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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Representative Emily Cain, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Elizabeth Schneider, Senate Chair *ES*
Representative Nancy Smith, House Chair *NS*
Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research & Economic Development

DATE: January 14, 2009

SUBJECT: **BRED Committee Recommendations on LD 45, the Governor's Proposed Emergency FY09 Budget Bill**

The Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development held a work session on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 to discuss the portions of the Governor's Proposed Emergency FY09 budget bill that are under the committee's policy jurisdiction. The committee voted unanimously to support the budget as presented, but stated they will not support any further reductions or changes to these portions of the Emergency FY09 budget bill. At the work session the committee appointed a budget subcommittee to attend the AFA work session on LD 45. The subcommittee includes the following committee members: Representative Cleary, Representative Hunt, Representative Wright and Representative Martin.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide recommendations on the Governor's Proposed Emergency FY09 budget bill.

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

Centers for Innovation 0911

Initiative: Reduces funding for research programs. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 590 - P19

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$7,319)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$7,319)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Research program activities will have to be cut back.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	(\$7,319)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$7,319)	\$0	\$0

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Reduces funding for contractual services. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 338 - P49

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$35,849)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$35,849)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduction to contractual services, including the contract for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership which will have an impact on regional economic development partners.

Applied Technology Development Center System 0929

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center and Target Technology Center contracts. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 339 - P49

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$5,300)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$5,300)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This initiative will reduce resources available to assist entrepreneurial companies at UMaine Orono, Darling Center and Franklin Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research.

Applied Technology Development Center System 0929

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development contract. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 340 - P49

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$4,611)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,611)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Will reduce resources available to assist entrepreneurial companies at University of Southern Maine.

Business Development 0585

Initiative: Reduces funding for contractual services. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 341 - P49

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$77,192)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$77,192)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduction to contractual services, including the contract for business development marketing. Contract with Eastern Maine Development Center (EMDC) will also be reduced, as EMDC has experienced personnel services savings related to this contract.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Reduces funding by charging the federal Housing and Urban Development grant for administrative costs. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 342 - P50

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$55,082)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$55,082)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces the Personal Services line by journaling staff time spent on the HUD grant the department will receive in March.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Reduces funding for in-state travel. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 343 - P50

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$2,793)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,793)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Office of Community Development will reduce in-state travel in the current fiscal year.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Eliminates one Development Program Manager position. Savings will be used to offset collective bargaining costs in fiscal year 2008-09.

Ref. #: 344 - P50

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

International Commerce 0674

Initiative: Reduces funding for a grant to the Maine International Trade Center. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 345 - P50

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$30,731)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$30,731)	\$0	\$0
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Justification:

Reduction to the annual grant will reduce the agency's general operating expenses as well as in-state outreach travel.

Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission 0675

Initiative: Reduces funding for the University of Southern Maine and the Small Business Development Corporation cooperative agreement. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 346 - P51

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$40,649)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$40,649)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This reduction will result in the elimination of a graduate assistant position; professional services will be reduced as well.

Maine State Film Office 0590

Initiative: Reduces funding by charging Other Special Revenue Funds for Personal Services staff allocation costs. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 347 - P51

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$55,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$55,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces Personal Services line by journaling staff time spent on Other Special Revenue account activities.

Maine State Film Office 0590

Initiative: Reduces funding for contractual services. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 348 - P51

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0
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Justification:

Reduction to contract that came in lower than budgeted.

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Reduces funding for out-of-state travel. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 349 - P51

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$2,109)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,109)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Office of Innovation will not travel as much as planned for professional development, EPSCoR conferences and/or opportunities for federal funding.

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: Reduces funding of Maine Technology Institute research and development bond administration and general administrative costs. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 350 - P52

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$454,079)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$454,079)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Maine Technology Institute will use operating reserves and unrestricted net assets to fund administrative costs. There will be no reduction in programs as a result of this decrease in General Fund spending.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$765,395)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$765,395)	\$0	\$0

FOUNDATION FOR BLOOD RESEARCH

Scienceworks for ME 0908

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Scienceworks for ME program. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 419 - P69

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$3,236)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,236)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This will result in a reduction of work hours for staff who solicit donations of scientific equipment that is then distributed to middle school science teachers.

**FOUNDATION FOR BLOOD RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	(\$3,236)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$3,236)	\$0	\$0

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Reduces funding to stay within available resources.

Ref. #: 425 - P101

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$8,776,035)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$8,776,035)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding to recognize revenue changes approved by the Revenue Forecasting Committee and revenue loss through an adjustment in the distribution of the State's share of proceeds for Real Estate Transfer Tax to the HOME fund according to Public Law 2007, chapter 539, Part WW, section 2.

Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: Reduces funding for homeless shelters. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 426 - P102

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$23,542)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$23,542)	\$0	\$0
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Justification:

Funds are allocated to shelters to provide temporary housing for people who are homeless. This may impact access to shelter for homeless persons.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$23,542)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$8,776,035)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$8,799,577)	\$0	\$0

SECTION TOTALS

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$799,492)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$8,776,035)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$9,575,527)	\$0	\$0

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 709

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$22,594	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$22,594)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 740

Committee Vote: 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$10,254	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,254	\$0	\$0

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$10,254	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$10,254	\$0	\$0

SECTION TOTALS

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$10,254	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$10,254	\$0	\$0