

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Sen. Dawn Hill, Senate Chair Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

Public Hearings: Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 22, 2013 Room 228 State House on portions of **LR 1046**: "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, 2014 and June 30, 2015". **The remaining portions of the LR will be heard between March 25 and April 5, 2013. The schedule for those remaining portions will be posted at a later date.**

The committee, in conjunction with the associated policy committee, will hear testimony regarding all portions of the bill except Part B. The proposed budget initiatives may be viewed on the Bureau of the Budget's website:

<http://www.maine.gov/budget/budgetinfo/2014-2015biennial.shtml>

The documents to be used by the Appropriations Committee and the Committees of Jurisdiction will be broken out by policy committee and contain justification statements (if provided) as well as initiatives.

They will be posted on OFPR's website at:

http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/materials/index.htm prior to the hearing date.

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Mon March 11th 10:00 am OPENING REMARKS BY COMMISSIONER MILLETT

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources):

Mon March 11th 10:30 am Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Solid Waste Management Fund

Environmental Protection, Department of

- Administration – Environmental Protection Fund
- Air Quality
- Board of Environmental Protection
- Land and Water Quality
- Maine Environmental Protection Fund
- Performance Partnership Grant
- Remediation and Waste Management

Finance Authority of Maine

- Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

- Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee

Saco River Corridor Commission

St. Croix International Waterway Commission

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety):

Mon March 11th 1:00 pm State Board of Corrections

- State Board of Corrections Investment Fund

Corrections, Department of

- Administration – Corrections
- Adult Community Corrections
- Bolduc Correctional Facility
- Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements – Corrections
- Central Maine Pre-release Center
- Charleston Correctional Facility
- Correctional Center
- Correctional Impact Reserve
- Correctional Medical Services 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
- Prisoner Boarding
- Southern Maine Women’s Reentry Center
- State Prison
- *Language (Part “FF” – authorizes the Department to transfer certain funds between accounts within the same fund to pay for overtime)*
- *Language (Part “GG”- authorizes the Department to use unexpended Personal Services balances for Capital Expenditures in the following year)*
- *Language (Part “HH”- authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities*

Authority to issue securities for correctional facilities in Windham)

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Maine Emergence 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 Security, Bureau of
- Computer Crimes
- Consolidated Emergency Communications
- Criminal Justice Academy
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Marshall – Office of
- Highway Safety DPS

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development):

- Tue March 12th** **1:00 pm**
- Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
- Administrative Services – Professional and Financial Regulation
 - Dental Examiners – Board of
 - Engineers – Board of Registration for Professional
 - Licensing and Enforcement
 - Licensure in Medicine – Board of
 - Manufactured Housing Board
 - Nursing – Board of
 - Optometry – Board of
 - Osteopathic Licensure – Board of
- Public Safety, Department of
- Bureau of Building Codes and Standards
- Centers for Innovation
- Development Foundation, Maine
- Development Foundation
- Doweast 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 Economic Development Evaluation Fund
 - Maine Economic Growth Council
 - Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund
 - Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission
 - Maine State Film Office
 - Office of Innovation
 - Office of Tourism
 - Renewable Energy Resources Fund
- Finance Authority of Maine
- Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund
- Foundation for Blood Research
- Scienceworks for ME
- Housing Authority, Maine State
- Housing Authority – State
 - Low-Income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA
 - Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program
 - Shelter Operating Subsidy
 - *Language (Part “U” – caps the amount of funding transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the Maine State Housing Authority)*

Please note that the portions of the bill related to the Department of Labor and Workers’ Compensation are scheduled to be heard on Thursday, March 21st beginning at 1:00 pm.

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation):

Wed March 13th **10:00 am** Property Tax Review, State Board of

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Bureau of Revenue Services Fund
- County Tax Reimbursement
- Elderly Tax Deferral Program
- Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
- Maine Board of Tax Appeals
- Revenue Services – Bureau of
- Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
- Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement
- Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund – Finance
- Veterans Organization Tax Reimbursement
- Veterans Tax Reimbursement
- Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement
- *Language (Part “N” – specifies that sales tax applies to certain sales of digital products)*
- *Language (Part “O” – relates to adjustments to state valuation for sudden and severe disruption of valuation”*
- *Language (part “P” – repeals the sales tax exemption for certain publications)*
- *Language (part “Q” – suspends the inflation adjustment for tax years 2014 and 2014 and amends the adjustment calculation for following years)*
- *Language (Part “T” – authorizes continuation of each individual tax expenditure as provided for by statute)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation):

Wed March 13th **1:00 pm** Treasurer of the State, Office of

- Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund
- Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund
- State – Municipal Revenue Sharing

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Mandate-BETE-Reimbursement Municipalities
- *Language (Part “J” – suspends revenue sharing for the 2014-15 biennium)*
- *Language (Part “K” changes eligibility under BETE, sunsets BETR and increases the municipal reimbursement rate under BETE)*
- *Language (Part “L” – amends the Maine Residents Property Tax Exemption a.k.a. Circuitbreaker)*
- *Language (Part “M” – replaces current homestead exemption with one limited to homeowners 65 or older)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation):

