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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

TO: Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair,
Representative Teresa S. Pierce, House Chair, and
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator James F. Dill, Senate Chair, ^{JFD KSN}
Representative Margaret M. O'Neil, House Chair, and ^{MMO KSN}
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry

DATE: March 17, 2022

SUBJ: Supplemental Budget Report Back

The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) Committee is pleased to submit the following report for the proposed 2022-2023 supplemental budget initiatives related to Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The ACF Committee voted unanimously in favor of all initiatives and language parts with the exception of seven initiatives where there was one vote against the initiative (Rep. Underwood): Ref. #206 on Page 17, Ref. #108 and 109 on Page 32, Ref. #119 and 120 on Page 35 and Ref. #128 and 129 on Page 36.

In addition, the justification language for Ref. #73 and 74 on Page 4 is incorrect; the ACF Committee voted unanimously to strike this language to correct the technical error in the report-back document and to insert the following language:

This initiative aligns work effort with appropriate funding and eliminates allocation in the Federal Expenditures Fund account.

The ACF Committee also unanimously voted to add the phrase "in a non-lapsing fund" at the end of the initiative language associated with Ref. #1015 on Page 48. The intent is to make clear that the ongoing funding for additional operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory should be in a non-lapsing fund.

In addition, the ACF Committee recommends the following proposed changes to the supplemental budget.

1. Polyfluoroalkyl and Perfluoroalkyl Substances or PFAS

The ACF Committee voted unanimously (12-0) in favor of establishing two positions, one Public Service Manager III position and one Public Service Coordinator I position, within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in the Office the Commissioner program to address PFAS contamination on agricultural land in the State. The ACF Committee recommends adding these positions to the baseline budget (adding two legislative count positions).

In addition, as part of this unanimous vote the committee strongly supports the following transfer from the General Fund (GF):

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager III and one Public Service Coordinator I and provides funding for initiatives to administer the funding and to address perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, contamination on agricultural land in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS – LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	41,175	257,038
All Other	4,472	99,697,315
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	45,647	99,954,353

In addition, we understand the following new language will need to be added to the supplemental budget to move forward with the recommendation above.

Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before May 1, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$100,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Office of the Commissioner program, Fund To Address PFAS Contamination, Other Special Funds account for the purposes as provided under Title 7, section 320-K, subsection 4.

2. Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives

A majority of the ACF Committee (12-1 with Underwood against) voted in favor of adding \$50,000 GF funding to allow for GF matching dollars in the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives program as authorized by Public Law 2021, chapter 468.

Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329

Initiative: Provides on-going General Fund All Other for matching funds to address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	50,000	50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	50,000	50,000

Justification: This will provide on-going funding to allow the department to support the program with matching funds.

3. Assistance to municipalities with solar siting and planning

A majority of the ACF Committee (8-1 with Underwood against) voted in favor of adding one ongoing Public Service Coordinator I position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and related All Other costs in the Office of the Commissioner to assist municipalities with solar siting and planning.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and related All Other costs in the Office of the Commissioner program to support the design and establishment of a pilot project program to study the feasibility of dual-use projects, provide technical assistance to municipalities considering proposals for utility-scale solar energy projects on agricultural, forested, and natural lands, analyze impacts to agricultural and natural resources, and assist with further solar policy development for the department.

GENERAL FUND		2021-22	2022-23
	Positions – Legislative Count		1,000
	Personal Services		\$103,622
GENERAL FUND	TOTAL		\$103,622

4. Bureau of Parks and Lands Capital Equipment Needs

The ACF Committee voted unanimously (13-0) to provide GF funds to the Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase the following capital equipment (listed in order of priority):

- 10 tractors/lawn mowers (unit cost \$10,000 each) - estimated cost total of \$100,000;
- 5 snowmobiles (unit cost \$11,500 each) - estimated cost total of \$57,500; and
- 8 ATVs/UTVs (unit cost \$12,000 each) - estimated cost total of \$96,000.

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding to purchase 10 lawn tractors, 5 snowmobiles and 8 ATV/UTV's.

GENERAL FUND		2021-22	2022-23
	Capital Expenditures	0	253,500
GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	0	253,500

Justification: This equipment is necessary to replace old or unsafe equipment that is past useful life.

5. Incentivizing Soil Carbon Sequestration

A majority of the ACF Committee (11-1 with Underwood against) voted in favor of providing one-time funding, \$90,000 GF in fiscal year 22-23, in the Maine Healthy soils program and provided to the University of Maine to investigate incentivizing land management that increases soil carbon sequestration. The purpose of the funding is to review lands of the State, including wetlands, lands in grass and forests to model potential carbon storage with the goal of improved land management.

