### STATE OF MAINE

129<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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August 2019

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# LD 12 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Design and Construction of a New Fish Hatchery and To Improve Hatchery Infrastructure CARRIED OVER

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used for the design and construction of a new fish hatchery and to improve hatchery infrastructure in the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 16 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)

BRENNAN M

VITELLI E

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to improve waterfront and coastal infrastructure in municipalities to address sea level rise.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 47 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Fire Stations

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BRENNAN M		
CHIPMAN B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used for the rehabilitation or new construction of fire stations by municipalities.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 48 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Housing for Persons Who Are Homeless

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BRENNAN M		
CHIPMAN B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used for capital construction costs for housing for persons who are homeless.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 111 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development and Commercialization

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HUBBELL B		
JACKSON T		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$250,000,000 issued in \$50,000,000 increments over a five-year period, will be used to provide funds for research and development and commercialization as prioritized by the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board's most recent innovation economy action plan and the Office of Innovation's most recent science and technology action plan. The funds must be allocated in support of technological innovation leading to commercialization in the targeted sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, environmental and renewable energy technology, information technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, aquaculture and marine technology, composites and advanced materials and precision manufacturing. The funds must be awarded through a competitive process and to Maine-based public and private institutions to leverage matching private and federal funds on at least a one-to-one basis.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 126 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Acquire Significant Historic Properties for Resale and Rehabilitation

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
RYKERSON D		
CARPENTER M		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,000,000, will be used to provide funds to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to capitalize the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund for the purpose of acquiring significant historic properties for resale and rehabilitation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 148 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund and To Give Priority Status to Certain School Facility Upgrades

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MILLETT R		
JORGENSEN E		

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A of this bill, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to recapitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools for renovation and capital repairs.

Part B of this bill gives upgrades of facilities required to meet prekindergarten facility standards and for prekindergarten capacity building Priority 4 status for loans from the fund to school administrative units for school repair and renovation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 149 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Student Debt Forgiveness To Support Workforce Attraction and Retention

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LIBBY N	REFERRED/ONTP	
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$250,000,000, will be used to provide funds for payment of student loan debt for individuals who agree to live and work in Maine for five years and to reimburse employers that make student loan debt payments on behalf of their employees who agree to live and work in Maine for five years. Part B of the bill establishes the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Program and the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Fund and requires the Finance Authority of Maine to adopt major substantive rules to implement the program and submit the rules to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 172 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Smart City Technology

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BRENNAN M		
LIBBY N		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to provide funds through the Maine Technology Institute to allow municipalities to invest in smart and connected infrastructure, technology and capacity, including but not limited to information and communications technology such as broadband connectivity, connected sensors and data aggregation platforms; light-emitting diode lighting; adaptive traffic control signals; autonomous vehicle projects; electric vehicle infrastructure; and distributed power generation, storage and management.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 295 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Increase Rural Maine's Access to Broadband Internet Service

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BERRY S		
LAWRENCE M		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used for the provision of broadband Internet service in unserved and underserved areas through ConnectME Authority grants to partnerships between private, municipal and nongovernmental service providers.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 299 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Assist Schools, Municipalities and Counties in Using Emerging Technologies and Energy Alternatives to Fossil Fuels in Heating, Electrical and Other Utility Systems

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
HANDY J		
CARSON B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,000,000, will be used to assist schools, municipalities and counties in using emerging technologies and energy alternatives to fossil fuels in heating, electrical and other utility systems. The Finance Authority of Maine is directed to establish an application process and requirements for distribution of the funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 310 An Act Making Certain Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D BREEN C		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to adjust certain appropriations and allocations from the General Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government related to position changes and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 311 An Act Making Certain Appropriations and Allocations and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D		
BREEN C		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and to change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 341 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCLEAN A		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$150,000,000, will be used for the construction of a convention center in Portland.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 354 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage the Provision of Reliable High-speed Internet in Rural Underserved Areas of Maine

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HERBIG E		
GATTINE D		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used for encouraging the provision of reliable high-speed Internet in rural underserved areas of Maine.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 381 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade and Replace Infrastructure of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D		
MILLETT R		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to replace existing infrastructure systems of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation that carry the emergency alert system.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 394 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide for Student Loan Debt Relief

