

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY THE 2ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 122ND LEGISLATURE

June, 2006

Interim Studies and Short-term Committees

Report Date

Human Trafficking Task Force	Resolve 200	11/30/06 to 123 rd Legislature
Commission to Study Eliminating the Normal Retirement Age for Corrections Officers & Mental Health Workers	Resolve 181	11/1/06 to LAB Comm. & Leg. Council
Blue Ribbon Commission on Solid Waste Management	Resolve 207	1/1/07 to NAT Comm.
Commission to Study the Henderson Brook Bridge in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway	PL 598	11/1/06 & 1/15/07 to ACF Comm.
JSC on Research, Economic Development & Innovation Economy	JO SP 847	12/6/06 to 123 rd Legislature
Subcommittee to Study Early Childhood Special Education	PL 662, Part C	1/31/07 to EDU & HHS Comm.
Maine Energy Council	PL 677, Part D	1/15/07 to UTE Comm.

Ongoing Committees, New Boards

SPO, DEP, DOC to convene interagency advisory group "The Beaches Advisory Group" to oversee ME's integrated beach management program	Resolve 175	1/1 Annually to NAT Comm.
Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (requires confirmation by legislature; Gov to make appointments no later than 3/15/07)	PL 599	Authority to BRED Comm. 1/15/08
Maine Food Policy Council	PL 614	12/15 odd numbered years to ACF Committee
Right to Know Advisory Committee	PL 631	1/15 annually to JUD Comm., Gov, Leg. Council & Chief Justice
Homeland Security Advisory Council	PL 634	Annually beginning 1/15/07 to Governor & Legislature
Maine Agricultural Water Management Board	PL 559	Board to ACF & NAT Comm. 1/30 of odd-numbered years

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Each state agency to develop process to assist & facilitate joint statutory filing requirements	Resolve 130	SPD to SLG Comm. 1/15/07
Dept. of IFW to study feasibility of integrating moose management practices between Tribal & Nontribal Lands	Resolve 131	IFW to IFW Comm. 1/15/07
Dept. of Corrections, DHHS & judicial branch to develop plan to create forensic board to review safety of releasing convicted sex offenders.	Resolve 132	DOC to CRJ Comm. 12/30/06
Intergovernmental Advisory Comm. (PL 2003, c. 696) to establish a working group to study feasibility of county government capital improvements revolving loan fund	Resolve 133	IAC to SLG Comm. 2/15/07
State Bd. of Property Tax Review to accept and review appeal filed by town of Palermo	Resolve 134	Appeals Bd. to render decision by 1/15/06
Dept. of Audit to establish working group to develop model chart of accounts for all levels of govt.	Resolve 136	Dept. to IAC 11/1/06
Dept. of PFR to conduct assessment of regulation of fire alarm contractors	Resolve 137	PFR to BRED Comm. 1/15/07
Dept. of PFR to study prescription drug labeling requirements	Resolve 138	PFR to BRED Comm. 1/15/07
Public Health Work Group to convene to subcommittees: Coalition Core Competencies & Interdepartmental Subcommittee	Resolve 139	To HHS Comm. 8/20/06 and 10/30/06
DHHS, Drinking Water Program to take public comment on recommendations regarding source water protection	Resolve 140	Program to NAT 2/1/07
PUC to conduct needs assessment of telecommunications of federally qualified health centers	Resolve 141	PUC to UTE Comm. 3/1/07
Office of Substance Abuse to study use of liquor license fees & taxes to fund treatment	Resolve 142	OSA to HHS & LVA Comm. 1/15/07
DEP to study recycling of cell phones	Resolve 144	DEP to NAT Comm. 1/15/07
DHHS to establish working group to examine distribution of heating assistance	Resolve 146	DHHS to SLG Comm. 12/15/06
DHHS to develop strategies to keep senior citizens safe from falls (Falls Prevention Coalition)	Resolve 149	Coalition to HHS Comm. 11/2/06
DHHS to examine administration of MaineCare Program	Resolve 161	DHHS to HHS Comm. 1/15/07
PUC to form stakeholder group regarding E-9-1-1 surcharge for prepaid wireless phone service	Resolve 162	PUC to UTE Comm. 1/1/07
Dept. of Labor to convene task force to study workplace safety and violence	Resolve 167	DOL to LAB Comm. 1/15/07
Sec. of State to establish task force to develop plan for Maine State Cultural Building.	Resolve 168	Task Force to SLG Comm. 1/15/07
Medical Direction & Practices Bd. to make changes to the do not resuscitate protocol	Resolve 169	MEMS, Dept. of Public Safety to JUD Comm. 1/15/07
Bureau of Revenue Services to review determining factors for affordable housing for low-income persons	Resolve 170	Bureau to TAX Comm.