Maine Healthy Soils Program Z328

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to investigate incentivizing land management that increases soil carbon sequestration.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	0	90,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	0	90,000

Justification: This will allow the department to provide one-time funding to the University of Maine to look at lands of the entire state including wetlands, lands, grasses, forests, and farms.

Additional Language needed:

Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before July 1, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$90,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Program, Maine Healthy Soils Fund, Other Special Funds account for the purpose of providing funds to the University of Maine to investigate incentivizing land management that increases soil carbon sequestration.

Finally, the ACF Committee wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate our support of LD 1805, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission and the corresponding proposed rule change, which increases the short-run break-even target prices to dairy farmers in all four tiers of production.

- c: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
- Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected available resources within the Animal Welfare Fund program.

Ref. #: 144

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$200,000

Justification:

This initiative will increase allocation to provide necessary funds to pay ongoing expenses for the Help Fix ME program and will decrease the need for financial orders in this account.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 65

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$44,763
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$4,750
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$49,513

Ref. #: 66

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$44,759
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$7,389
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$52,148

Justification:

This position will provide inspection services to meet increasing demand in the Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection program and reduce wait times for livestock producers.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Consumer Protection Inspector position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund.

Ref. #: 67

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

This position was established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, as a limited-period position to meet immediate needs. Our Maine Meat and Poultry Inspection program has ongoing needs for additional Consumer Protection Inspectors in order to keep pace with agricultural business demands. We are requesting headcount to continue this position.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Agricultural Compliance Officer position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, mitigation, funded 100% General Fund.

Ref. #: 68

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

This position was established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, as a limited-period position to meet immediate needs for PFAS. Expanded PFAS testing by the Department of Environmental Protection requires ongoing capacity to manage agriculture-related data and cases. We are requesting headcount to continue this position.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Planning and Research Associate II position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 69

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$89,522
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$93,022</u>

Justification:

Staffing changes in the past 6+ years reduced the amount of current staff available to effectively manage a number of critical animal health programs. This position will fill these existing gaps by performing important in-office management (handling correspondence, dispatch, and data entry) while also performing necessary inspection and surveillance field work.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a cryoscope in order to detect added adulterants in milk.

Ref. #: 70 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$13,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$13,000

Justification:

This will replace an antiquated cryoscope that is over 30 years old and is needed to identify issues with milk processing. The machinery is obsolete and repair parts are unavailable.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a mass comparator for the metrology laboratory in each year of the biennium.

Ref. #: 71 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000

Justification:

The Maine Metrology Laboratory maintains 9 mass comparators (balances) that are integral to calibrating and maintaining the weights and measures standards of the State of Maine, and for many in and out-of-state labs, service companies and private industry. 8 of the 9 balances are 20+ years old and considered obsolete by the manufacturers due to no parts availability. This request represents the first step in a decade-long balance replacement proposal to provide the Lab the best chance to maintain its services while spreading the cost out over multiple years.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the feed, seed, and fertilizer database and ongoing funding for hosting and maintenance of the new database.

Ref. #: 72 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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All Other	\$0	\$0	\$550,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

Justification:

This initiative will replace our current outdated system. It will provide a single system to manage program data. Additionally it will process online registrations, payments, renewals, tonnage reporting, track sampling and lab results, generate enforcement letters, remote barcode scanning, uploading of product labels for registration. Many tasks are currently done through a variety of manual processes. This database could also enhance revenue by tracking registrations better. There is \$500,000 in one-time funding and \$50,000 in ongoing funding in this initiative.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers 2 Produce Inspector II positions from the Federal Expenditures Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides All Other funding in Other Special Revenue Funds for position-related costs. Reduces All Other funding in the Federal Expenditures Fund because work effort now falls under Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

Ref. #: 73

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	(2.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$152,794)
All Other	\$0	\$0	(\$20,000)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	(\$172,794)

Ref. #: 74

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$152,794
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,146
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$160,940

Justification:

~~This initiative will increase allocation to provide necessary funds to pay ongoing expenses for the Help Fix ME program and will decrease the need for financial orders in this account.~~

See memo (K)
This initiative aligns work effort with appropriate funding and eliminates allocation in the Federal Expenditures Fund account.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Agricultural Compliance Officer position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, field work and outreach to farmers.

Ref. #: 75

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) assistance specific to livestock producers, including synthesizing data to derive farm response standard operating procedures, assist with organizing depuration research strategies including live animal testing, and coordinating depopulation efforts as necessary.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Agricultural Compliance Officer position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to focus on food safety issues that could arise from farms impacted by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

Ref. #: 78

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$86,074
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$89,574

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) impacted commodities to provide producers with resources, regulatory oversight, and food safety guidance. It will also coordinate and conduct product sampling.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to manage all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, related activities.

