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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

TO: Senator Catherine Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Mark Lawrence, Senate Chair *ML*
Representative Seth Berry, House Chair *SB*
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

DATE: April 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Recommendations on the Governor's Proposed Biennial Budget (LD 1001)

The Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology has reviewed those portions of the Governor's Proposed Biennial Budget (LD 1001) that fall within the committee's jurisdiction. Attached please find the "EUT Part A Report-back Template" on which we have recorded the Committee vote on the individual budget initiatives. In summary, the committee voted to recommend acceptance of each of the Part A budget initiatives under its jurisdiction.

With respect to Language sections, the committee reports the following:

- **Part QQ** (IN: 11-0) – The committee voted to recommend acceptance of the language presented in Part QQ.
- **Part RR** (IN: 12-0) – Part RR of the budget was brought to our attention as an initiative directly related to funding for broadband expansion. The committee reviewed Part RR and voted to recommend acceptance the proposal to provide one-time funding to the Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$2,500,000 in each year of the biennium (Section RR-2), provided that these funds come from within existing resources. The committee takes no position on the specific funding source proposed in Part RR (real estate transfer tax revenue), but emphasizes that its support is contingent on funding this initiative within existing resources.

Finally, with respect to the budget for the Governor's Energy Office, in addition to the initiatives contained in Part A, the committee recommends an additional initiative that provides ongoing funding in the amount of \$300,000 per year to the Governor's Energy Office to fund the critical work of the office, including a minimum of 2 additional positions, on the condition that this initiative can be funded within existing resources of the overall budget as proposed by the Governor. We are committed to working with your committee to find funds for this initiative within existing resources.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with budget items related to the agencies under our jurisdiction.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Broadband Development Z245

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Executive II position and one Public Service Manager I position from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program, Office of Information Services Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Broadband Development program, Other Special Revenue Funds to administer the ConnectME Authority and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 805

Committee Vote: IN: 11-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$273,086	\$276,642
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642

Justification:

This initiative permanently moves two positions from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program (OIT) to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Broadband Development program (DECD) to administer the ConnectME Authority. Statutory language is submitted to move the programs associated with these positions from OIT to DECD. It also establishes the All Other for this program. The revenue to fund this move will come from a surcharge fee transferred from Public Utilities Commission (PUC), for which, currently is being received by OIT for the same positions and related All Other. See ADM Change Package C-A-33.

**OFFICE OF BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT Z245
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$273,086	\$276,642
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,341,086	\$1,344,642

Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$195,702	\$121,212	\$121,694	\$126,625
All Other	\$2,187,705	\$2,181,661	\$2,181,661	\$2,181,661
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,383,407	\$2,302,873	\$2,303,355	\$2,308,286

Justification:

The Efficiency Maine Trust allocation is used to transfer various utility assessments collected by the Public Utilities Commission and for personnel services costs related to those Efficiency Maine Trust employees that elected prior to July 1, 2010 to remain State Employees and retain their employee rights, privileges, and benefits.

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: Provides for an increase in allocation in the Efficiency Maine Trust program to align with projected natural gas assessments.

Ref. #: 1028

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$296,645	\$291,714
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$296,645	\$291,714

Justification:

This initiative increases the amount of allocation and revenue in the 2020-2021 biennial budget. The increase is based on the fiscal year amounts identified in the Efficiency Maine Trust's Triennial Plan, as approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

**EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST Z100
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$195,702	\$121,212	\$121,694	\$126,625
All Other	\$2,187,705	\$2,181,661	\$2,478,306	\$2,473,375
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,383,407	\$2,302,873	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2019-20

2020-21

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$2,600,000

\$2,600,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$2,600,000

\$2,600,000

Sec. A-25. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$270,618	\$283,133	\$286,776	\$298,890
All Other	\$1,894,100	\$1,894,100	\$1,894,100	\$1,894,100
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,164,718	\$2,177,233	\$2,180,876	\$2,192,990
	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$151,934	\$158,409	\$179,559	\$186,972
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$251,934	\$258,409	\$279,559	\$286,972

Justification:

The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security is established to carry out responsibilities of the State relating to energy resources, planning and development. The fund is non-lapsing.