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
HOBBS D	REFERRED/ONTP	
MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for zero-interest student loans and loan consolidation or refinancing interest rate reductions for certain Maine residents who agree to live and work in Maine for at least 5 years. The bill creates the Maine Student Loan Debt Relief Program. Under the program, zero-interest loans up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of 5 years are available to certain Maine residents who study at qualified in-state institutions of higher education and agree to live and work in Maine for at least 5 years following graduation. Loans bearing an annual interest rate of the prime rate of interest plus 2% are available to those who do not live and work in the State upon graduation. The Finance Authority of Maine may provide interest rate reduction payments to residents who use the authority's existing loan consolidation and refinancing program. This option is available to individuals who studied in Maine or outside of Maine and agree to live and work in Maine for at least 5 years. The bill exempts from Maine income tax any benefits received under the program to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and prohibits individuals who have received benefits under the program from receiving the Maine educational opportunity tax credit.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 400 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Food Processing Infrastructure in Targeted Areas of the State

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HICKMAN C		
JACKSON T		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used for food processing infrastructure in targeted areas of the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 423 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Preserve Historic Properties for Maine's Bicentennial

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
RYKERSON D		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to undertake a program as part of the commemoration of the State's bicentennial to preserve historic properties listed or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 455 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Maine's Research, Development, Commercialization and Clinical Infrastructure Assets To Improve Outcomes for Maine Families with Members Suffering from Alzheimer's, Dementia and Other Diseases of Aging

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI L		
HUBBELL B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$65,000,000, to the Maine Technology Institute will be used for investment in research, development, commercialization and clinical infrastructure assets in Maine in the target sectors of life sciences and biomedical technology, including equipment and technology upgrades that improve outcomes for Maine families suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia and other diseases of aging, and to enable organizations to gain and hold market share and expand employment or preserve jobs. The funds must be awarded through a competitive process to Maine-based public and private entities, leveraging other funds in at least a one-to-one ratio.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 457 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DESCHAMBAULT S		
WARREN C		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to fund a grant program to invest in projects along the State's rivers that contribute to economic, environmental and community development and revitalization, promote economic activity, protect the environment and enhance quality of life for Maine people.

# LD 469 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funding for Upgrades of Learning Spaces and Other Projects Funded by the School Revolving Renovation Fund

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FARNSWORTH D		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2020-21, will be used to provide funds to the School Revolving Renovation Fund for the purpose of providing funds to public schools to upgrade learning spaces in school buildings and make other necessary repairs.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 535 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's **CARRIED OVER** Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service Sponsor(s) Amendments Adopted SHEATS B LIBBY N The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct state-owned railroad lines, improve infrastructure on a railway crossing in the Town of Yarmouth and improve the railroad line between the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the City of Portland. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322. LD 537 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Gulf of **CARRIED OVER** Maine Research Institute's Establishment of a Near-shore Coastal Sensor Network Sponsor(s) Amendments Adopted **BLUME L** The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,000,000, will be used to support the Gulf of Maine Research Institute's establishment of a near-shore coastal sensor network to gather oceanographic data, track changes in state waters, predict changes and support persons who engage in commercial fishing and aquaculture as they adapt to a changing ocean. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322. LD 547 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine **CARRIED OVER** Aquaculture Sponsor(s) CHIPMAN B SYLVESTER M The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute to study and promote Maine aquaculture. This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322. LD 602 **CARRIED OVER** An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Research and Development in Maine Committee Report **Amendments Adopted** Sponsor(s)

DILL J HUBBELL B

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for investment in research, development and commercialization in the State's 7 targeted technology sectors to be used for infrastructure, equipment and technology upgrades that enable organizations to gain and hold market share, to increase revenues and to expand employment or preserve jobs, including in the biotechnical and biomedical sectors by attracting more research capacity and in the forest products sector by using Maine fiber to reduce carbon emissions. The funds must be awarded through a competitive process to Maine-based public and private entities, leveraging other funds in a one-to-one ratio.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 611 An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JORGENSEN E		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to provide supplemental appropriations and allocations necessary for the operation of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

#### LD 741 An Act To Return Surplus Money to Maine Taxpayers

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HANLEY J		
WOODSOME D		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to distribute the funds in the State treasury by placing in the General Fund only the amount necessary to cover the outstanding obligations of the State required by law, such as for bond debt and payment of contracts and salaries. Of the funds not placed in the General Fund, 75% will be refunded to Maine taxpayers on a pro rata basis, based on tax data for the 2018 tax year and 25% will be deposited in the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 789 An Act To Appropriate General Fund Money for Basic Government Functions