Ref. #: 79

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$118,712
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$122,212

Justification:

This position will be responsible for directing all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) activities within the Bureau of Agriculture.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Agency GIS/Technology Coordinator position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, related data management.

Ref. #: 80

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$95,704
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,204

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) data management within the Bureau of Agriculture.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers one Consumer Protection Inspector position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

Ref. #: 81

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 82

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This initiative moves legislative count for one Consumer Protection Inspector to correct an error in the last biennial budget. This position was reallocated from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, but the associated legislative count remained in the Federal Expenditures Fund.

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for grants for glass, polycarbonate or other durable greenhouse structures and associated siting and installation costs to schools, community centers and other eligible public entities as determined by the department for shared and educational uses, and to enhance community-based opportunities for food production.

requiring additional funds.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for increased insurance rates for aviation coverage.

Ref. #: 159

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$35,000

Justification:

The Forest Protection Division maintains several types of aircraft. This will cover the rate increase for aviation insurance.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding to purchase aviation safety management systems per recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Ref. #: 160

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$28,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$28,000

Justification:

This will improve the safety of our fleet by tracking maintenance efforts more closely, and is recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board, United States Forest Service, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 3 outboard motors.

Ref. #: 161

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$28,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$28,400

Justification:

Two boats, in Lee and Topsfield, will be taken out of service as unusable until the motors are replaced. This will impact our ability to respond to fire emergencies on many lakes and rivers in the Central Region. The third boat located in Greenville is currently operational, but is not reliable and is a safety issue.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding to replace weather stations across the State.

Ref. #: 162

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$10,000

Justification:

This request begins a replacement schedule to support 27 weather stations and associated software installed in the early 2000s located across the state.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 16 snowmobiles.

Ref. #: 163

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$179,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$179,200

Justification:

This request will replace 16 of our 24 snowmobile fleet. Some date back to 1972 and are either not safe, past the point of repair, or costs associated with repair are not fiscally prudent.

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for increased lease costs in Old Town.

Ref. #: 164

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$9,600	\$9,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,600	\$9,600

Justification:

This request funds the increased lease costs at our regional headquarters in Old Town.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected available resources within the Forest Resource Management program.

Ref. #: 166

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$80,000

Justification:

This initiative will increase allocation to reimburse municipalities for tree plantings and other community forestry activities as authorized in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8705, and will decrease the need for financial orders in this account.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Reallocates one Office Associate II position from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 167

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$33,179	\$34,474
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$33,179	\$34,474

Ref. #: 168

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	(\$33,179)	(\$34,474)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$33,179)	(\$34,474)

Justification:

This initiative aligns work effort with the appropriate funding source. The position is the administrator of the new online forest notification system and replies to constituent requests for assistance. This work does not have a federal grant relationship and is imperative to the program.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 20 Garmin global positioning system units and ongoing funding for annual subscription costs.

Ref. #: 169 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$17,240
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$17,240

Justification:

These GPS units would provide communication for field staff for safety issues and provide coverage where other radios don't work. There is \$12,000 in one-time funding and \$5,240 in ongoing funding in this initiative.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 16 radios.

Ref. #: 170 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$8,000

Justification:

These are new radios that are needed for safety in the North Maine Woods, including field staff that travel only occasionally to work with other staff.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Reallocates 2 Entomology Technician positions from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 171 Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$68,157
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$76,557

Ref. #: 172 Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$68,157)

Ref. #: 176

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	(\$64,220)
All Other	\$0	\$0	(\$17,404)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	(\$81,624)

Justification:

Federal funding is not keeping pace with collective bargaining and other associated costs. In addition, these positions support work on Emerald Ash Borer and Brown Tail Moth, which are no longer on the federal list and the work needs to be supported by the General Fund.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 6 snowmobiles.

Ref. #: 177

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$67,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$67,200

Justification:

This would replace snowmobiles heavily used for winter work in forest inventory and forest health surveys such as Emerald Ash Borer detection/monitoring, and Spruce Budworm monitoring. Current equipment poses serious reliability and resulting safety concerns.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace one compound microscope with camera and purchase 2 dissecting microscopes with cameras.

