Centre. The company intends to occupy two buildings initially, the Arch Hangar and the former Jet Engine Shop, then lease other hangars and aviation facilities within the first two years.

After a binding letter of intent for the MRO project was approved, 34 truckloads of aviation equipment were shipped to Loring. Efforts to facilitate the establishment of the MRO operation at Loring, include repairs and upgrades to key facilities such as the Arch Hangar and Operations Building. A tail dock enclosure is proposed for installation at the Snow Barn Hangar at Loring so that it can accommodate larger aircraft.

Items remaining to be addressed include securing resources to upgrade facilities and acquire equipment needed for airfield operations; attracting and housing aviation mechanics and technicians; determining if the airport status should change from private to public and what support is available from the FAA.

The housing item is partially addressed by the sale of building #2500, the former Bas Officers Quarters at Loring, to the MRO company. The building was first sold in 2007 and later acquired by the town of Limestone for back taxes. The town was looking for a buyer.

AIRPORT MANAGER. LDA collaborated with the City of Presque Isle to secure the services of Scott Wardwell, the Airport Manager for the Northern Maine Regional Airport (KPQI) in Presque Isle. Mr. Wardwell assisted LDA with aviation matters in the past; his expertise in airport management is crucial to the development of the new aviation project.

RANGER SOLAR. On October 3, 2017, LDA and Ranger Solar, a grid-scale solar developer, executed a lease agreement for up to 996 acres of land at Loring for the development of a utility-scale solar energy project. The lease allows Ranger Solar to evaluate the best placement for solar equipment; at least 600 of the initial 996 acres are expected ultimately to be utilized for solar energy production. Locating the project at Loring makes use of its large tracts of open, previously developed land and existing electrical infrastructure. The project is compatible with future development including aviation uses. The 100 megawatt solar energy facility will be the largest in the state of Maine and the New England region. Construction is expected to begin in 2019, creating about 300 one to two-year construction jobs. The project, once built and

operational, will support several permanent jobs. Ranger Solar would be the project developer, but would then sell the project to one or more operators.

LORING HOLDINGS, LLC. Loring Holdings continues to work on a project called Maine Power Express, which involves the construction of a DC power converter plant with a transmission line in the Searsport pipeline right-of-way and underwater to southern New England. The Maine Power Express project would bring renewable energy from northern Maine and Canada to southern New England. If built, the LDA would be compensated for the additional uses of the pipeline corridor under a New Facilities Payment Agreement.

STRAIGHT LINE FENCING. The former laundry facility, building #7330, is now being leased to the owners of a fence manufacturing and installation company. The lease agreement includes an option to purchase the building and an expectation that the building will be improved during the ten-year lease term so that it can serve as a manufacturing facility.

RESIDENTIAL OPERATIONS. Having acquired the residential properties at Loring, LDA operated the apartment rental business while seeking a new operator. In February 2016, the residential properties were leased to a private party operating under the name Inland Winds Property Management. The first year of operations for the new managers was a successful one; improvements have been made and new tenants have moved in. Housing availability is important to larger business prospects, who have indicated a need for on-premises housing for a portion of their workforce.

GOLF OPERATIONS. The Limestone Country Club was open for business again during the summer of 2017. Having engaged the help of dedicated volunteers and experienced employees, the business has made good progress. It continues to represent a valuable amenity for Loring and the larger community.

LORING MILITARY HERITAGE CENTER (LMHC). The LMHC, a museum showcasing Loring's military history, hosted another very successful open house. The events bring many people from around the world to Loring. The highlight of the reunion, fly-bys of a KC-135 tanker and a B-52, were a fitting tribute to the many service members who served at Loring.

LAND SPEED RACING. Loring Timing Association (LTA) continues to host land speed racing events at Loring, making use of the 12,100 foot runway. The events bring people from many places to the community and has exposed Loring's facilities and airfield to companies interested in automotive product testing, research and development.

AUTOCROSS EVENT. Cumberland Motor Club Inc. continues to hold autocross precision driving events at Loring. The events consist of automobiles, including high performance cars, being operated within a defined course. Although the race events do not attract huge crowds they do bring visitors to the area who provide increased traffic to restaurants, hotels and other businesses.

AROOSTOOK BAND OF MICMACS. LDA has had discussions with All Nations Global Solutions regarding opportunities for Loring businesses to partner with All Nations. The organization carries out economic development projects for the benefit of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs (ABM). It qualifies for super 8-A status when competing for federal procurements and can partner with private industry to carry out contracts.

