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1	SP0031	N	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Authorizing the Establishment of the Criminal Code Revision Commission	CJPS	Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee to consult with Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Judiciary Committees to create and submit legislation to establish a Criminal Code Revision Commission.	13 / 13	Not specified	Submit bill by March 1, 2014: Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$1,875.00 Source: GF Budget estimate assumes 1 meeting for 13 members.	OPLA	On Study Table
2	LD0095	Y	Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children	HHS	Gather information concerning child sexual abuse in Maine and recommend policies to prevent and address sexual abuse of children.	13 / 4	After appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Health and Human Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses; public members are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$2,500.00 Source: GF 4 meetings budgeted. Budget includes per diem and expenses for legislative members only.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

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LD0986	N	Commission to Study Long-term Care Facilities	HHS	Study issues and the feasibility of making policy changes to the long-term care system, including funding for long-term care facilities, staffing and regulatory requirements, collaborative agreements with critical access hospitals, reimbursement mechanisms and the impact on rural populations of nursing home closures.	13 / 7	After appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses  Fiscal Costs: FY14 \$4,000.00 Source: GF Budget assumes 4 meetings. Legislative Council to staff with information and assistance provided by DHHS, State Auditor and Bur. of the Budget	Legislative Council	On Study Table
LD1032	N	Commission to Study the Incidence of and Mortality Related to Cancer	HHS	Review the State's above-average rates of cancer incidence and mortality and the State's current cancer prevention, detection and treatment goals and priorities.	13 / 7	Within 15 days of the effective date of the resolve	December 4, 2013: Health and Human Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  Fiscal Costs: FY14 \$5,750.00 Source: GF Authorized to meet up to 6 times, the budget assumes 6 meetings.	Legislative Council	Vetoed

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5 LD1064	Y	Task Force on Independence from Public Assistance	HHS	Review and make recommendations on initiatives needed to encourage independence from public assistance and programs funded with municipal, state or federal funds to assist people to achieve employment.	13 / 7	After completion of all appointments	December 4, 2013: Health and Human Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  Fiscal Costs: FY14 \$7,500.00 Source: GF Authorized to meet up to 8 times, the budget assumes 8 meetings.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
6 LD1556	N	Study Group to Examine the Issue of Medicaid Expansion	HHS	Review the issues related with expanding Medicaid eligibility pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.	13 / 10	After appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Legislative Council	Legislative per diem and expenses  Fiscal Costs: FY14 \$8,000.00 Source: GF The budget assumes 6 meetings.	Legislative Council	In Health and Human Services Committee; not reported out

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7 HP1136	N	Maine Health Exchange Advisory Council	IFS	Advise the Legislature regarding the interests of individuals and employers with respect to any health benefit exchange that may be created for the State pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; serve as liaison between any exchange and those enrolled in it; and evaluate implementation and operation of any exchange.	20 / 5	When appointment of all members is completed	Preliminary report due December 16, 2013; Insurance and Financial Services Committee Final report due November 30, 2014; Insurance and Financial Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$4,250.00 Source: GF  FY15 \$4,250.00 Source: GF Allows the Advisory Committee to meet at least 4 times, the budget assumes 6 meetings. The Advisory Committee may accept grant and other sources of funding.	Legislative Council for 4 meetings during interims; may contract for staff	Passed in House; no action taken in Senate

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8 HP1123 JO	N	Commission to Study Transparency, Costs and Accountability of Health Care System Financing	IFS	Review and evaluate the current data reported by hospitals and other health care facilities relating to charges, costs of providing services, revenue and financial data and make recommendations for standardizing financial reporting to enhance transparency to the public of health care costs.	9 / 9	After all members have been appointed	December 4, 2013: IFS and HHS Committees	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$5,000.00 Source: GF At least 4 meetings authorized, the budget assumes 4 meetings.	Legislative Council	Passed by House and Senate.
9 LD0627	N	Stakeholder Group to Review Strategies to Improve the Affordability and Accessibility of Oral Chemotherapy Treatment (department study)	IFS	Review and report on insurance coverage as it relates to the affordability and accessibility of chemotherapy intravenously administered and injected chemotherapy.	0 / 2	No later than October 1, 2013	December 1, 2013: Insurance and Financial Services Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$1,000.00 Source: GF Members of JSC on I&FS are "invited" to attend. Budget estimate assumes 2 members will attend 4 meetings.	Bureau of Insurance and Center for Disease Control	On Study Table. Insurance and Financial Services Committee members are invited to participate in the stakeholder group.