Ref. #: 178

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$19,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$19,000

Justification:

This will replace one microscope used for forest pathology that is inadequate for optics and lighting, and provide 2 additional microscopes in Old Town and Ashland to allow work to be conducted on sorting and screening trap samples and diagnostics at these remote office locations. Failure to replace the compound microscope will result in our inability to reply to concerns/constituent requests in a timely manner. Due to increased pest issues, we expect an increase in these needs.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Establishes one Entomologist II position in the Forest Resource Management program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 179

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$89,522
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$15,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$105,022

Justification:

This position will assist with the critical need in public health emergencies related to mosquito vectored diseases, and statutory requirements to conduct applied research related to management of insects, diseases and abiotic agents potentially injurious to forest resources. Since 2000, we have seen the introduction and negative impacts of 8 significant forest pests to our forest health, and the impact on human health as with the Brown Tail Moth.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Establishes 2 Senior Entomology Technician positions to respond to insect and disease inquiries in the central and southern regions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 180

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$155,792
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$31,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$186,792

Justification:

These positions will be located in the Central and Southern regions, paired with an Entomology Technician to create a team for entomology and pathology staff at the lab. The Senior Entomology Technician will be responsible for communicating with project leads, directing work and also serve as a liaison with other bureau field staff to help better integrate forest health survey and monitoring in all field activities. Without additional staff this division will have difficulty responding to current insect and disease requests and with anticipated climate/pest increases that need will grow.

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a biosafety cabinet and an autoclave for the new entomology laboratory.

Ref. #: 181

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager I position in the Geology and Resource Information program as the director of municipal planning assistance and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 194

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$115,451
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$118,951

Justification:

This will reinstate the director position that was eliminated in a prior budget. The position is required by administrative rule for appeals, and necessary for guidance and management.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Geology and Resource Information program for the implementation of Maine Won't Wait, the December 2020 4-year plan of the Maine Climate Council, and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 195

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$96,064
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,564

Justification:

To implement Maine Won't Wait, this position will focus on actions where the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (BRILUP) is a critical partner in inter-agency collaborations (6 out of 8 MWW Strategies) providing capacity to implement legislative directives to revise statutes and rules; coordinate within BRILUP programs, department divisions, and across State government; and ensure state and federal climate funding reaches local, regional and state collaborators.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Geology and Resource Information program to review grant applications, administer contracts and manage projects with grantees within the municipal planning assistance program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 196

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$96,064
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,564

Justification:

This position will assist with comprehensive plan review to meet statutory deadlines and provide technical assistance to municipalities.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add wells to the existing groundwater monitoring network and ongoing funding for data collection and maintenance.

Ref. #: 197 One Time Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$50,000

Justification:

Funds will be used to add additional existing wells to the groundwater monitoring system, instrument select wells for real-time data collection, increase measurement frequency at non-instrumented wells, and install new wells in underrepresented geographical and geological areas. All information will be contributed to the National Groundwater Monitoring Network that will facilitate local and regional analysis. There is \$40,000 in one-time funding and \$10,000 in ongoing funding in this initiative.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Secretary Associate position to provide necessary support to staff in the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 198 Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$75,518
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$79,018

Justification:

This position would improve efficiency to address administrative tasks.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Provides funding for an annual contract for interns to assist with field work.

Ref. #: 199

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>

Justification:

This initiative provides a cost effective means of getting field and background research completed and supporting on site educational internships.

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Planner II position in the Geology and Resource Information program to provide grant and contract management assistance, data assembly and technical assistance within the municipal planning assistance program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 200

Committee Vote: IN 7-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$86,434
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$89,934</u>

Justification:

This position allows a cost-effective approach to increase technical assistance capacity.

Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align allocation with projected available resources within the Harness Racing Commission program.

Ref. #: 62

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$218,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$218,000</u>

Justification:

Public Law 2015, chapter 499 authorized advance deposit wagering for horse racing but did not provide additional allocation at that time. This initiative will increase allocation to provide the necessary allocation to distribute these funds.

Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue changes approved in the December 2021 revenue forecast.

Ref. #: 63

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,025,533	(\$1,417,831)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,025,533	(\$1,417,831)

Justification:

This initiative records an increase in fiscal year 2021-22 casino revenue and a decrease in fiscal year 2022-23 casino revenue for the December 2021 revenue forecast.

Land for Maine's Future Z162

Initiative: Provides funding to cover the annual fee from InforME for the conservation lands registry database.

Ref. #: 149

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$6,000

Justification:

Title 33, section 479-C requires the department to maintain the Conservation Lands Registry, a voluntary tool designed to track public and private conservation land in our state. The user registration fee of \$80 does not cover the annual hosting fee for the web-based registry.

Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects Z307

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position and one Paralegal Assistant position to efficiently execute the Land for Maine's Future goals, reduces All Other in the same program to fund the positions and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 204

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$172,461

All Other	\$0	\$0	(\$172,461)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Justification:

These positions are requested to efficiently execute the Land for Maine's Future goals as outlined in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part FFFF.