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BREEN C GATTINE D		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to appropriate money from the General Fund to support basic government functions.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

#### LD 792 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Issuance of Bonds

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MIRAMANT D		
EVANGELOS J		

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the issuance of bonds:

- 1. It requires the Governor to issue a general obligation bond that has been ratified by the legal voters of the State unless one of 5 specific conditions exists, and it requires the Governor to provide certain information upon delaying or forgoing issuance of a bond;
- 2. It eliminates the requirement that registered bonds bear the facsimile signature of the Governor; and
- 3. It provides that the bill applies to all general obligation bonds ratified by the voters but as yet unissued as well as all future general obligation bonds ratified by the voters.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 794 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DESCHAMBAULT S		
BICKFORD B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$6,000,000, will be used to provide funds to recapitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to provide grants and loans to municipalities for public facilities and infrastructure.

### LD 859 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Equipment for Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FECTEAU R		
HERBIG E		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to provide funds to make capital improvements to, and purchase equipment for, career and technical education centers and regions for high school students.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 861 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete the Renovation of a Wharf and Bulkhead in Portland for Marine Research

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

SYLVESTER M

CHIPMAN B

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be used to complete the renovation of a wharf and bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland to bring the wharf back into operation for a fishing vessel berthing resource to support marine research at sea and for continued long-term marine job development.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 911 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)

BREEN C
COREY P

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$95,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Land for Maine's Future Board.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

### LD 923 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Upgrade Municipal Culverts at Stream Crossings

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GIDEON S FARRIN B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to enhance and restore rivers, streams and fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 968 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations 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, 2020 and June 30, 2021

**CARRIED OVER** 

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)

HUBBELL B

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to make supplemental appropriations and allocations and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 969 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of

the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Sponsor(s) Committee Report Amendments Adopted
HUBBELL B

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This emergency bill proposes to make supplemental appropriations and allocations and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1000 An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

PUBLIC 4
EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D BREEN C	OTP-AM	Н-6

PART A of the bill makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D repeals the laws governing the former Downeast Correctional Facility and establishes a Department of

Corrections prerelease center in Washington County.

PART E transfers the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART F transfers any remaining balance specifically related to federal supplemental nutrition assistance program overpayments in the Food Supplement Administration program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Food Supplement Administration program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART G imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill.

PART A of the amendment makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D provides that the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission may not be transferred without legislature approval.

PART E requires the State Controller to transfer any remaining balance specifically related to federal supplemental nutrition assistance program overpayments in the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART F imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 4 does the following.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B repeals the limited lifetime maximum coverage and reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for buprenorphine and naloxone combination drugs for the treatment of addiction.

PART C repeals the limited lifetime maximum reimbursement of 24 months under the MaineCare program for methadone for the treatment of addiction.

PART D provides that the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund of the Public Utilities Commission may not be transferred without legislature approval.

PART E requires the State Controller to transfer any remaining balance specifically related to federal supplemental nutrition assistance program overpayments in the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Food Supplement Administration program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

PART F imposes an additional assessment on electric utility entities for fiscal year 2018-19 to provide funding to the Office of the Public Advocate in order to fund the costs of representing ratepayers in rate cases.

Public Law 2019, chapter 4 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 14, 2019.

#### LD 1001

An Act Making Unified 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 Years Ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021

PUBLIC 343 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D	OTP-AM	H-586
BREEN C	OTP-AM	
	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill as emergency legislation proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5.

The summary below does not include changes or additions proposed by the Governor's "Change Package."

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the 2018-2019 biennium.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C establishes for fiscal year 2019-20 the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage.

PART D renames the Governor's Office of Policy and Management as the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

PART E authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities in an amount up to \$55,000,000 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.

PART F revises the selection of the chair of the Revenue Forecasting Committee, beginning in calendar year 2019, to designation by the 6 members, from among the members excluding the State Budget Officer, on a rotating basis for a 2-year term. The exclusion is to avoid a conflict with the duties of the State Budget Officer established in current law that include convening a meeting of the Revenue Forecasting Committee if new information becomes available.

