

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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LD 258 "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025"

BIENNIAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

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10:00 AM Wednesday, February 8, 2023 (AFA Only)
(Note: Department & Agency testimony will be on all categories within this block before public testimony)
To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Debt Service
<i>Language Part "TTT" Allows the Debt Service-Treasury program funding to carry over in FY24 and FY25</i>
LEGISLATURE (Public Testimony Only)
Law and Legislative Reference Library
Law and Legislative Reference Library
Legislature
Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Interstate Cooperation, Commission on
Legislative Apportionment Commission
Legislature
State House and Capitol Park Commission
Study Commissions – Funding
Uniform State Laws - Commission On
Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, Office of
Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
State House Preservation and Maintenance, Reserve Fund for
Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance
OTHER
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of (no Part A Initiatives)
<i>Language Part "I" Updates statutes relevant to the General Fund appropriation limit to rebase the limit, simplify, and clarify the calculation.</i>
<i>Language Part "K" Amends the funding of the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to reflect the retirement of the revenue bonds in fiscal year 2023 and directs the use of the profits.</i>
<i>Language Part "S" Recognizes an attrition rate in the judicial and executive branches of 5%</i>
<i>Language Part "VVV" specifies that COVID Disaster Relief Payment checks will be treated as unclaimed property that is not subject to the notice and receipt provisions established in MRS 33 §2101</i>
1:00 PM Wednesday, February 8, 2023 (TAX)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:
Property Tax Review, State Board of
Property Tax Review - State Board of
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Bureau of Revenue Services Fund

County Tax Reimbursement
Covid Pandemic Relief Payment Program
Elderly Tax Deferral Program
Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
Maine Board of Tax Appeals
Mandate-BETE-Reimburse Municipalities
Property Tax Stabilization
Property Tax Stabilization Mandate
Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption
Revenue Services – Bureau of
Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement
Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund – Finance
Veterans Tax Reimbursement
Veterans' Organizations Tax Reimbursement
Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement
<i>Language Part "L" Authorizes a program to develop the expertise of Senior Revenue Agents.</i>
<i>Language Part "M" Limits the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals to matters where the amount in controversy is \$500,000 or less</i>
<i>Language Part "WWW" Continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute except where specifically changed in the enacted budget. (Testimony will also be taken on reports completed pursuant to MRS Title 3 sections 999 and 1000.)</i>
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund
Maliseet Sales Tax Fund
Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund
Penobscot Sales Tax Fund
Property Tax Relief for Maine Residents
State – Municipal Revenue Sharing
1:00 PM Thursday, February 9, 2023 (HOU)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Select Committee on Housing
Economic and Community Development, Department of
Housing Opportunity Program
Housing Authority, Maine State
Housing Authority – State
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA
Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program
Shelter Operating Subsidy
<i>Language Part "TT" Transfers \$30,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.</i>
1:00 PM Friday, February 10, 2023 (LBHS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor & Housing
Labor, Department of
Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards
Administration – Labor
Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
Employment Security Services
Employment Services Activity
Labor Relations Board
Regulation and Enforcement
Rehabilitation Services

Safety Education and Training Programs
State Workforce Board
Workforce Research
Retirement System, Maine Public Employees
Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund
Treasurer of State, Office of
Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program
University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the
New Ventures Maine
Workers' Compensation Board
Administration – Workers' Compensation Board
Employment Rehabilitation Program
Workers' Compensation Board
<i>Language Part "UUU" Increases the Workers' Compensation Board's assessment cap to \$14.7 million starting in FY24</i>
10:00 AM Monday, February 13, 2023 (EDU)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:
HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AGENCIES
Arts Commission, Maine
Arts – Administration
Arts – General Grants Program
Arts – Sponsored Program
Cultural Affairs Council, Maine State
New Century Program Fund
State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration
<i>Language Part "NN" Lapses unencumbered funds from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration, General Fund account to the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund</i>
Historic Preservation Commission, Maine
Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Fund
Historic Preservation Commission
Historic Preservation Revolving Fund
Historical Society, Maine
Historical Society
Humanities Council, Maine
Humanities Council
Library, Maine State
Administration – Library
Blind and Visually Impaired News Access Fund
Maine Public Library Fund
Maine State Library
Statewide Library Information System
Museum, Maine State
Maine State Museum
Maine State Museum - Operating Fund
Research and Collection – Museum