Land Management and Planning Z239

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Forester II position in the Land Management and Planning program to focus on marketing forest products in the western region and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 202

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$98,043
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,399
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$106,442

Justification:

This position will focus on marketing forest products in the western region. The lack of a Forester II position has significantly reduced the Bureau's ability to identify the most efficient (in terms of trucking) lucrative markets for its forest products (e.g., veneer quality hardwood, spruce sawlogs), thereby impacting the Bureau's revenue. Creation of this position would likely generate much more revenue than the cost of the position. This same position exists in the northern and eastern regions and was eliminated from the western region in the last administration.

Maine Conservation Corps Z149

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Office Associate II position from 90% Other Special Revenue Funds and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund, 40% Other Special Revenue Funds and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund and reallocates the cost of 2 Volunteer Services Coordinator positions from 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and provides General Fund All Other for programmatic support.

Ref. #: 146

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$27,544	\$123,554
All Other	\$0	\$40,000	\$160,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$67,544	\$283,554

Ref. #: 147

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$27,544)	(\$123,015)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$27,544)	(\$123,015)

Justification:

Since the creation of the Maine Conservation Corps (MCC), General Fund support has declined from nearly 40% of the program to only 5%. This reduction places a greater burden on the 'fee for service' component of MCC, which was significantly diminished during the pandemic. It is critical that the core job-training functions of MCC (several weeks of training that is irrespective of the job placement) are adequately supported through both state and AmeriCorps staff.

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist IV position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to investigate enforcement issues and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 187

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$103,458
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$15,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$118,958

Justification:

This position would be the enforcement coordinator for the Land Use Planning Commission to address high development pressure and compliance issues.

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to improve connections with regional stakeholders, enhance planning and account for regional differences in the department's planning mission and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 188

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$96,064
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,564

Justification:

This position is necessary to keep up with the increasing number of complex subdivisions and development projects.

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted services to scan old paper records and to provide access to electronic records.

Ref. #: 189

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$30,000

Justification:

This initiative will fund a contract to scan documents into a system to improve efficiency and allow all staff to have access to all files in all regional office locations, and includes funding for ongoing associated software licenses. This will reduce application processing times.

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Mapping and Graphic Arts Specialist II position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to provide mapping support and database management and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 190

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$89,097
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$92,597

Justification:

Several current projects require skills to maintain our ownership database, create and revise maps, and to design, create, revise and provide technical advice and support on graphic arts for use in publications, presentations, and other graphic applications.

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted services for a consulting engineer to assist Maine Land Use Planning Commission staff.

Ref. #: 191

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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Ref. #: 89

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

All Other

\$0 \$0 \$587

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 \$0 \$587

Justification:

Staffing changes in the past 6+ years reduced the amount of current staff available to effectively manage a number of critical animal health programs. This position will fill these existing gaps by performing important in-office management (handling correspondence, dispatch, and data entry) while also performing necessary inspection and surveillance field work.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Departmental GIS Manager position to coordinate departmentwide geographic information system usage and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 90

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

All Other

\$0 \$0 \$3,247

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$0 \$3,247

Ref. #: 91

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

0.000 0.000 1.000

Personal Services

\$0 \$0 \$116,417

All Other

\$0 \$0 \$6,899

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 \$0 \$123,316

Justification:

This position would coordinate and support work in the bureaus and would be the interface between MaineIT and MEGIS for database and geographic information system (GIS) software and information technology (IT) development.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Deputy Commissioner Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry position to best serve the mission of the department, respond appropriately and efficiently to public needs and fulfill the legislative intent of the department and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 92

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$216,358
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$6,747
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$223,105

Ref. #: 93

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

Recognizing the breadth of a merged department, the initial structure proposed two Deputy Commissioners to handle our vast and very diverse constituent groups. The resulting law only established one. With years into this new structure and evolving new challenges, it is clear in order to best serve our mission, respond appropriately and timely to public needs, and fulfill the legislative intent of our department, DACF needs this additional resource.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the Ending Hunger in Maine VISTA project.