PART G implements background investigations for certain individuals with a business need to receive federal tax information, in order to meet United States Internal Revenue Service standards. This Part also expands background checks to apply to all employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services. It also corrects numerous lettering conflicts that occurred when two separate public laws enacted substantively different laws with the same paragraph letters.

PART H sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund for state-municipal revenue sharing at 2.5% in fiscal year

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#### Committee Amendment "A" (H-586)

This is the majority report of the committee.

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PART HHHH requires the state portion of funds that are recovered as a result of food supplement overpayments to be deposited into the Other Special Revenue Funds, Food Supplement Administration account.

PART IIII completes the changes necessary to transfer the State Economist to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management, as begun by Public Law 2017, chapter 284.

PART JJJJ transfers \$19,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART KKKK authorizes an additional transfer amount of up to \$14,500,000 by June 30, 2019 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to a General Fund reserve account established by the State Controller for the purpose of providing funding for the amounts in federal financial participation for Medicaid services and disproportionate share hospital payments related to the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

PART LLLL re-establishes and revises the purpose and oversight of the Downeast Correctional Facility and makes the superintendent of the Mountain View Correctional Facility the chief administrative officer of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

PART MMMM transfers the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2019-20.

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PART RRRR directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a strategic plan to recommend strategies for increased economic prosperity in the State; establishes goals for the plan and directs the department to include an analysis of gaps in funding and policy in the plan; requires that the department establish a steering committee and a work team to guide the development of the plan; and requires the department to report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business which is authorized to report out related legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

PART SSSS requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish, within stated limits, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge beginning January 1, 2020 and imposes a monthly surcharge of 10¢ per line or number for the ConnectME Fund.

PART TTTT creates the Maine Economic Development Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development and transfers \$4,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the fund by June 30, 2020.

PART UUUU establishes a State goal of providing adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year and requires recommendations in specified areas to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 1, 2020 which is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to implement the recommendations in the report.

PART VVVV authorizes the Legislature, through the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, to contract with a qualified research and technical assistance entity to conduct an independent review of Maine's early childhood special education services and authorizes the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, at the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, to develop and administer a request for proposals process to award a contract for the independent review.

PART WWWW specifies the uses of the one-time additional funding of \$3,000,000 provided in Part A of this act to the Department of Corrections, County Jail Operations Fund for each year of the 2020-2021 biennium.

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PART JJJ authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt emergency rules to implement any provisions of this legislation over which it has specific authority that has not been addressed by some other Part of this legislation without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or welfare.

PART KKK requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of the population covered under the expansion of Medicaid.

PART LLL suspends the Fiscal Stability Program until the 2022-2023 biennium.

PART MMM transfers funds from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in each year of the biennium.

PART NNN provides for salary increase of 3% for judges and justices of the state courts in each of the fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 without regard to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

PART OOO removes the Director of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor from salary range 86.

PART PPP removes obsolete dates and repeals the provision that requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of

Rehabilitation Services to maintain a legal interpreting fund to reimburse attorneys for the costs of providing interpreting or computer-assisted real-time transcription services. It does not change the requirements under both state and federal law that attorneys provide qualified interpreting services when needed to represent their clients.

PART QQQ amends the preference in state hiring that grants an interview to a person with a disability who meets the minimum qualifications for any open position in order to comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

PART RRR allows the Commissioner of Labor to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states or the Federal Government to recover overpayment of unemployment insurance benefits owed in this State.

PART SSS allows the Commissioner of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Superintendent of Insurance to apply for a waiver of applicable provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with respect to health insurance coverage in the State for the purposes of improving affordability by June 30, 2022.

PART TTT delays the beginning date until January 1, 2022 for changes to the unemployment compensation experience rating record of the most recent subject employer.

PART UUU modernizes laws concerning the Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Public Utilities Commission relating to telecommunications equipment funding for the deaf and hard of hearing to reflect changes in technology and the use of such services by individuals with disabilities.

PART VVV repeals the requirement that the Department of Labor provide monthly written reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters and to report annually in person to the committee regarding participation in training programs and expenditures made for support services for participants in training programs.

PART WWW removes a reporting date in order to allow the Department of Labor to align its state reporting with federal reporting requirements.

PART XXX increases the salary range of the Director, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation position from range 88 to range 90 in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

PART YYY transfers remaining balances in the Statewide Outreach account into the Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection account, both of which are within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection program.