Public Broadcasting Corporation, Maine
Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation
Community College System, Maine
Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees
MCCS Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years
<i>Language Part "QQQ" Transfers \$7,500,000 in each year of the biennium from unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years, Other Special Revenue Funds account .</i>
Maritime Academy, Maine
Maine Maritime Academy - Debt Service
Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino
Maritime Academy – Operations
Maine Maritime Academy - Schooner Bowdoin
University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the
Caseo Bay Estuary Project University of Southern Maine (moved to the ENR hearing block)
Debt Service – University of Maine System
Educational & General Activities – UMS
Labor and Community Education Center
Maine Economic Improvement Fund
University of Maine Scholarship Fund
1:00 PM Monday, February 13, 2023 (EDU)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:
CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Charter School Commission, State
Maine Charter School Commission
Education, State Board of
State Board of Education
Education, Department of
Adult Education
Charter School Program
Child Development Services
Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program Fund
Community Schools Program
Criminal History Record Check Fund
Digital Literacy Fund
Early Childhood Infrastructure
Education in Unorganized Territory
ELA and Workforce Training Grant Fund
Facilities, Safety and Transportation
FHM – School Breakfast Program
Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)
Higher Ed Interpersonal Violence Advisory Commission Fund
Higher Education and Educator Support Services
Innovative Instructional and Tutoring Grant Program Fund
Leadership Team
Learning Systems Team
Learning Through Technology
Local Foods

Maine Climate Corps Prog - Maine Commission for Community Svc
Maine Commission for Community Service
Maine HIV Prevention Education Program
Maine School Safety Center
Maine Service Fellows Program (Maine Commission for Community Service)
National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund
National Board Certification Scholarship Fund
Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund
Office of Innovation
Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways
Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance
Retired Teachers' Health Insurance
School and Student Supports
School Finance and Operations
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical Council
Special Services Team
State Mandate Reimbursement - Collective Bargaining
Teacher Retirement
<i>Language Part "C" Establishes the Total Cost of Education K-12 for FY 24, the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and mil rate and changes the EPS model for one year and makes permanent a career and technical education middle school grant program</i>
<i>Language Part "QQ" Specifies that the Maine Municipal Bond Bank may issue securities for equipment purchases or capital improvements to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions and extends the date by which securities may be issued.</i>
1:00 PM Tuesday, February 14, 2023 ♥ (CJPS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:
Corrections, Department of
Administration – Corrections
Adult Community Corrections
Bolduc Correctional Facility
Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements – Corrections
Correctional Center
Correctional Medical Services Fund
Corrections Food
Corrections Fuel
Corrections Industries
County Jail Operations Fund
Departmentwide – Overtime
Downeast Correctional Facility
Justice – Planning, Projects & Statistics
Juvenile Community Corrections
Long Creek Youth Development Center
Mountain View Youth Development Center
Office of Victim Services
Parole Board
State Prison
<i>Language Part "HH" Authorizes the transfer of positions and available balances within the Dept. of Corrections during specified periods of the biennium.</i>
<i>Language Part "II" Authorizes the Dept. of Corrections to transfer certain funds between accounts within the same fund to pay for overtime expenses</i>
<i>Language Part "JJ" Authorizes the transfer unobligated balance from Personal Services to the All Other line category in the Long Creek Youth Development program for FY23 and FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "KK" Authorizes the Dept. of Corrections to transfer between accounts within the same fund to pay for food, heating and utility expenses in the FY24 and FY25.</i>