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Governor's Special Assistant position from 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to 10% Other Special Revenue Funds and 90% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 1137

Committee Vote: IN: 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Personal Services	\$161,602	\$168,275
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$161,602	\$168,275

Ref. #: 1138

Committee Vote: IN: 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	(\$161,602)	(\$168,275)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$161,602)	(\$168,275)

Justification:

This initiative reallocates Governor's Special Assistant position to align time and effort to actual within the Governor's Energy Office.

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Adjusts funding to meet the current transfer of indirect costs.

Ref. #: 1140 Committee Vote: IN: 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	(\$23,536)	(\$23,536)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$23,536)	(\$23,536)

Ref. #: 1142 Committee Vote: IN: 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$141,493	\$142,233
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$141,493	\$142,233

Justification:

This initiative adjusts funding for the transfer of indirect costs from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the Other Special Revenue Fund DICAP account.

**GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$270,618	\$283,133	\$448,378	\$467,165
All Other	\$1,894,100	\$1,894,100	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,164,718	\$2,177,233	\$2,318,942	\$2,337,729

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$151,934	\$158,409	\$17,957	\$18,697
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$241,493	\$242,233
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$251,934	\$258,409	\$259,450	\$260,930

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,188,994	\$1,215,135	\$1,296,505	\$1,304,063
All Other	\$683,987	\$683,987	\$683,987	\$683,987
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,872,981	\$1,899,122	\$1,980,492	\$1,988,050

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides funding for increased educational outreach.

Ref. #: 1128

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$34,000	\$34,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,000	\$34,000

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated increase in the cost of leased space.

Ref. #: 1129

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$3,500

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in contractual services.

Ref. #: 1130

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$400,000	\$400,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$400,000	\$400,000

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in the cost of operations.

Ref. #: 1131

Committee Vote: IN : 10 - 0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2019-20 **2020-21**

\$18,060 \$18,060

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$18,060 \$18,060

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for website redesign.

Ref. #: 1132

One Time

Committee Vote: IN : 10 - 0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2019-20 **2020-21**

\$5,900 \$900

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$5,900 \$900

PUBLIC ADVOCATE 0410

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,188,994	\$1,215,135	\$1,296,505	\$1,304,063
All Other	\$683,987	\$683,987	\$1,141,947	\$1,140,447
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,872,981</u>	<u>\$1,899,122</u>	<u>\$2,438,452</u>	<u>\$2,444,510</u>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,318,942	\$2,337,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,697,902	\$2,705,440
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,016,844	\$5,043,169

Sec. A-59. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Cost Recovery Fund Z230

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

LD 1676: Public Law 2015, Chapter 483 directs the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to initiate a competitive solicitation as soon as practicable and directs investor-owned Transmission and Distribution (T&D) utilities to enter into one or more 2-year contracts for up to 80 megawatts of biomass resources for above-market costs of the contract funded from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund totaling \$13.4 million. All approved payments provided for by these contracts will be paid before the end of fiscal year 2018-19. Allocation is not being requested for the 2020-2021 biennium, as the Cost Recovery Fund is no longer needed.

Cost Recovery Fund Z230

Initiative: Eliminates funding in the Cost Recovery Fund program.

Ref. #: 2558

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

Justification:

LD 1676; Public Law 2015, chapter 483 directed the Public Utilities Commission to initiate a competitive solicitation as soon as practicable and directed investor-owned Transmission and Distribution utilities to enter into one or more 2-year contracts for up to 80 megawatts of biomass resources for above-market costs of the contract funded from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund totaling \$13.4M. All approved payments provided for by these contracts will be paid before the end of the fiscal year 2018-19, therefore allocation is not needed in fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-21.

