

**Testimony of Kirsten LC Figueroa, Commissioner
Department of Administrative and Financial Services**

**Before the Joint Standing Committees on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs
and State and Local Government**

**“An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and
Changing Certain Provisions of the law Necessary to the Proper Operations
of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023”**

January 26, 2023

Good afternoon, Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Nangle, Representative Stover and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. I am Kirsten Figueroa, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am here today to testify in support of LD 206, the fiscal year 2023 supplemental budget bill.

Department of Administrative and Financial Services

On page A-1, there are two initiatives in the **Capital Construction/Repair/Improvements – Admin (0059)** program. The first initiative requests a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 to support required capital construction on the Augusta East Campus.

The Greater Augusta Utility District is upgrading its water system near the East Campus. One of the impacts of that project is reduced water pressure to East Campus office buildings and the Riverview Psychiatric Center to below the minimum level required for the operation of fire suppression systems. This funding is needed for the Bureau of General Services (BGS) to install a new high-pressure feed on campus to supply the north-campus buildings as well as to install a new line parallel to Hospital Street to connect the south-campus buildings. The project is currently scheduled to take place beginning in July 2023 through mid-September 2023.

The second initiative in this account provides a one-time \$5 million General Fund appropriation for additional renovations required for the Cultural Building. The Cultural Building was constructed in 1968-69, with a glass Atrium added in the 1980's. The building houses the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Library, and the Maine State Archives.

Care and maintenance of this building have been long ignored due to lack of funding and both were a priority for this Administration from the start.

The project began in 2020 with the urgent need to abate asbestos and replace the failed mechanical systems. As abatement proceeded and walls and ceilings were opened, additional problems with the 53+ year-old building were revealed, and many other unforeseen conditions had to be dealt with. It is the Bureau of General Services' standard practice to conduct a full facility assessment prior to renovation to identify deficiencies; however, asbestos contamination and mechanical failure prevented that.

As the contractor proceeded with demolition of interior spaces, previously concealed asbestos was identified; the deteriorated condition of the plumbing system became visible; an unsalvageable "spaghetti" of active and abandoned wiring was uncovered above ceilings; ceiling materials that the architect thought could be reinstalled were not usable; most flooring finishes could not be salvaged; and other building defects, some structural, were found. The renovations will also include bringing restrooms to ADA standards.

The price tag for the needed work is \$41,784,818, including \$1.5 million set aside for future change orders; however, only \$36,784,819 is in hand, leaving the \$5 million shortfall.

This additional appropriation of \$5 million will allow BGS to address this unanticipated work that is critical to completing the renovation of one of the most visited buildings in the state, more than 200,000 visitors per year. We are requesting the funds in the supplemental as a one-time appropriation rather than borrowing authorization due to timing. We continue to work to a reopen date of spring 2024.

Part and parcel with this request are requests you will hear from Archives and the Library. Each will be requesting funds for high density shelving and the Library will be requesting some space planning funds. Because the cost of renovations has increased, the construction project is not able to cover these non-construction costs. Adequate shelving is needed for display, storage and increased capacity.

We are requesting these funds in the supplemental to put the order in now to ensure the shelving is on hand when we're ready for the installation.

Part D, on **language page 3**, increases the borrowing authority for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for financing arrangements to purchase vehicles for Central Fleet Management and adjusts the interest rate. The Central Fleet Management Division was unable to fully utilize borrowing authority in fiscal year 2021-22 due to automobile supply issues. This authorization is necessary to stay on the replacement schedule.

Part G, on **language page 5**, directs the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to transfer \$149,955 from the authority's operating account to the state as undedicated revenue. This balance is a result of the true-up of debt service payments on closed bond issuances.

Part H and **Part I** on **language page 5** relate to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services, General Fund account. Part H authorizes the All Other line category to carry from fiscal year 2022-23 into fiscal year 2023-24 for the same purposes. Part I authorizes that unobligated Personal Services balances in the Information Services, General Fund account may be transferred to All Other. General Funds were authorized for positions; however, we have been unable to fill all of them. Transferring the unobligated balance, available until those vacancies are filled, will allow the Department to contract for needed statewide cybersecurity services.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.

**TESTIMONY OF MATT DUNLAP, CIA
MAINE STATE AUDITOR**

An Act Making Unified Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Senator Rotundo and Representative Sachs, and Senator Nangle and Representative Stover, and distinguished members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs and State and Local Government Committees; my name is Matt Dunlap. I have the honor of serving as State Auditor, and I am here today to present several sections of the supplemental budget document as they pertain to the Office of the State Auditor.

The relevant initiatives are found on page A-6 of your budget document.

The first three initiatives represent position reclassifications that were previously approved by the Bureau of Human Resources. The first provides funding for an approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 35 to range 37 with retroactive pay to an effective date of September 19, 2022. The cost of this initiative is **\$10,679** in the General Fund for FY 2022-23.

The second initiative provides funding for an approved reclassification of one Public Service Manager II to a Public Service Manager III position with retroactive pay to an effective date of September 21, 2022. The cost of this initiative is **\$8,517** from Other Special Revenues in FY 2022-23.