Ref. #: 94

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$84,630
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$84,630

Justification:

The department's Ending Hunger in Maine VISTA project provides a critical workforce toward the State objective of ending hunger by 2030. This program attracts \$573,632 in additional resources to the state. The requested funds would be used to provide site hosting fees for State agencies, leverage philanthropic and federal funds, and provide necessary training and supplies to the 25 member work force.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of centralized financial and human resources services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 95

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$45,157	\$44,390
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$45,157	\$44,390

Ref. #: 103

Committee Vote: IN 11-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This will reinstate the director position that was eliminated in a prior budget. The position is required by administrative rule for appeals, and necessary for guidance and management.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist IV position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to investigate enforcement issues and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 104

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 105

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position would be the enforcement coordinator for the Land Use Planning Commission to address high development pressure and compliance issues.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to improve connections with regional stakeholders, enhance planning and account for regional differences in the department's planning mission and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 106

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
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Ref. #: 107

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position is necessary to keep up with the increasing number of complex subdivisions and development projects.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Senior Planner position in the Geology and Resource Information program for the implementation of Maine Won't Wait, the December 2020 4-year plan of the Maine Climate Council, and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 108

Committee Vote: IN 9-1 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 109

Committee Vote: IN 9-1 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

To implement Maine Won't Wait, this position will focus on actions where the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning (BRILUP) is a critical partner in inter-agency collaborations (6 out of 8 MWW Strategies) providing capacity to implement legislative directives to revise statutes and rules; coordinate within BRILUP programs, department divisions, and across State government; and ensure state and federal climate funding reaches local, regional and state collaborators.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Mapping and Graphic Arts Specialist II position in the Maine Land Use Planning Commission program to provide mapping support and database management and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 111

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Secretary Associate position to provide necessary support to staff in the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 115

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 116

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position would improve efficiency to address administrative tasks.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Planner II position in the Geology and Resource Information program to provide grant and contract management assistance, data assembly and technical assistance within the municipal planning assistance program and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 117

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 118

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position allows a cost-effective approach to increase technical assistance capacity.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position and one Paralegal Assistant position to efficiently execute the Land for Maine's Future goals, reduces All Other in the same program to fund the positions and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 119

Committee Vote: IN 09-1 AFA Vote: _____

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$6,494
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,494</u>

Ref. #: 120

Committee Vote: IN 09-1 AFA Vote: _____

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,173
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,173</u>

Justification:

These positions are requested to efficiently execute the Land for Maine's Future goals as outlined in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part FFFF.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Provides funding to replace mobile and handheld comm net radios.

Ref. #: 121

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$5,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,950</u>

Ref. #: 122

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,075
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,075</u>

Justification:

This initiative funds the replacement schedule of handheld and mobile radios on a rotating basis (1 unit handheld; 3 unit vehicle/year). These devices have a lifespan of 5-7 years and are necessary field safety equipment.

All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position will be responsible for PFAS billing, vendor relations, invoice tracking, contracts, request for proposals (RFPs), and tracking budgetary spending.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one State Veterinarian position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to assist with live animal risk assessment and management on farms impacted by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

Ref. #: 134

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 135

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) assistance specific to livestock producers, including synthesizing data to derive farm response standard operating procedures, assist with organizing depuration research strategies including live animal testing, and coordinating depopulation efforts as necessary.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Agricultural Compliance Officer position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to focus on food safety issues that could arise from farms impacted by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

Ref. #: 136

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 137

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) impacted commodities to provide producers with resources, regulatory oversight, and food safety guidance. It will also coordinate and conduct product sampling.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to manage all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, related activities.

Ref. #: 138

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

Ref. #: 139

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position will be responsible for directing all perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) activities within the Bureau of Agriculture.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Agency GIS/Technology Coordinator position in the Bureau of Agriculture program and provides funding for related All Other costs associated with the position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Office of the Commissioner programs to focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, related data management.

Ref. #: 140

Committee Vote: IN 10-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,247

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,247
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Ref. #: 141

Committee Vote: IN 10-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$587

Justification:

This position will focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) data management within the Bureau of Agriculture.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Assistant II position to an Office Associate II position effective July 1, 2022.

Ref. #: 142

Committee Vote: IN 9-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$2,221
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$52
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$2,273

Justification:

This reorganization was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on December 21, 2021. This change aligns the position classification more closely with the job duties. This position is currently vacant and needs to be funded at the appropriate level in order to fill permanently.

Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocation with projected available resources within the Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program.

Ref. #: 156

Committee Vote: IN 7-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$758,639
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$758,639

Justification:

ATV trail use has increased across the state in recent years. We have seen an increase of 37% in ATV registrations since 2018, and registrations are expected to continue to increase over the next few years. This will increase the allocation in this account to align with projected revenue, and will decrease financial orders for this account.

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Establishes 18 seasonal Assistant Park Ranger positions for 26 weeks each to meet current operational needs in Maine's state parks.

