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STATE OF MAINE  
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair  
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Teresa Pierce, Senate Chair  
Representative Traci Gere, House Chair  
Joint Select Committee on Housing

DATE: February 1, 2023

RE: Supplemental Budget Recommendations (LD 206)

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On Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, the Joint Select Committee on Housing reviewed two items contained within the supplemental budget related to the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA); an allocation adjustment found on page A-29 and a language provision (Part L). Members of the committee, present at the time of the vote, unanimously supported the allocation adjustment initiative and the carry forward language related to the Housing Opportunity Program administered by MSHA.

Members present when the vote was taken (8):  
Senator Pierce and Representatives Gere, Bradstreet, Gattine, Blier, Lookner, Campbell and Golek.

**Sec. A-15. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

Ref. #: 120

One Time

Committee Vote: IN 8-0

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0

**Justification:**

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

**DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0

## PART J

**Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of providing the resources to fund an additional one-time cost-of-living increase of 1.0% of the established 2022 maximum benefit subject to an increase for retirees from the state-sponsored retirement plans. The additional 1.0% applies to retirement benefit payments, up to a maximum of \$24,186.25, for the one-year period ending August 31, 2022. This additional increase applies to retirees who were eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment in September 2022. The additional increase made pursuant to this section is a one-time payment and is not included in the calculation of future benefit adjustments.

## PART J SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$6,600,000 from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and directs to Board to issue a one-time 1.0% retirement benefit payment.

## PART L

HOU: IN 8-0

**Sec. L-1. Carry provision; Department of Economic and Community Development.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24, the State Controller shall carry forward into the next fiscal year any unexpended balance remaining of the \$2,756,126 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 in the All Other line category in the Housing Opportunity Program, General Fund account for the purpose of supporting and encouraging the development of additional housing units in the State.

## PART L SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to carry forward to fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 any unexpended balance of the \$2,756,126 appropriated in in the Housing Opportunity Program, General Fund account, All Other line category in fiscal year 2022-23 to be expended for the same purposes.