<i>Language Part "LL" Lapses \$1,057,303 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Corrections, Admin Corrections-Carrying account to the General Fund in FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "MM" Authorizes the transfer of appropriations for fuel expenditures from all General Fund accounts within the Dept. of Corrections to the new consolidated Corrections Fuel, General Fund account.</i>
Community College System, Maine
Regional Fire Service Training
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
Administration – Maine Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Response Operations
Stream Gaging Cooperative Program
Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine
Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Public Safety, Department of
Administration – Public Safety
Background Checks – Certified Nursing Assistants
Capitol Police, Bureau of
Computer Crimes
Consolidated Emergency Communications
Criminal Justice Academy
Division of Building Codes and Standards
Drug Enforcement Agency
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Marshall – Office of
Highway Safety DPS
Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety
10:00 AM Wednesday, February 15, 2023 (IDEA-B)
(Note: Department & Agency testimony will likely take all morning with public testimony starting in the afternoon)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business
Centers for Innovation
Centers for Innovation
Development Foundation, Maine
Development Foundation
Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education
Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education
Economic and Community Development, Department of
Administration – Economic and Community Development
Applied Technology Development Center System
Business Development
Communities for Maine’s Future Fund
Community Development Block Grant Program
International Commerce
Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program
Maine Coworking Development Program
Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund
Maine Economic Growth Council
Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission
Maine State Film Office

Municipal Grant Fund
Office of Innovation
Office of Tourism
Renewable Energy Resources Fund
Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund
<i>Language Part "J" Changes the date after which a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business in a tier 1 location may not be certified</i>
Finance Authority of Maine
Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund
Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund
FHM - Dental Education
FHM - Health Education Centers
Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund
Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program
Small Enterprise Growth Fund
Student Financial Assistance Programs
<i>Part "SS" Transfers \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.</i>
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation
Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional
Licensing and Enforcement
Manufactured Housing Board
1:00 PM Thursday, February 16, 2023 (MAR)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:
Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative
Lobster Promotion Fund
Marine Resources, Department of
Bureau of Marine Science
Bureau of Policy and Management
Bureau of Public Health
Lobster Legal Defense Fund
Marine Patrol – Bureau of
Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat
2:30 PM Thursday, February 16, 2023 (ENR)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Solid Waste Management Fund
Environmental Protection, Department of
Administration – Environmental Protection
Air Quality
Board of Environmental Protection Fund
Eelgrass and Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping Fund
Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund
Land Resources
Maine Environmental Protection Fund
Performance Partnership Grant

Remediation and Waste Management
Water Quality
Finance Authority of Maine
Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program (program eliminated in Public Law 2021 c. 1)
New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission
Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee
Saco River Corridor Commission
Saco River Corridor Commission
St. Croix International Waterway Commission
St. Croix International Waterway Commission
University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the
Casco Bay Estuary Project – University of Southern Maine
10 AM PM Friday, February 17, 2023 (SLG)
(Note: Department & Agency testimony will likely take all morning with public testimony starting in the afternoon)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:
Attorney General, Office of
Road Commission Fund
Auditor, Office of the State
Audit Bureau
Unorganized Territory
Executive Department
Administration – Executive – Governor’s Office
Blaine House
Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
Municipal Bond Bank, Maine
Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Maine Rural Water Association
Perm Comm on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Pop
Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations
Labor, Department of (transfer to Perm Commission only)
Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations
Secretary of State, Department of
Administration – Archives
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Administration – Treasury
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of (DAFS)
Administration – Human Resources
Budget – Bureau of the
Buildings & Grounds Operations
Bureau of General Services – Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund
Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements – Administration
Central Administrative Applications
Central Fleet Management
Central Services – Purchases