COST RECOVERY FUND Z230

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$892,894	\$905,493	\$935,765	\$946,811
All Other	\$6,344,298	\$7,320,781	\$6,320,781	\$6,320,781
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,237,192	\$8,226,274	\$7,256,546	\$7,267,592

Justification:

The Emergency Services Communication Bureau (ESCB), originally established as a Public Safety Bureau in 1996 and moved to the Public Utilities Commission in 2003, manages the statewide Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) system, which is the component of the statewide emergency response system that displays the telephone number and physical location of an E9-1-1 caller to the call taker at a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Adjusts funding for technology expenditures due to an increase in rates and usage and a reduction in the geographic information systems costs in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology costs.

Ref. #: 2553

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(\$25,199)	(\$23,204)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$25,199)	(\$23,204)

Justification:

Routine increases in information technology include servers, storage, software maintenance, email support, hardware support of laptops and desktops. Geographic Information Systems expenditures are being reduced to be consistent with budget guidance provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU 0994

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$892,894	\$905,493	\$935,765	\$946,811
All Other	\$6,344,298	\$7,320,781	\$6,295,582	\$6,297,577
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,237,192	\$8,226,274	\$7,231,347	\$7,244,388

Oversight and Evaluation Fund Z106

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660

Justification:

Public Law 2009, chapter 372 requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish an oversight fund to be used solely to defray the commission's projected cost of overseeing the Efficiency Maine Trust, including but not limited to reviewing and approving the triennial plan and contracting with expert third-party resources to provide technical assistance or impartial evaluation of the performance of energy efficiency programs administered by the trust.

**OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION FUND Z106
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660	\$252,660

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$59,458
All Other	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	56.000	55.000	54.500	54.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$6,647,893	\$6,779,445	\$7,051,383	\$7,276,791
All Other	\$7,284,002	\$7,440,266	\$7,440,266	\$7,440,266
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,931,895	\$14,219,711	\$14,491,649	\$14,717,057

Justification:

The Maine Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) in 1913 as a quasi-judicial independent state agency. The Commission has jurisdiction over approximately 600 utility companies and districts that generate approximately \$1 billion a year in electric, telephone, water and gas utility revenues.

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides funding for anticipated revenues in the prepaid wireless fee fund account based on current prepaid wireless fee rates.

Ref. #: 2543

Committee Vote: IN: 9-1 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$187,698	\$187,698
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$187,698	\$187,698

Justification:

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104-C, subsection 2 directs the State Tax Assessor to collect E-911 surcharge fees, the state universal service fees and the telecommunications education access fees from prepaid wireless transactions and remit these surcharges and fees to the Prepaid Wireless Fee Fund within the Public Utilities Commission. The E-911 surcharge fee is then transferred from the Prepaid Wireless Fee account to the Emergency Services Communications account, and the universal service funds and telecommunications education access fees are then remitted to an independent fiscal agent who administers the funds. The requested allocation, expenditures and transfers in fiscal year 2019-20 and fiscal year 2020-21 are based on the current universal service and telecommunications education access fees and the current E-911 surcharge.

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Reduces funding in fiscal year 2019-20 and eliminates funding in fiscal year 2020-21 in the regional greenhouse gas initiative account.

Ref. #: 2544

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	(\$2,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$2,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,000,000)</u>

Justification:

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10109, subsection 3-A, directs the Public Utilities Commission to disburse \$1,000,000 from the Regional Green House Gas Initiative Fund in fiscal year 2019-20. No disbursement is identified for fiscal year 2020-21.

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Reduces funding due to a reduction in rent.

Ref. #: 2545

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	(\$136,675)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$136,675)</u>

Justification:

The State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Real Estate Management on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission issued a Request for Proposal in April 2018 seeking proposals for office space in the greater Augusta area. On July 12, 2018, a contract was awarded. Based on the winning bidder's proposal the Commission will realize a reduction in annual rent. The estimated move date is December 2019.