PROSPECTS. Active prospects include various types of businesses including manufacturing, data services and technology companies and warehousing. Prospects have cited the quality and of the labor force as a central reason for their interest in the area. The availability of unique or specialized facilities at Loring is another attraction for companies.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADES PHASES 1, 2 AND 3. LDA and the Air Force entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, which included a payment to LDA of \$1.5 million for upgrades to the water treatment plant and distribution system. The MOA and payment addresses the Air Force's responsibility to provide potable water to Loring, where groundwater contamination prevents the use of wells. The funding matched a \$1,132,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and a \$2,264,000 infrastructure improvement project was completed last year. This year, Phase 3 of the water system improvement project was completed. Systems were installed to address disinfection byproducts in the water supply system as required by current drinking water standards. The \$1.1 million project was funded by a \$507,780 loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and by part of a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). About \$200,000 of the loan is forgiven; addition financial assistance from the Air Force helped to secure the loan. The CDBG was secured with the help of the Town of Limestone. (The balance of the CDBG, approximately \$336,000, will fund additional sewer rehabilitation at Loring.)

Completion of the water system upgrades brought Loring's water system in compliance with the regulatory standards for trihalomethanes (TTHM's). The water system continues to meet all other regulatory standards.

INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I/I) REDUCTION AT LORING COMMERCE CENTRE. Reduction of the I/I of ground and surface water in Loring's wastewater collection systems is an ongoing project. Upgrades to the system to date total approximately \$2.6 million. Construction work for a \$336,000 project is expected to be completed in October and November 2017. The work includes replacing worn collection lines and manholes, and abandoning a section of the collection system, redirecting it with a new line. The project is designed to achieve maximum I & I reduction with the available funding.

MAPPING PROJECT FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. Begin this fall, two University of Maine at Presque Isle students will work on a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping project for LDA, mapping water distribution infrastructure. Hydrant locations will be mapped first. The students are working under the guidance of Professor Chunzeng Wang.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE. Crown Ambulance continues to supply a two-person crew for ambulance service at Loring and all of Limestone, and Caswell. The ambulance crew is housed at the Loring Fire Station and has access to Loring's fire truck and associated equipment. Fire response falls under the authority of the Limestone Fire Department. The ambulance crew may be called upon occasionally to do long distance transports and when that happens, coverage will be by the crew based in Fort Fairfield.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. LDA and the City of Presque Isle renewed the agreement by which LDA obtains the services of George Howe, Codes Enforcement Officer for the city, on an as-needed basis.

AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFING ON PFCs OR "PERFLUORINATED COMPOUNDS. In 2009, EPA issued a Preliminary Health Advisory for two compounds, PFOS and PFOA,

recommending provisional drinking water standards for two specific PFCs (PFOS & PFOA). PFCs are a group of manmade chemicals that had been used for a wide variety of products including food grade uses such as Teflon and fast food wrappers. PFCs were found in firefighting foams used after 1970 and the Air Force has identified PFCs in groundwater at Loring's former fire training area. This has been the case with many closed bases. The Air Force began to assess other potential PFC sites at Loring during 2016. Because the drinking water supply does not come from wells, any PFC sites identified will have minimal or no impact on Loring's redevelopment.

POSSIBLE AMENDMENT BY AIR FORCE OF OU 12 RECORD OF DECISION. The Air Force is now monitoring for potential soil vapor intrusion (SVI) whereby contaminants in the soil or groundwater become vaporized and find their way through a floor slab and into a building. An amendment of the OU 12 (Groundwater) Record of Decision would create use restrictions for several Loring buildings, thereby preventing residential, school or day care use. The amendment would have minimal impact on LDA reuse activity since the buildings in question are industrial buildings with good air exchange. LDA anticipates that routine testing of work spaces in suspect buildings will take place.

MARKETING EFFORTS

WEBSITE. Loring.org was designed to provide downloadable data for available facilities, up-to-date information, ease in making in-house changes and an efficient delivery of board meeting documents. LDA regularly responds to inquiries submitted through the website.

PROMOTING LORING

Loring's facilities, attributes and contact information are available on numerous business development websites such as The Maine Chamber, The Yellow Pages online, www.aviationacres.com and other aviation interests.

Following a request for proposals to provide real estate services, the LDA signed an Exclusive Right to Sell Listing Agreement with Re/Max Central to provide Sales Agent services and exposure on the Multiple Listing Service for designated Loring properties. The goal is to promote Loring properties, for sale or lease, to the widest possible audience. For properties not specifically listed, LDA maintains an "Open Listing" and encourages all real estate brokers to bring prospective purchasers or commercial lessees to Loring.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

STAKEHOLDER AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS. The LDA President & CEO regularly leads tours and presents Loring's buildings and assets to potential tenants and visitors. He also promotes Loring and northern Maine when participating in speaking engagements and meetings regionally and state-wide.

PUBLIC BOARDS AND AFFILIATIONS. The LDA President & CEO serves in a voluntary capacity on regional and state-wide Boards, networking within various communities and acquainting people with Loring Commerce Centre, the State of Maine's largest industrial, business and aviation complex.

OTHER ACTIVITIES & EFFORTS

LDA ADVISORY GROUP. LDA Trustees established an Advisory Group for LDA. The function of the group is to work with the LDA President to generate and develop new ideas and proposals for the use of Loring's assets. Members would be volunteers; there would be no cost to LDA. Board member Dana Saucier was appointed to serve as the Board's designee; other trustees are to inform Mr. Saucier of their interest in working with the advisory group. The LDA board chair will also serve ex-officio.