Thu March 14th

1:00 pm

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part “OOO” requires that an excise tax paid by a nonresident be deposited in the Highway Fund rather than the General Fund and requires that certain excise taxes collected on certain truck tractors be deposited to the Highway Fund)*

Public Safety, Department of

- State Police
- Traffic Safety-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Turnpike Enforcement
- *Language (Part “EEE” changes the General Fund / Highway Fund funding split for the Bureau of State Police)*
- *Language (Part “FFF” – authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of State Police motor vehicles)*

Secretary of State, Department of

- Administration – Motor Vehicles
- Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund

Transportation, Department of

- *Language (Part “III” – transfers funds from the General Fund for litigation support related to the Callahan Mine Restoration)*

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Insurance and Financial Services:

- Fri March 15th** **10:00 am** Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
- Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
 - Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance
- Dirigo Health
- Dirigo Health Fund
- Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
- Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
 - Financial Institutions – Bureau of
 - Insurance – Bureau of
 - Office of Securities

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary):

- Fri March 15th** **1:00 pm** Attorney General, Department of
- Administration – Attorney General
 - Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
 - *Language (Part “CC” - increases the fee paid to non-salaried medical examiners)*
 - *Language (Part “DD” - adds the Chief Medical examiner account to the list of those exempt from lapsing unexpended General Fund Personal Services and allows Personal Services balances to be transferred to All Other to provide for contracted medical examiner services)*
 - Civil Rights
 - District Attorneys Salaries
 - Human Services Division
 - Victims’ Compensation Board
 - *Language (Part “EE” - increases the assessments for the Victims’ Compensation Fund)*
- 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
 - *Language (Part “NNN” - directs the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a review of methods of providing indigent legal services)*
- Judicial Department
- Courts – Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative
 - Judicial Debt Service
- Pine Tree Legal
- Legal Assistance

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology):

Fri March 15th

3:30 pm

Efficiency Maine Trust

- Efficiency Maine Trust

Executive Department

- Governor's Energy Office
- Public Advocate

Public Utilities Commission

- Emergency Services Communication Bureau
- Oversight and Evaluation Fund
- Public Utilities – Administrative Division
- *Language (Part “GGG” – transfers four positions and associated responsibilities from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the PUC).*

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs):

Mon March 18th 10:00am

Arts Commission, Maine

- Arts – Administration
- Arts – General Grants Program
- Arts – Sponsored Program

Cultural Affairs Council, Maine State

- New Century Program Fund

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
- Maine Public Library Fund
- Maine State Library
- Statewide Library Information System

Museum, Maine State

- Maine State Museum
- Research and Collection – Museum

Public Broadcasting Corporation, Maine

- Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

Finance Authority of Maine

- Student Financial Assistance Programs

Maritime Academy, Maine

- Maritime Academy – Operations

Community College System, Board of Trustees of the Maine

- Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees

University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the

- Casco Bay Estuary Project – University of Southern Maine
- Debt Service – University of Maine System
- Educational & General Activities – UMS
- Maine Economic Improvement Fund
- Maine Marine Wind Energy Demonstration Site Fund
- UM Cooperative Extension – Pesticide Education
- University of Maine Scholarship Fund

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs):

Mon March 18th

1:00 pm

Charter School Commission, State

- State Charter School Commission

Education, State Board of

- *Language (Part “C-15” – removes the requirement that the State Board of Education approve the Commissioner’s recommendation of funding levels)*
- *Language (Part “HHH” – authorizes the members of the Board of Education to be reimbursed for expenses)*

Education, Department of

- Adult Education
- Child Development Services
- Criminal History Record Check Fund
- Digital Literacy fund
- Education in Unorganized Territory
- General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)
- *Language (Part “C” – establishes the Total Cost of Education K-12 for FY12, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage and makes changes to the Center of Excellence for At Risk Students)*
- Leadership Team
- *Language (Part “II” – makes the Deputy Chief of Staff subject appointment by the commissioner)*
- Learning Through Technology
- *Language (Part “JJ” – authorizes the purchase of portable computer systems for students and educators)*
- Maine Community Services
- National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund
- National Board Certification Scholarship Fund
- Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund
- PK-20 Curriculum Instruction and Assessment
- *Language (Part “KK” – changes the role of the truancy, dropouts and alternative education consultant to part-time)*
- School Finance and Operations
- Special Services Team
- Teacher Retirement (proposed requirement of local units funding participation)

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife):