Centralized Imaging Services
Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority
Financial and Personnel Services – Division of
Information Services
Leased Space Reserve Fund Program
Office of the Commissioner – Administrative & Financial Services
Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration
Purchases – Division of
Risk Management – Claims
State Controller – Office of the
Statewide Radio Network System
Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program
<i>Language Part "D" Changes the title of the Director of Human Resources to the State Human Resources Officer</i>
<i>Language Part "F" Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to \$34,050,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.</i>
<i>Language Part "G" Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to \$37,000,000 to pay for the costs of capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities and hazardous waste cleanup on state-owned properties.</i>
<i>Language Part "N" Allows remaining balances in the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority program in each year of the biennium to carry over to the following year</i>
<i>Language Part "O" Allows remaining balances in the DAFS Central Administration Applications program in each year of the biennium to carry over to the following year</i>
<i>Language Part "P" Authorizes DAFS to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management System</i>
<i>Language Part "Q" Authorizes the DAFS to enter into financing arrangements for improvements to the State's technology infrastructure and data centers; purchase of enterprise software; modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of confidential data.</i>
<i>Language Part "R" Authorizes the DAFS to enter into financing arrangements related to the support of the Statewide Radio Network</i>
10:00 AM Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (HHS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:
NON-DHHS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board
Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
Attorney General, Office of
Maine Recovery Fund
Children's Trust Incorporated (Board of Maine)
Maine Children's Trust Incorporated
Disability Rights Maine
Disability Rights Maine
Executive Department – Office of the Governor
Ombudsman Program
Hospice Council, Maine
Maine Hospice Council
Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council

Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council
1:00 PM Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (HHS)
(Note: Department testimony will be on both categories within this block before public testimony)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Health and Human Services, Department of
Child Care Services
Child Support
Early Childhood Consultation Program
Head Start
Homeless Youth Program
IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for COL increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-365)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Waive Children's Health Insurance program premiums and expand eligibility for specified insurance program (p. A-366)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding for therapeutic foster care rate change and to develop a new level foster care service (p. A-368)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding for full-state medical coverage for increase in number of federally non-qualified children (p. A-368)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding to implement recommended rates from rate studies (in part) (p. A-370)
Mental Health Services – Child Medicaid
Mental Health Services – Children
Office of Child and Family Services – Central
Office of Child and Family Services – District
Special Children's Services
State-Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
<i>Language Part "CCC" Authorizes the transfer of All Other balances from any account within the Department of Health and Human Services, excluding balances in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance and State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance programs, for the information system modernization project in the Office of Aging and Disability Services.</i>
<i>Language Part "DDD" Authorizes DHHS to transfer appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program</i>
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Health and Human Services, Department of
Crisis Outreach Program
Developmental Services – Community
Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare
Developmental Services Waiver – Supports
Lifespan Waiver
Medicaid Services – Developmental Services
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 and PL 2021 c. 398 Part AAA (in part) (p. A-364)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-365)
Medical Care – Funding for adding members for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (p. A-365)
Medical Care – Funding to annualize funds received under PL 2021 c. 635 (p. A-365)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-367)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding for the new MaineCare Lifespan waiver (p. A-368)
Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment

Language Part "BBB" Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer by financial order available All Other and Personal Services balances in the Developmental Services – Community program account, General Fund to the Personal Services line category in the Crisis Outreach Program account.

10:00 AM Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (HHS)

ELDER SERVICES & DUALY ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

Health and Human Services, Department of

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services

Low-Cost Drugs to Maine's Elderly

Maine Rx Plus Program

Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 and PL 2021 c. 398 Part AAA (in part) (p. A-364)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-365)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-367)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding for high MaineCare utilization add-on payments to PNMI's (p. A-368)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding to implement recommended rates from rate studies (p. A-369)

Nursing Facilities

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office

[PNMI Room and Board](#)

Language Part "FFF-6" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Long Term Care-Office of Aging and Disability Services, General Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24

1:00 PM Wednesday, February 22, 2023 (HHS)

(Note: Department testimony will be on all categories within this block before public testimony)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Health and Human Services, Department of

Data, Research and Vital Statistics

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations

Departmentwide

Division of Licensing and Certification

Medical Care – Payments to Providers: adjusts funding due to the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage and the enhanced Percentages in FY24 Quarters 1&2 (p. A-367)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers: adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 Revenue Forecast (p. A-370)