AROOSTOOK PARTNERSHIP. LDA's President & CEO serves on the Board of Directors of Aroostook Partnership. Aroostook Partnership represents many economic development interests ranging from numerous private sector businesses and non-profits as well as public sector entities like Northern Maine Development Commission, the University and Community College, and the LDA.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION WORKING GROUP. Representatives of Maine School of Science and Math (MSSM), Aroostook Partnership, and LDA held a series of discussion on identifying and making use of regional assets and new technology. Assets at Loring such as the Three-Ring Binder and the Loring Applied Technology Center are part of the discussion. Another tremendous asset in the county is MSSM. The group is working to build relationships with MSSM students and alumni in an effort to prepare for and take advantage of quickly changing technology as outlined in an eye-opening presentation called the "Speed of Change".

ENERGY GROUP. The Aroostook Energy Association is a new organization whose members are large energy users in the county. LDA has been invited to participate and to represent the interests of Loring's large electric users. According to Miles Williams, LDA Trustee and now Board Chair, there were about 30 members in the association in February 2017. The association intends to work with Emera in the hope of securing the best possible energy rates for both supply and transmission.

MITC FORUM. Having attended at an international business forum hosted by the Maine International Trade Center, LDA representatives learned that the number of jobs in Maine dependent on international trade increased considerably as the economy recovered from the recession. They also learn that the results of a recent Gallop poll showed that Maine residents were among the most satisfied with their state and least likely to want to move away. Evidence of people wanting to stay in Maine is the level of underemployment in the state. People often take jobs that don't fully utilize their skills so that they can live in Maine. Aroostook County is no exception; underemployment is a chronic problem in the county. Maine's stable, skilled workforce is a great asset for attracting new businesses to the state.

KEEPING INFORMED. When relevant to the LDA's activities, LDA staff members actively participate in community and state economic development efforts, serving on various boards, attending workshops, development forums and trainings, keeping abreast of programs and other opportunities available to businesses.

LDA FUNDING

STATE OF MAINE. LDA used to receive annual grants of up to \$326,000 through the DECD budget. The routine annual appropriations ceased after the FY 2011 budget year. LDA seeks

assistance through grants available through the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development including CDBG grants accessed through the Town of Limestone. All LDA funding supports the reuse of the former military facilities including newly developing projects.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND. The Loring Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program allows the LDA to receive 50% of the Maine State Income Tax withheld from incremental jobs created at the Loring Commerce Centre. LD 1670, An Act to Attract Investment to Loring Commerce Centre, provided additional funding for one year; funding received for fiscal year 2017 was increased to 100%. Contributions to this fund for fiscal year 2017 totaled \$1,326,853. These funds are used to fund municipal service costs and maintenance of public infrastructure.

PROPERTY SALE, LEASE, MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES. During fiscal year 2017, the LDA received revenues from its tenants, from the sale of land and personal property and from miscellaneous revenues in the amount of \$1,340,442.

MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK. LDA's \$1,250,000 line of credit from Machias Savings Bank was increased to \$1.5 million. The line assists in the management of cash flow. At the end of FY 2017, funds advanced under the line of credit totaled \$1,436,000.

MACHIAS SAVINGS BANK. LDA secured a \$65,000 short-term bank loan in May to assist with year-end cash flow; the loan is due in full in July 2017. (Subsequent Note: the loan was paid in full in July 2017).

CDBG GRANT. A \$1 million Department of Economic and Community Development Community Development Block Grant was awarded to the Town of Limestone on behalf of the LDA in July 2015. The grant assisted with water treatment system upgrades needed to achieve Disinfection By-Product (DBP) removal in the water supply system. It is also being used to upgrade a portion of the existing wastewater collection system to reduce the inflow and infiltration of ground and surface water in the system.

MAINE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF). LDA worked with the Maine Bond Bank to close on a \$507,780 DWSRF loan. A portion of the loan, 40%, is forgiven; the remaining 60% or \$304,668 will be repaid over 30 years. The DWSRF funds were used to match the CDBG grant and were used on the water treatment system improvement project.

U.S. AIR FORCE FUNDING LDA received \$300,000 from the Air Force in 2016 for work on the water supply system at Loring. The funding assures the LDA will be able to repay the loan portion of the DWSRF funding through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. It supplements the \$1.5 million provided by the Air Force in 2009 to complete the work required to continue to supply water to the former Loring Air Force Base tenants.

LD 1643. LD 1643, An Act To Provide Funding to the Loring Development Authority of Maine, was approved in June 2017. It provides \$1.5 million for grants to the LDA from the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). Upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of DECD and the approval of the Governor, LDA will receive \$750,000 in both fiscal year 2018 and 2019. The funding will support new business development at Loring.

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**PARAGRAPH 1B: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
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The attached Independent Auditor's Report was approved by the Loring Development Authority Board of Trustees on October 11, 2017.