The third initiative provides funding for an approved reclassification of one Senior Auditor position to a Principal Auditor position with retroactive pay to an effective date of August 12, 2022. The cost of this initiative is **\$9,601** from Other Special Revenues in FY 2022-23.

The final initiative is intended to provide continued funding for the transition of audit workpapers from a paper format to an electronic one using third-party software with support from Maine IT. The cost of this ongoing initiative is **\$29,718** from Other Special Revenues in FY 2022-23.

The total cost of these initiatives is **\$10,679** to the General Fund and **\$47,836** from Other Special Revenues for the balance of this fiscal year.

That concludes the initiatives from the Office of the State Auditor. I am happy to answer any questions from committee members at the pleasure of the chair, and can bring further information to the committees for the work session.



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**TESTIMONY OF
SHENNA BELLOWS, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Before the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
and State and Local Government

January 23, 2023

LD 206, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Senators Rotundo and Nangle, Representatives Sachs and Stover, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and State and Local Government, my name is Shenna Bellows, and I am the Secretary of State. I am here today to present testimony in support of those items presented in the Supplemental Budget for the Department of the Secretary of State.

Department information begins on page **A-40** of the **Budget Document**.

Administration - Archives 0050

There are 3 General Fund initiatives:

1. Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to an Archivist II position. The Personal Services request is **\$986 in FY2022-23**.

This management-initiated reorganization was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on August 31, 2022. This has been submitted in the 2024-2025 Biennial budget.

2. Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position. The Personal Services request is **\$1,105 in FY2022-23**.

This management-initiated reorganization was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on May 17, 2022. This has been submitted in the 2024-2025 Biennial budget.

3. Provides one-time funding for shelving at the Eastside Wellness Center and in the Cultural Building, 2nd floor Archives. The Capital Expenditures request is **\$1,500,000 in FY2022-23**.

Archival records from every agency in state government, by their nature, increase annually, resulting in the need for more storage space over time. Shelving on the second floor of the Cultural Building for Maine State Archives was largely destroyed as part of renovations, in part because much of it was encapsulated in asbestos. For the return of the Archives to the Cultural Building, there is a need for adequate shelving to properly house boxes of archival records on the second floor. Additionally, to accommodate the ongoing need for more storage space for archival records, the Maine State Archives will occupy the Eastside Wellness Center building permanently. This facility currently does not include any shelving. To use it as a storage facility, proper high-density shelving is needed to store archival record boxes. To provide an understanding of the scale of the shelving that is required, this shelving will provide for approximately 30,000 boxes of existing Archival records as well as allow for the more efficient storage of boxes, therefore increasing capacity by an estimated 15%.

This concludes my testimony on the items included in the Governor's proposed Supplemental FY 2022-23 budget.

I would be happy to answer questions now or at the work session.

Thank you.

**TESTIMONY
OF HEATHER JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and
the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Hearing Date: January 26, 2023
Hearing Time: 3:00 p.m.

**“An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the
General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government
and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper
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Good afternoon, Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Nangle, Representative Stover and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. My name is Heather Johnson, and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development. I am here today to testify in support of LD206, the Supplemental Budget.

For the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the supplemental budget has one request, that seeks to restore lapsed funds for contractual obligations relating to the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services. In 2018, DECD issued an RFP and awarded funds to five entities for projects authorized through the program. One project experienced an unanticipated delay and although a contract was in place, an accounting function, lapsed the remaining contract funds of \$741,427 to the General Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2022.

FUND FOR EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF LOCAL & REGIONAL SVCS Z254

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to restore lapsed funds for contractual awards relating to the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

	2021-22	2022-23
		741,427
Total	0	741,427

Summary - GENERAL FUND
All Other

	2021-22	2022-23
		741,427
Total	0	741,427

The contract is with the District Attorney's Office and provides matching funds for the implementation of a statewide case management software system. The new system, funded in part by the eight prosecutorial districts, will replace an outdated expensive system, with a cost-effective electronic processing system that will allow all District Attorney's offices, serving sixteen counties in Maine, with the capability of electronically submitting information to the court. This collaborative effort was designed to financially benefit every county in the state and improve the criminal justice system for everyone.

FUND FOR EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF LOCAL & REGIONAL SVCS

The initiative for the fund for Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Services Account may be found on **page A-16** of the Budget Document.

This initiative requests one-time funding of \$741,427 to restore lapsed funds to the Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Services Fund for the purpose of funding the contractual award to the District Attorney's Office.

This concludes my testimony for the Department of Economic and Community Development.

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LD 206

“An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government a Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023”

Public Hearing Date: January 26, 2023 – **Supplemental Testimony**

Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Senator Nangle, Representative Stover and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. On January 26th I provided testimony on behalf of the Maine Prosecutors Association in support of in support of LD 206 in regard to the one time funding of \$741,427 to the District Attorney’s Office for a new case management software.

During my testimony, I was asked how much the total amount of the contract is for the new case management software. I responded that I wasn’t sure, but I thought it was a little under \$1,000,000. After my testimony was done, I was able to get a copy of the contract with Tyler Technology and learned the contract is for \$1,395,376 with \$98,601 of that total based on estimated travel expenses.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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