Office of Advocacy

Office of MaineCare Services

Language Part "WW" Makes the Director Division of Licensing and Certification in the Department of Health and Human Services a position appointed by the commissioner and which serves at the pleasure of the commissioner

Language Part "ZZ" Authorizes DHHS to transfer available appropriations between the MaineCare General Fund accounts in the biennium

Language Part "AAA" Gives DHHS the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement certain provisions of this bill

Language Part "FFF-7" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Office of MaineCare Services, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24

Language Part "GGG" Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to identify in savings each fiscal year from MaineCare and MaineCare-related General Fund accounts to transfer to the Departmentwide program to offset deappropriations in that program made in Part A of the Biennial Budget proposal

SOCIAL SERVICES
Health and Human Services, Department of
Community Services Block Grant
Multicultural Services
Purchased Social Services
PUBLIC HEALTH
Health and Human Services, Department of
Aids Lodging House
Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund
Drinking Water Enforcement
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Maine School Oral Health Fund
Maine Water Well Drilling Program
Maternal and Child Health
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match
Plumbing – Control Over
Prescription Drug Academic Detailing
Private Well Safe Drinking Water Fund
Rape Crisis Control
Universal Childhood Immunization Program
<i>Language Part "UU" Part repeals the requirement that DHHS establish, operate and maintain an occupational disease reporting system.</i>
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
Health and Human Services, Department of
Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment
Disability Determination - Division of
Food Supplement Administration
General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities & Towns
Medical Care - Payments to Providers: Funding to annualize funds received in PL 2021 c. 461 (p. A-365)
Office for Family Independence
Office for Family Independence - District
State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
<i>Language Part "VV" Caps temporary housing assistance under the General Assistance program provided through a hotel or motel at the federal per diem rates and limits temporary housing assistance to a maximum of 30 days for individuals who are not connected to appropriate services.</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-2" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-3" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
10:00 AM Thursday, February 23, 2023 (HHS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:
HOSPITALS, PHYSICIANS, PHARMACIES & TRANSPORTATION
Health and Human Services, Department of
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding to reverse the savings associated with durable medical equipment in PL 2021 c. 398 (p. A-366)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding to rebase federally qualified health centers prospective payment per PL 2021 c. 747 (p. A-366)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Reduces funding for supplemental payments to hospitals (p. A-367)

Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Adjusts funding between funds as a result of rebasing the hospital tax year (p. A-368)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers provides funding toward broader reimbursement reform for acute care hospitals (p. A-369)
<i>Language Part "YY" Updates the base year for the hospital tax</i>
1:00 PM Thursday, February 23, 2023 (HHS)
(Note: Department testimony will be on both categories within this block before public testimony)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH
Health and Human Services, Department of
Bridging Rental Assistance Program
Consent Decree
Disproportionate Share – Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center
Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
Driver Education and Evaluation Program - Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Forensic Services
Mental Health Services – Community
Mental Health Services – Community Medicaid
Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund
Progressive Treatment Program Fund
Riverview Psychiatric Center
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-365)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 (in part) (p. A-367)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding for Multi-dimensional Family Therapy services (p. A-369)
Medical Care – Payments to Providers: Funding to implement recommended rates from rate studies (in part) (p. A-370)
<i>Language Part "EEE" Gives the department the authority to transfer any available Personal Services balances the Riverview and Dorothea Dix programs in the biennium.</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-1" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Bridging Rental Assistance, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-4" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Disproportionate Share - Riverview, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-5" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF-8" Lapses a specified amount of unencumbered balance forward from Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, General Fund carrying account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in FY24</i>
BRAIN INJURY & OTHER CONDITIONS
Health and Human Services, Department of
Brain Injury
Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions
Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services
Medical Care – Payments to Providers Funding for cost-of-living increases per PL 2021 c. 639 and PL 2021 c. 398 Part AAA (in part) (p. A-364)
Traumatic Brain Injury Seed