PART ZZZ carries forward unexpended All Other funds as of June 30, 2020 in the Department of Secretary of State, Elections and Commissions program to the next fiscal year to be used as matching funds for the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002.

PART AAAA carries forward balances in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program to the 2020-2021 biennium.

PART BBBB transfers \$14,500,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine dedicated revenue and \$14,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund during fiscal year 2018-19 and also authorizes a transfer from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund up to \$29,000,000 for MaineCare payments.

PART CCCC authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer available All Other balances of appropriations for the purpose of the information system modernization project in the office of aging and disability services within the Department of Health and Human Services, office of aging and disability services.

PART DDDD carries forward balances within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Central Administrative Applications program in fiscal year 2018-19, fiscal year 2019-20 and fiscal year 2020-21.

PART EEEE corrects the budgeted deappropriation included in Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part ZZZZZZ and authorizes the State Budget Officer to identify and transfer Personal Services savings to the Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide program.

PART FFFF authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to transfer by financial order available Personal Services balances up to \$290,000 to All Other in the Maine Health Data Organization, Other Special Revenue Funds account during the 2020-2021 biennium.

PART GGGG authorizes the State Budget Officer to calculate All Other savings in the Department of Health and Human Services General Fund account and transfer by financial order the All Other appropriations from each General Fund account to the Departmentwide program, General Fund account.

PART HHHH requires the state portion of funds that are recovered as a result of food supplement overpayments to be deposited into the Other Special Revenue Funds, Food Supplement Administration account.

PART IIII completes the changes necessary to transfer the State Economist to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services from the Governor's Office of Policy and Management, as begun by Public Law 2017, chapter 284.

PART JJJJ transfers \$19,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART KKKK authorizes an additional transfer amount of up to \$14,500,000 by June 30, 2019 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to a General Fund reserve account established by the State Controller for the purpose of providing funding for the amounts in federal financial participation for Medicaid services and disproportionate share hospital payments related to the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

PART LLLL re-establishes and revises the purpose and oversight of the Downeast Correctional Facility and makes the superintendent of the Mountain View Correctional Facility the chief administrative officer of the Downeast Correctional Facility.

PART MMMM transfers the remaining funds in the cost recovery fund in the Public Utilities Commission to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2019-20.

PART NNNN directs the State to fund the difference between federal reimbursements for reduced-price and free lunches in order to provide all children under 185% of the federal poverty level free lunch at school.

PART OOOO transfers \$18,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

PART PPPP transfers funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Reserve for Indigent Legal Services program in fiscal year 2019-20 only.

PART QQQQ lapses unencumbered funds from the Legislature, General Fund accounts, as identified by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to offset additional General Fund costs from position changes for the 2020-2021 biennium.

PART RRRR directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a strategic plan to recommend strategies for increased economic prosperity in the State; establishes goals for the plan and directs the

department to include an analysis of gaps in funding and policy in the plan; requires that the department establish a steering committee and a work team to guide the development of the plan; and requires the department to report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business which is authorized to report out related legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

PART SSSS requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish, within stated limits, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge beginning January 1, 2020 and imposes a monthly surcharge of 10¢ per line or number for the ConnectME Fund.

PART TTTT creates the Maine Economic Development Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development and transfers \$4,000,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the fund by June 30, 2020.

PART UUUU establishes a State goal of providing adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year and requires recommendations in specified areas to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 1, 2020 which is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to implement the recommendations in the report.

PART VVVV authorizes the Legislature, through the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, to contract with a qualified research and technical assistance entity to conduct an independent review of Maine's early childhood special education services and authorizes the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, at the direction of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, to develop and administer a request for proposals process to award a contract for the independent review.

PART WWWW specifies the uses of the one-time additional funding of \$3,000,000 provided in Part A of this act to the Department of Corrections, County Jail Operations Fund for each year of the 2020-2021 biennium.

PART XXXX requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare reimbursement in order to provide a supplemental payment of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and fiscal year 2020-21 to Maine Veterans' Homes to offset budget shortfalls and requires the allocation of the funds be proportional to the shortfall of each Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility.

PART YYYY provides a sales tax exemption for sales of watercraft to an incorporated nonprofit transportation company under specified conditions.