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Increases funding for an increase in rates and usage in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology costs in the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund.

Ref. #: 2546

Committee Vote: IN: 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$37,437	\$54,855
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$37,437</u>	<u>\$54,855</u>

Justification:

Routine increases in information technology include servers, storage, software maintenance, email support, hardware support of laptops and desktops.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
Personal Services	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$59,458	\$59,458
All Other	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	56.000	55.000	54.500	54.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$6,647,893	\$6,779,445	\$7,051,383	\$7,276,791
All Other	\$7,284,002	\$7,440,266	\$5,665,401	\$4,546,144
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,931,895	\$14,219,711	\$12,716,784	\$11,822,935

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$60,000	\$60,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$20,200,791	\$19,319,983
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,260,791	\$19,379,983

Sec. A-65. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL

Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund Z266

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

Justification:

The Telecommunications Relay Services Council, as established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 30-C, shall evaluate telecommunications relay services in the State of Maine and implement the Maine telecommunications relay services program as certified by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 64, Subpart F.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL FUND Z266

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2017-18	History 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$150,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$600,000	\$600,000

PART QQ

Sec. QQ-1. 35-A MRSA §9202, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 665, §3, is amended to read:

1. Advanced communications technology infrastructure. "Advanced communications technology infrastructure" means any communications technology infrastructure or infrastructure improvement that expands the deployment of, or improves the quality of, broadband availability and connectivity~~wireless service coverage~~.

Sec. QQ-2. 35-A MRSA §9203, sub-§6, repealed by PL 2015, c. 284, §5, is enacted to read:

6. Staff. Staff of the ConnectME Authority within the Department of Economic and Community Development shall have the power and duty to serve as the central broadband planning body for the State of Maine and shall support the ConnectME Authority in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. QQ-3. 35-A MRSA §9204-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 284, §7, is amended to read:

3. Support local and regional broadband planning. The authority shall provide technical, planning and approve financial assistance to communities in the State that include unserved and underserved areas to identify the need for broadband infrastructure and services and develop and implement plans to meet those needs.

Sec. QQ-4. 35-A MRSA §9204-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 284, §7, is amended to read:

5. Facilitate state support of deployment of broadband infrastructure. The authority shall review, recommend and facilitate changes in laws, rules, programs and policies of the State and its agencies to further deployment of broadband infrastructure to all unserved and underserved areas of the State. The authority shall assist in identifying opportunities to use broadband infrastructure to achieve the state policies and goals as set out in section 9202-A and support coordination between communications providers and state and local governmental entities on initiatives where broadband infrastructure could be advanced~~including coordination with the statewide emergency radio network~~.

Sec. QQ-5. 35-A MRSA §9211-A, sub-§4 and sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 323, §1, are amended to read:

4. Implementation grants; maximum awards. To the extent funds are available, the authority shall award implementation grants to achieve the purpose of the fund as described in subsection 3 as follows.

A. An implementation grant to an applicant may not exceed \$200,000 for each eligible project selected for funding.

B. An implementation grant may be awarded only to an applicant that has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the authority that it has ~~participated in a planning grant process as described~~ a viable plan similar to one created in subsections 5, 6 and 7.

C. Municipalities selected for funding must be required to provide a 25% cash match.

7. Cash match for planning grants; restrictions. The cash match required from the applicant for a planning grant under subsection 5 may consist of municipal appropriations, private funds, funding from economic development entities and funding from nonprofit entities. ~~The cash match for planning grants may not consist of funds provided by a vendor or private business that proposes to build, operate or provide retail services using the gigabit fiber optic broadband network.~~

PART QQ SUMMARY

This Part accomplishes the following:

1. It relocates the ConnectME Authority from the Office of Information Technology in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the Department of Economic and Community Development.
2. It clarifies certain statutory references relating the responsibilities of the ConnectME Authority.