10:00 AM Monday, February 27, 2023 (IFW)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of (no Part A initiatives)
<i>Language Part "E" Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to an amount of \$39,500,000 for the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing, and equipping, of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife</i>
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
Administrative Services – IF&W
ATV Enforcement Fund
ATV Safety and Educational Program
Boating Access Sites
Camp North Woods
Endangered Nongame Operations
Enforcement Operations – IF&W
Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
Landowner Relations
Licensing Services – IF&W
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
Office of the Commissioner – IF&W
Public Information and Education, Division of
Resource Management Services – IF&W
Search and Rescue
Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management
Whitewater Rafting – IF&W
Whitewater Rafting Fund
<i>Language Part "HHH" Postpones the application of the IFW fiscal stability program</i>
<i>Language Part "III" Transfers funds from the IFW carrying account to the Enforcement Operations account to purchase one aircraft engine in each year of the biennium</i>
1:00 PM Monday, February 27, 2023 (JUD)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:
Attorney General, Department of
Administration – Attorney General
Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
Civil Rights
District Attorneys Salaries
FHM – Attorney General
Human Services Division
Maine Civil Legal Services Fund (oops)
Victims' Compensation Board
<i>Language Part "EE" Removes the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Office of the Attorney General from the commuting exclusion clause associated with the use of state vehicles</i>
<i>Language Part "FFF" Requires that the Attorney General approve the compensation set for the Chief Medical Examiner's office administrator.</i>
<i>Language Part "GG" Increases the fines assessed against perpetrators in support of the Victims' Compensation Fund</i>
Human Rights Commission, Maine
Human Rights Commission – Regulation
Indian Tribal-State Commission, Maine
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services
Judicial Department
Courts – Supreme, Superior and District
Judicial - Debt Service
Maine Civil Legal Services Fund
<i>Language Part "JJJ" Provides for a raise of 4.5% for judges and justices of the state courts in FY24 and FY25</i>
<i>Language Part "KKK" Amends the maximum amount of revenue per fiscal year that can be credited to the Judicial Branch Other Special Revenue account for capital expenditures.</i>
<i>Language Part "LLL" Amends the active retired judge and justice per diem rates</i>
<i>Language Part "MMM" Amends the purpose of use for Maine Governmental Facility Authority securities issued for the Judicial Branch to include acquiring and improving properties in Lewiston, Skowhegan and Augusta</i>
Pine Tree Legal Assistance
Legal Assistance
1:00 PM Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (ACF)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of
Animal Welfare Fund
Boating Facilities Fund
Bureau of Agriculture
Certified Seed Fund
DACF Administration (formerly titled "Office of the Commissioner")
Division of Forest Protection
Emergency Food Assistance Program
Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program
Floodplain Management
Forest Recreation Resource Fund
Forest Resource Management
Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives
Geological Survey
Harness Racing Commission
Land for Maine's Future
Land for Maine's Future-Community Conservation Projects
Land Management and Planning
Maine Conservation Corps
Maine Farms for the Future Program
Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund
Maine Healthy Soils Fund
Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Maine State Parks Development Fund-
Maine State Parks Program-
Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund
Milk Commission
Municipal Planning Assistance-
Natural Areas Program
Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program
Office of the Commissioner (now called DACF Administration)
Parks – General Operations
Pesticides Control, Board of
Statewide Hunger Relief Program
Submerged Lands and Island Registry (formerly Coastal Island Registry program) (See Language Part "GG")

Language Part "T" Sets in statute the carrying authority of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account previously permanently granted in unallocated language.

Language Part "U" Changes the Deputy Director position from serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner to a classified, confidential position

Language Part "V" Changes the position of Deputy Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands from one serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to a classified, confidential position

Language Part "W" Allows the Commissioner, with the Governor's approval, to accept gifts identified as services or other assets not readily identified as personal or real property.

Language Part "X" Authorizes the use of unrestricted funds in the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be used for administrative costs and consulting services.

Language Part "Y" Changes the reimbursement rate for the Land for Maine's Future Board to align with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) rates.