PART ZZZZ allows the School Revolving Renovation Fund to be used for renovations to retrofit learning spaces for public preschool programs as Priority 4 status projects.

PART AAAAA requires the Department of Education to provide a so-called hold harmless adjustment to the career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions in fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 in order to transition the career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions to a total allocation that is equal to the sum of the career and technical education program components under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1 by fiscal year 2023-24.

PART BBBBB establishes the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues to study and make policy recommendations regarding direct care workers and establishes reporting requirements and deadlines.

PART CCCCC amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 601, the Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program to change language referencing "pilot projects"; eliminate the steering committee that provides advice on the selection of grant recipients; repeal the requirement that the Justice Assistance Council disburse funds; and eliminate the authority of the Department of Public Safety to retain up to 5% of funds to cover administrative expenses.

PART DDDDD carries forward unexpended All Other funds as of June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 in the Department of Public Safety, Administration - Public Safety program, General Fund account to the next fiscal years to provide funding for grants for the provision of community-based treatment and support services through the Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program.

PART EEEEE transfers \$1,035,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts in the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Marine Resources or the Department of Education to the Department of Marine Resources, Nonfederal Grants, Other Special Revenue Funds account, based on the determination of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

Public Law 2019, chapter 343 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2019.

# LD 1093 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Railroad Infrastructure

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CLAXTON N		
SHEATS B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for investments in railroad infrastructure to expand passenger rail service, with a priority for railroad track corridors that could support passenger and freight intermodal operations and enhance the movement of agricultural products.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1119 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Investments in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Municipalities and School Administrative Units

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI L		
HUBBELL B		

The funds provided by the bond issue in Part A, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to purchase solar arrays, high-efficiency ductless heat pumps and high-efficiency modern wood heating systems for buildings and property owned by municipalities and school administrative units.

Part B directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to use funds from the bond issue under Part A to fund the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program.

Part C establishes the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program within the Efficiency Maine Trust to support municipalities and municipally authorized citizen committees and school administrative units across the State in reducing energy costs, reducing carbon emissions, facilitating the development of renewable energy resources and creating local jobs related to the building of renewable energy facilities and the installation of energy-efficient equipment. It funds the program with the proceeds of bonds, including bonds issued pursuant to Part A, any other funds allocated by the trust and matching funds from participating municipalities.

Parts B and C take effect only if the bond issue under Part A is approved by the voters of the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1224 An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Address Changes in Sea Level, Geospatial Data Acquisition by Communities and the Increase in Ocean Acidity

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DEVIN M		
VITELLI E		

Part A authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$5,000,000, to be used to support improvements to sea level prediction models by providing more detailed mapping of coastal zones and monitoring sea level changes in order to mitigate the impact of and help prepare for rising sea levels.

Part B authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be used to provide partnership funds and matching grants for geospatial data acquisition to communities that are creating or improving digital parcel maps to accurately identify existing boundaries and land use, identify potential community development areas and protect environmental resources.

Part C authorizes the issuance of bonds, in the amount of \$3,000,000, to be used to collect data, monitor waterways and perform tests related to the known increasing ocean acidity along the Maine coast and its impact on natural wildlife and commercially important species in Maine waters, such as lobsters and clams.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1333 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Establish a Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
STANLEY S		

This bill provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, to fund the construction, repair and upgrading of county correctional facilities. Part B establishes the Maine County Correctional Facilities Revolving Construction and Improvement Fund to receive the bond money and the Maine County Correctional Facilities Construction and Improvement Board to administer the fund. The bill allows money in the fund to be loaned to a county for a project to construct, repair or upgrade a county correctional facility and requires a loan from the fund to be approved at a referendum of the voters of the county where the project is located.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

#### LD 1496 An Act To Protect the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GATTINE D		
BREEN C		

Under Public Law 2017, chapter 284, Part EEEEEEE, the State Controller is required to transfer up to \$65,000,000 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to provide General Fund resources to cover any federal disallowance in federal financial participation for Medicaid services and disproportionate share hospital payments related to the Riverview Psychiatric Center. A payment of \$10,524,817 was made in early 2019. This bill requires instead that the transfer be made from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents and requires the State Controller to reimburse the Rainy Day Fund for the amount transferred for the federal disallowance related to Riverview Psychiatric Center earlier this year. In the event that sufficient funds do not exist in the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to cover future payments, the funds must come from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund with a reimbursement from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to be made as soon as funds become available.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1604 An Act To Authorize General Fund Bond Issues To Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DIAMOND B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000 in both 2019 and 2020, will be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 per year in federal and other funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1692 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Training for Mill Workers and Loggers