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10	LD0375	Y	Study Committee to Review Alternative Methods of Enforcement of Spousal Support	JUD	Review information about other states' approaches to the enforcement of spousal support and determine whether any of the alternative methods of enforcement should be implemented.	5 / 5	After appointment of all members is complete	November 6, 2013: Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$3,000.00 Source: GF The budget assumes 4 meetings.	Legislative Council	On Study Table
11	LD0855	Y	Task Force to Research the Possibility of a Virtual Legislature	SLG	Study strategies for remote citizen participation in the legislative process and make pilot program recommendations.	13 / 8	After appointment of all members is complete	December 4, 2013 preliminary report: Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature Final report: November 5, 2014: First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$4,500.00 Source: GF Budget assumes 4 meetings. (The 8 legislative members includes the current Chair of Right to Know Advisory Committee.)	Legislative Council during the interim; Task Force may request staff assistance from the offices of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House	On Study Table

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12 LD1509	Y	Nonprofit Tax Review Task Force	TAX	Evaluate the feasibility and desirability of identifying parameters and a process for imposing a temporary assessment on certain nonprofit organizations that will generate revenue annually.	9 / 4	No later than September 1, 2013	December 1, 2013: Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Taxation	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$2,000.00 <b>Source: GF</b> The budget assumes 4 meetings.	Department of Administrative and Financial Services	Enacted in Budget bill; Part AA; Vetoed
13 LD1509	Y	Tax Expenditure Review Task Force	TAX	Examine tax expenditures and evaluate specific tax expenditures that provide a direct benefit to business as a catalyst for economic growth; review best practices and standardized criteria used by other states for measuring the effectiveness of tax expenditures; and recommend the repeal or reduction of tax expenditures to save at least \$40,000,000.	13 / 4	When appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$3,000.00 <b>Source: GF</b> The Task Force is authorized to meet up to 6 times. The budget assumes 6 meetings.	OFPR and OPEGA	Enacted in Budget bill; Part S; Vetoed

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14 LD1222	Y	Task Force to Study Maine's Governmental Ethics and Transparency Laws	VLA	Review the State's laws concerning governmental ethics and transparency, including laws governing financial disclosure for the legislative and executive branches.	13 / 11	When appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Veterans' and Legal Affairs Committee	Legislative per diem and expenses  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$6,000.00 Source: GF Budget assumes 4 meetings.	Legislative Council	On Study Table

<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2014</b>	
	GF	\$58,375.00
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	<b>2015</b>	
	GF	\$4,250.00
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		\$62,625.00



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1	LD1105	N	Downtown Revitalization Fund Board (on-going)	AFA	Disburse loans and grants from the fund to encourage business development in downtown areas.	9 / 4	Not specified	None specified	Legislative per diem and expenses pursuant to Title 3 section 2 <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$0.00 Source: GF Assuming 4 meetings per year, annual costs of \$2,000 for legislator per diem and expenses will be paid by Legislature and reimbursed from Downtown Revitalization Fund account.	Office of Community Development	In AFA Committee; not Reported Out
2	LD0963	N	Commission on Expanding Early Postsecondary Access for High School Students (on-going)	EDU	Develop strategies to expand access to early postsecondary opportunities for high school students in the State.	19 / 4	Not specified	January 15 annually: Education and Cultural Affairs Committee  <b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$2,000.00 Source: GF  FY15 \$2,000.00 Source: GF The budget assumes 4 meetings per year. Will result in ongoing budget increase of \$2,000 per year.	Department of Education	On Study Table	

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3 LD0230	N	Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality (on-going)	HHS	Implement the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services state innovation model grant and develop and issue the biennial State Health Plan.	13 / 4	Not specified	Insurance and Financial Affairs Committee: Recommendations annually by October 1 Health and Human Services Committee: Recommendations annually by October 1	Legislative per diem and expenses  Fiscal Costs: FY14 \$39,128.00 Source: GF  FY15 \$39,822.00 Source: GF Allows the Commission to meet at least 4 times. The budget assumes 6 meetings. The Commission may seek outside funding.	Legislative Council during interim; contract staff at other times	On Appropriations Table

Totals: 2014  
 GF \$41,128.00  


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 GF \$41,822.00  


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 \$82,950.00

**OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**

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HP 1132	N	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the State Board of Corrections and the Unified County Corrections System	CJPS	Review the current structure of the county jail corrections system; review and propose revisions to the mission and authority of the State Board of Corrections; and clarify the structure and authority of the unified systems of corrections and the State Board of Corrections.	13/0	When appointment of all members is completed	December 4, 2013: Criminal Justic and Public Safety Committee	<b>Fiscal Costs:</b> FY14 \$0.00 <b>Source: OSR</b> The Commission shall seek outside funding to fully fund the costs of the study. Legislative Council not to incur costs for staffing but are to seek the provision of staffing services from a nonlegislative entity.	Legislative Council may seek staffing services from a non-legislative entity	On Study Table
<b>TOTALS:</b>										<b>2014</b>
									<b>OSR</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>