Language Part "Z" Revises the definition of the Director of the survey [of mining on State lands] from Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning to State Geologist

Language Part "AA" Authorizes a one-time transfer in each year of the biennium of all funds in excess of \$500,000 from unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account to the Capital Expenditures line category in the Division of Forest Protection, General Fund account

Language Part "BB" Transfers \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the funding the Maine Healthy Soils program.

Language Part "CC" Transfers \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for funding the Farmer's Drought Relief Grant program

Language Part "DD" Transfers \$1,500,000 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 for grants for community-based greenhouses to schools, community centers, and other public entities.

Baxter State Park Authority

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Blueberry Commission of Maine, Wild

Blueberry Commission

Finance Authority of Maine

Dairy Improvement Fund

Potato Board, Maine

Potato Board

University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the

Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund

UM Cooperative Extension – Pesticide Education

University of Maine Cooperative Extension

10:00 AM Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (VLA)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations

Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety Fund and Municipal Opt-In Fund

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund
Lottery Operations
Medical Use of Cannabis Fund
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund
Maine Veterans Home Stabilization Fund
Military Training & Operations
Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund
Veterans Services
Veterans Temporary Assistance Fund
<i>Language Part "OO" Makes the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund, Other Special Revenue account an interest-bearing account so that funds will continue to accumulate for ongoing care and maintenance of the cemetery system.</i>
<i>Language Part "PP" Continues the authorization to carryover previous one-time funding for environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone</i>
Ethic Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on Governmental
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
Public Safety, Department of
Gambling Control Board
Secretary of State, Department of
Elections and Commissions
Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations
<i>Language Part "PPP" Renames the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program to the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program and renames the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program to the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program.</i>
1:00 PM Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (EUT)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:
ConnectMaine Authority
ConnectMaine Fund
Economic and Community Development, Department of
Energy Rate Relief Fund
Office of Broadband Development
Efficiency Maine Trust
Efficiency Maine Trust
Executive Department
Governor's Energy Office
Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund
Public Advocate
Maine Connectivity Authority
Maine Connectivity Authority
Public Utilities Commission
Emergency Services Communication Bureau
Oversight and Evaluation Fund

Public Utilities – Administrative Division
Telecommunications Relay Services Council
Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund
2:30 PM Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (HCIFS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Svcs:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
State Mandate Defrayal
Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance
<i>Language Part "H" Adjusts the annual rates of pay used to determine the State's contribution towards an employee's health insurance premium and authorizes the transfer of funds from the Salary Plan and between Department's Personal Services appropriations in FY24 and FY25 to support this Part.</i>
Dirigo Health
Dirigo Health Fund
Health and Human Services, Department of
Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund
<i>Language Part "XX" Makes the Executive Director of the State-Based Marketplace within the Department of Health and Human Services a position appointed by the commissioner and which serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.</i>
Health Data Organization, Maine
Maine Health Data Organization
Maine Retirement Savings Board
Maine Retirement Savings Program
Office of Affordable Health Care
Office of Affordable Health Care
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
Dental Practice – Board of
Financial Institutions – Bureau of
Insurance – Bureau of
Licensure in Medicine – Board of
Nursing – Board of
Office of Securities
Optometry – Board of
Osteopathic Licensure – Board of
Securities Restitution Assistance Fund
<i>Language Part "NNN" Moves the Board of Dental Professions identified in statute as an affiliated board into a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. Also amends several provisions of Title 32, Chapter 143 "Dental Professions" to make consistent statutory terms as part of the organizational restructuring.</i>
1:00 PM Thursday, March 2, 2023 (TRA)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:
Public Safety, Department of
State Police
Traffic Safety-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Turnpike Enforcement
<i>Language Part "OOO" Authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police</i>
Secretary of State, Department of
Administration – Motor Vehicles
Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund
Transportation, Department of
<i>Language Part "RRR" Transfers \$100,000,000 in each year of the biennium from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital, Multimodal Transportation Fund and Highway Light Capital accounts.</i>
<i>Language Part "SSS" Transfers \$9,186,703 from the interest earnings on the State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to the TransCap Trust Fund and transfers \$6,797,514 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund</i>