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes a General Fund bond issue to fund training for mill workers and loggers.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1705 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Strengthen the Marine Economy

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JACKSON T		
HUBBELL B		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to facilitate the growth of the commercial fishing and aquaculture sectors of the State's marine economy through research and development and workforce development with capital investments awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine

Technology Institute in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Economic and Community Development, to be matched by at least \$50,000,000 in private and other funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

# LD 1836 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Infrastructure, Economic Development, Workforce Development and Energy and Environment Investment

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
BREEN C	OTP-AM	S-354
GATTINE D	OTP-AM	

Part A provides a bond issue in the amount of \$105,000,000. Funds in the amount of \$100,000,000 will be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, matching an estimated \$137,000,000 per year in federal and other funds.

Funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 will be used for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to improve fish and wildlife habitats and to allow communities to better prepare for extreme storms and floods. Funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to complete the renovation of a wharf and bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland to bring the wharf back into operation for a fishing vessel berthing resource to support marine research at sea, for commercial fishing access and for continued long-term marine job development.

Part B provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, to be used to invest in community broadband infrastructure, economic development and job creation.

Part C provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$19,000,000, to be used to invest in Maine Community College training, in child care services, in Maine Army National Guard readiness centers and support facilities and in career and technical education centers.

Part D provides a bond issue, in the amount of \$65,000,000, to be used to protect Maine's environment by investing in land conservation, water access, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing, farmland and working waterfronts and by supporting environmental clean-up efforts and promotion of renewable energy projects through the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program established in Part E.

Part E establishes the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program within the Efficiency Maine Trust to support municipalities and municipally authorized citizen committees and school administrative units across the State in reducing energy costs, reducing carbon emissions, facilitating the development of renewable energy resources and creating local jobs related to the building of renewable energy facilities and the installation of energy-efficient equipment. This Part takes effect only if the bond issue under Part D is approved by the voters of the State.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over as tabled in the Senate to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-354)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It makes the following changes:

1. Amends Part B to allow biomedical research institutions to apply for bond proceeds and adds market

development of life sciences products as an area within which a successful application must demonstrate potential for job creation and economic growth;

- 2. Amends Part D to reduce bond funds allocated to the Efficiency Maine Trust's Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program from \$15,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and allocates \$5,000,000 to the trust's Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund to recapitalize that fund. It also changes the language regarding disbursement of bond proceeds to provide that payment from bond proceeds for acquisitions to community conservation projects may be made directly to cooperating entities and removes the requirement that the Land for Maine's Future Board give preference to acquisitions that achieve benefits for multiple towns and address regional conservation needs. It also includes community conservation projects in the expenditures for which bond funds must be matched with at least \$30,000,000 in public and private contributions.
- 3. Amends Part E to allow Maine Efficiency Trust to award grant funding under the Municipal Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Program for a solar array that is not directly owned by a municipality or school administrative unit if, pursuant to an agreement between the owner of the solar array and a municipality or school administrative unit, the sole user of the energy produced by the solar array is the municipality or school administrative unit that entered into the agreement.
- 4. Adds Part F, which requires the ConnectME Authority to establish a process to ensure state funds made available pursuant to the bond issue under Part B are used to build broadband Internet service in areas of the State that do not meet the goals for broadband service described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9202-A.
- 5. Adds Part G, which allows proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be spent on property that is determined by the Land for Maine's Future Board to be for a community conservation project, defines "community conservation project," includes Maine Indian tribes under the definition of "cooperative entities" and sets helping the State's natural ecosystems, wildlife and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate as a priority of the board in making land acquisitions.

#### Committee Amendment "B" (S-355)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes out Parts B to E.

This amendment was not adopted.

# LD 1840 Resolve, To Continue until August 3, 2019 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2019

RESOLVE 58 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MILLETT S		

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve continues all limited-period positions that are scheduled to expire during June 2019 until August 3, 2019.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 58 continues all limited-period positions that are scheduled to expire during June 2019 until August 3, 2019.

Resolve 2019, chapter 58 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2019.

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