Ref. #: 151

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$213,264	\$603,306
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$213,264	\$603,306

Justification:

This is a continuation of effort to rebuild the 24 positions that were cut previously (6 were restored in Public Law 2021, chapter 29) by establishing 18 Assistant Park Ranger positions for 26 weeks each. In an ongoing upward trend, park visitation surpassed the 3 million mark in 2020 and current tracking shows visitation up 10% over October 2021. We anticipate additional staffing needs beyond this request once we complete the analysis per Public Law 2019, chapter 110. However, restoration of these 18 positions is critical for parks operations.

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding to equip park managers at state parks with smart phones for staff and visitor safety.

Ref. #: 152

Committee Vote: IN 8-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$13,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$13,200

Justification:

This initiative would equip Park Managers with smart phones to give them the ability to map and document park events such as shark sightings, visitor encounters and asset management in addition to communicating quickly.

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Establishes one Planning and Research Associate II position in the Parks - General Operations program to manage grants and monitor federal Land and Water Conservation Fund sites for compliance and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 153

Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$89,522
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$9,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,022
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Justification:

This position would assist the Director managing grants, and monitoring 800+ Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) sites. This Federal program requires sites to be monitored at specific intervals after a grant is funded. One staff person is unable to meet these requirements. The National Park Service identified this program as understaffed in a recent program review in June 2019.

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Historic Site Specialist position in the Parks - General Operations program to provide interpretation and planning around historical and archaeological sites and provides funding in the Office of the Commissioner program for related All Other costs. This position ends June 8, 2025.

Ref. #: 154

Committee Vote: IN 11-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$96,064
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$99,564

Justification:

The Bureau of Parks and Lands maintains 12 State Historic Sites. The Bureau has lacked interpretation and planning around historical and archaeological sites since this position was eliminated nearly 10 years ago.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$467,587	\$5,690,322
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	(\$33,179)	(\$478,679)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,199,627	\$4,952,281
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,634,035	\$10,163,924

Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides funding for increasing the weeks of one seasonal Baxter Park Customer Representative position from 24 weeks to 30 weeks, one seasonal Baxter Park Customer Representative position from 27 weeks to 30 weeks and one seasonal Baxter Park Customer Representative position from 24 weeks to 25 weeks to ensure sufficient gate coverage and enhance access for visitors and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 249

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.192
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,380
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$305
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$10,685

Justification:

This initiative will increase the authorized hours of 3 positions by a combined 10 weeks to ensure coverage for the month of November for the south gate of the park, thereby enhancing the predictability of access for visitors during the shoulder season.

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides funding for increasing the weeks of 2 seasonal Baxter Park Customer Representative positions from 23 weeks to 24 weeks to ensure full-season coverage at the visitor center and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 250

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.040
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,949
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$58
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$2,007

Justification:

Due to position and training shifts, the positions set at the park's visitor center, with some 20,000 visitors per year, have been set to end prior to one of our busier weekends, Indigenous People's weekend. Failure to allocate funds would further contribute to poor information services for late-season visitors, when the light and the temperatures are receding.

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides funding for increasing the weeks of one seasonal Baxter Park Campground Ranger position from 24 weeks to 26 weeks to account for expanded spring training and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 251

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

Justification:

The pandemic has driven up interest in outdoor recreation, and Maine's iconic tallest point in Katahdin is no exception. Most years about 80% of the park's rescue response is focused on the large and remote Katahdin massif. This position would allow for more frequent mountain patrols by Chimney Pond based campground rangers, not only to provide faster communications and initial medical treatment for injured hikers, but also for enhanced education around natural resource protection of some of the most sensitive areas in the park. Prior to the pandemic the park employed 2 summit stewards each summer to achieve these objectives, but given the increased recreational pressure, especially from inexperienced hikers driven outdoors by the pandemic, it is more appropriate to provide fully trained staff to assist in these critical rescues.

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Management Analyst II position previously continued by Financial Order 001654 F2 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 254

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$104,076
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,061
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$107,137

Justification:

The park requires administrative capacity in finance and information technology in order to protect our fiscal and data resources and enhance our ability to serve the people of Maine. There is no sign that this need will abate. Failing to supply capacity in this realm will potentially leave the park vulnerable and will certainly carry a high opportunity cost for leadership level positions that should be focused on other aspects of park management. Financial Order 001654 F2 was signed for a Public Service Coordinator I position but Bureau of Human Resources approved it for a Management Analyst II position.