- Tue March 19th 1:00 pm** Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
- Administrative Services – IF&W
 - ATV Safety and Educational Program
 - Boating Access Sites
 - Endangered Nongame Operations
 - Enforcement Operations – IF&W
 - Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
 - Landowner Relations Fund
 - 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
 - *Language (Part “XX” – transfers funds from the Carrying Balances – General Fund account to Enforcement Operations program to purchase aircraft replacement engines)*
 - *Language (Part “YY” – transfers funds from the Carrying Balances – General Fund account to the Administrative Services program to fund renovations at th Gray Headquarters facility.)*
 - *Language (Part “ZZ” – suspends the application of the fiscal stability program)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources):

- Tue March 19th 3:00 pm** Marine Resources, Department of
and
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
- *Language (Part “AAA” – amends language pertaining splitting watercraft revenue)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources):

- Tue March 19th 3:30 pm** Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Lobster Promotion Council
- * Lobster Promotion Fund
- Marine Resources, Department of
- Bureau of Public Health
 - Bureau of Resource Management
 - Division of Aquaculture
 - Marine Patrol – Bureau of
 - Office of the Commissioner
 - Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat
 - *Language (Part “CCC” – creates an unclassified service communications position within the Department subject to the appointment of the commissioner)*
 - *Language (Part “DDD” – renames two programs and establishes two programs in the Department of Marine Resources)*

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

Wed March 20th

1:00 pm

Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on Governmental

- Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
- Language (Part “LL” – changes the date of transfer of funds to the Maine Clean Election Fund)
- *Language (Part “MM” – transfers fund in each year of the biennium from the Maine Clean Election Fund to the General Fund)*

Secretary of State, Department of

- Elections and Commissions

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
- Loring Rebuild Facility
- Military Educational Benefits
- Military Training & Operations
- Veterans Services

Public Safety, Department of

- Gambling Control Board
- Licensing and Enforcement – Public Safety
- Liquor Enforcement

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
- *Language (Part “V” – transfers the enforcement and administration of laws related to liquor and wine from the Department of Public Safety to DAFS)*
- Lottery Operations
- *Language (Part “I” – directs the reduction in costs from rebidding the lottery contract)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development):

Thu March 21st

1:00 pm

Labor, Department of

- Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards
- Administration – Labor
- Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
- Employment Security Services
- Employment Services Activity
- Foreign Labor Certification Process Fund
- Labor Relations Board
- Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community
- Regulation and Enforcement
- Rehabilitation Services
- Safety Education and Training Programs
- State Workforce Investment Board (new program, no baseline)
- Workforce Research

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program

- Administration – Workers' Compensation Board
- Employment Rehabilitation Program
- Employment Rehabilitation Program
- Workers' Compensation Board

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government):

- Fri March 22nd 10:00 am** Audit, Department of
- Audit – Departmental Bureau
 - Audit – Unorganized Territory
- Executive Department
- Administration – Executive – Governor’s Office
 - Blaine House
 - Governor’s Office of Communication
 - Office of Policy and Management
- Municipal Bond Bank, Maine
- Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Maine Rural Water Association
- Secretary of State, Department of
- Administration – Archives
 - Administrative Services and Corporations, Bureau of
- Treasurer of the State, Office of
- Administration – Treasury

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government):

- Fri March 22nd 1:00 pm** Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
- 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 Fleet Management
 - *Language (Part “D” – authorizes the department to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management System)*
 - Central Services – Purchases
 - Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority
 - *Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies – Statewide (longevity pay, merit pay, streamlining and procurement initiatives)*
 - *Language (Part “E” – continues the freeze on merit pay increases and suspends longevity pay)*
 - Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies – Statewide (Savings from Office of Policy and Management review of governmental structure and operations)
 - Language (Part “F” – directs the Governor’s Office of Policy and Management to identify specified level of savings in each fiscal year)
 - Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies – Statewide (Savings from eliminating positions)
 - *Language (Part “G” – directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget and the Executive Department Office of Policy and Management to identify 100 positions to be eliminated)*
 - Financial and Personnel Services – Division of
 - Information Services
 - Leased Space Reserve Fund Program
 - *Language (Part “LLL” – transfers \$5,000,000 from the General Fund to the Leased Space Reserve Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in FY14)*
 - Office of the Commissioner – Administrative & Financial Services
 - Public Improvements – Planning/Construction – Admin
 - Purchases – Division of

- Risk Management – Claims
- State Controller – Office of the
- Statewide Radio Network System
- *Language (Part “R” – repeals the requirement that the State Budget Document contain the prioritized public improvement budget estimate)*
- *Language (Part “S” – relates to the approval and reporting of rules on housing and food provided to state employees, and reporting requirements related to the Maine State Annual Report, federal mandates and Maine Labor Relations Board bargaining unit clarification decisions)*
- *Language (Part “W ” – recognizes employee attrition percentage built into the baseline budget for all departments and agencies)*
- *Language (Part “BBB” – repeals the provision that prohibits the State from charging a rental fee for vending facilities in state-owned facilities that are operated by blind persons)*
- *Language (Part “KKK” – Authorizes a one-day borrowing from Other Special Revenue Funds at the close of fiscal year 2014-15)*