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Establishes one Parks Maintenance Coordinator position for 31 weeks to support the park's efforts to address deferred maintenance on park infrastructure including those areas that affect public safety and the protection of natural resources and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 255

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.596	0.596
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,377	\$49,699
All Other	\$0	\$453	\$1,462
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$15,830	\$51,161

Justification:

This position will help the park to gain ground on deferred maintenance, enhance public safety, and reduce Park personnel cost. Our lean, 4-person maintenance crew maintains over 300 buildings, 150+ miles of gravel road, a fleet of more than 45 trucks and snowmobiles, off-grid power systems and an extensive radio communication system. The difficulty of this maintenance load is compounded by a busy visitor season which runs concurrent to the maintenance season. All of our current maintenance staff are in danger of losing accumulated vacation time, and our overtime premium payout for maintenance alone exceeds \$20,000 per year, not including some 2,000 volunteer hours annually spent in maintenance pursuits as well. Failure to allot these funds, which are Other Special Revenues to the park and do not affect other agencies, will have a negative impact on Baxter State Park Authority's ability to properly maintain this considerable infrastructure and lead to further deferred maintenance over time, potentially having a negative effect not only on the visitor experience but also on public safety, staff retention, and the natural resources the park is mandated to protect.

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$34,551	\$214,450
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$34,551	\$214,450

Sec. A-15. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Dairy Improvement Fund Z143

Initiative: Allocates funds to reflect increased revenue projections per the December 2021 report of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

Ref. #: 457

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

All Other

\$0 \$168,689 (\$7)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 \$168,689 (\$7)

Justification:

This initiative increases the allocation to align with higher revenues projected by the Revenue Forecasting Committee. These revenues represent a percent of the state's share of net slot machine income. Maine Revised Statutes Title 10, section 1023-P.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2020-21 2021-22 2022-23

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$0 \$168,689 (\$7)

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$0 \$168,689 (\$7)

Sec. A-36. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund Z290

(*) See memo

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for additional operational costs associated with arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory. in a non-lapsing fund.

Ref. #: 1015

Committee Vote: IN 9-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

Justification:

Additional investment in arthropod management research, education and outreach within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory will support increased demand for services including tick identification and disease testing as the range of pests expands statewide and has increasing impacts on public and environmental health. The funding will also offset the loss of special revenue expected by the repeal of a 15-cent pesticide container fee established by Public Law 2019, chapter 548 that supports critical laboratory activities.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

PART M IN 9-0

Sec. M-1. 12 MRSA §1802 is amended to read:

§1802. Bureau of Parks and Lands established

There is established within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the Bureau of Parks and Lands, which shall carry out the responsibilities of State Government relating to parks, historic sites, submerged and intertidal lands, public reserved lands and nonreserved public lands.

1. Director. The executive head of the bureau is the director.

A. The powers and duties of the position of director may not be combined with any other position within the bureau or department.

B. The position of director may not be filled in an acting capacity; the appointee must be a permanent full-time employee.

2. Deputy director. The director is assisted in executive duties by a deputy director. The deputy director position is a classified, confidential position.

3. Personal attendance to duties. The director and the deputy director shall attend personally to the duties of their offices as far as practicable.

4. Appointment. The director ~~and the deputy director are~~ is appointed by and will serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

PART M
SUMMARY

This Part changes the Deputy Director position from serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner to a classified, confidential position.

PART N IN 8-0

Sec. NN-1. 5 MRSA §933, sub-§1, ¶A is amended to read:

A. Deputy Commissioners;

**PART N
SUMMARY**

This Part changes the Deputy Commissioner reference in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's major policy-influencing positions list from singular to plural.

PART O

IN 9-0

Sec. O-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Community-based Greenhouses. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Community-based Greenhouse-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account for grants for durable (glass, polycarbonate, etc.) greenhouse structures and associated siting and installation costs to schools, community centers, and other eligible public entities as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

**PART O
SUMMARY**

This Part requires the transfer of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Community-based Greenhouse-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The transfer provides funds for the Department to make grants for community-based greenhouses to schools, community centers, and other eligible public entities for shared and educational uses, and to enhance community-based opportunities for food production.

PART P IN 9-0

Sec. P-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; PFAS Reserve-Bureau of Agriculture. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, PFAS Reserve-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purposes of abating, cleaning up and mitigating threats or hazards posed by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance, or PFAS, contamination affecting agricultural producers in the State and the food supply, to provide support to affected farms, to support critical PFAS research and to otherwise allow for the department to strategically and effectively respond to PFAS concerns and issues as they arise.

**PART P
SUMMARY**

This Part requires the transfer of \$3,000,000 on or before June 30, 2022 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, PFAS Reserve-Bureau of Agriculture, Other Special Revenue Funds account to assist farmers and agricultural producers in the State that have been affected by PFAS contamination, to support critical PFAS research and to otherwise allow for the department to strategically and effectively respond to PFAS concerns and issues.