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DEP & DHHS/Center for Disease Control to review issues regarding mold in State buildings	Resolve 174	DEP & DHHS to HHS Comm. 1/1/07
PUC to examine costs and benefits of utilities in State to withdraw from NE regional transmission organization	Resolve 187	PUC to UTE Comm./preliminary rept. 1/1/07, final rept. 1/1/08
DHHS to develop model for community-based therapeutic living for adults with mental illness	Resolve 188	DHHS to HHS Comm. 9/1/06
SOS, DOT, State Police to develop pilot for an overlimit movement permit for timber harvesting equipment transport	Resolve 189	SOS, DOT, St. Police to TRA Comm. 2/09
DEP, DHHS, PUC USEPA & others to reconcile objectives of protecting aquatic life & use of existing community water supplies	Resolve 190	DEP to BEP and NAT Comm. 1/1/07
DOL to study laws defining "employment" for purposes of unemployment compensation	Resolve 191	DOL to LAB Comm. 1/15/07
DHHS with others to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for hospital-based mental health services	Resolve 192	DHHS to HHS 3/15/07
DHHS & DOL study direct care workers in state-funded & MaineCare-funded programs	Resolve 194	DHHS to HHS Comm. 1/1/07
Commissioner, Dept. of Agriculture to conduct outreach to agricultural community regarding identification of animals for tracking disease	Resolve 198	AFRR Dept. to ACF Comm. 1/15/07
DHHS & Labor commissioners to perform survey of wages & benefits paid to personal care assistants	Resolve 199	DHHS & Labor to HHS Comm. 1/1/07
DAFS to establish working group to develop options for long term renovation of building formerly occupied by AMHI	Resolve 201	Working Group to SLG Comm. 2/15/07
Dept. of Public Safety to study issues of alcohol regulation, sales and distribution to Maine consumers	Resole 206	Liquor Licensing & Tax Division to LVA Comm. 1/30/07
Gov's Office of Energy Independence to examine home heating in Maine	PL 569	Energy Office to UTE Comm. 11/30/06
Dept. of Labor and DHHS to study employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities	PL 570	DOL & DHHS to LAB Comm. 1/1/07
Secretary of State to develop plan to level out driver's license cycle	PL 573	SOS to TRA Comm. 12/31/06
SOS to examine voter awareness in other states that use direct mailing to voters	PL 575	SOS to LVA Comm. 9/1/06
Ethics Commission to examine campaign finance reports fir direct initiative campaigns	PL 575	Ethics Comm. To LVA Com. 9/1/06

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SOS & Ethics Comm. To develop plan to provide info on their respective public accessible websites regarding direct initiative petitions & campaign finance reports	PL 575	Submit Plan to LVA Comm. By 9/1/06
DEP to consider revisions to the industrial storm water program	PL 602	DEP to NAT Comm. 1/1/09
Maine Sheriff's Association to consider impact of increased motor vehicle penalties as a result of PL 606 on the county jail population	PL 606	Sheriff's Assoc. to CRJ Comm. 1/30/07
State Tax Assessor in consultation with others to analyze sale prices of working waterfront land	PL609	Assessor to TAX Comm. Annually 1/15
DEP to evaluate proper disposal of debris and protection of the environment	PL 617	DEP to NAT Comm. 2/1/07
AG & Criminal Law Advisory Comm. to review provisions of ME Criminal Code to prosecute home building contractors	PL 619	AG & CLAC to submit proposed changes to BRED & CRJ Comm. 2/1/07
Commission to Study Cost of Services in Unorganized Territories (Resolve '05, c. 125) to review growth limitations	PL 624	Commission to TAX Comm. 7/1/06
PUC to assess requirements to inform prospective tenants of energy efficiency characteristics of residential properties used as primary residences.	PL 543	PUC to UTE Comm. 1/1/08
IFW & Marines Resources Departments to study feasibility of developing statewide boater safety education program	PL 536	Dept. Commissioners to MAR & IFW Comm. 2/1/07
MSRS Bd. of Trustees to review and divest holdings with companies doing business in Sudan	PL 537	Board to LAB Comm. 1/1/07, 08 & 09
DOC Commissioner to document the number of timber theft cases prosecuted under MRSA 17, sec. 2512	PL 546	Commissioner to CRJ Comm. 3/1/08
DEP to assess funding and adequacy of Maine Hazardous Waste Fund	PL 549	DEP to NAT Comm. 2/1/07
Bureau of Forestry to look at feasibility of establishing outcome-based forest experimental areas	PL 550	Bureau to ACF Comm. 1/2/07
Bureau of Parks & Lands to review rent structure for leases under the submerged lands leasing program	PL 550	Bureau to ACF Comm. 1/2/07
Bd. of Pesticides Control to develop monitoring plan for hydraulic spray applications of pesticides near marine waters	PL 553	Board to ACF Comm. 1/2/07
DAFS to convene working group to explore possible investigations of alleged violations of state purchasing code of conduct	PL 554	Working Group to SLG Comm. 9/1/06 & 1/15/07
DECD to develop a strategic plan & proposals for nature-based industries and tourism in central & northern Maine	PL 555	DECD to BRED Comm. 2/15/07

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DEP to develop plan for collection and recycling of mercury thermostats	PL 558	DEP to NAT Comm. 3/15 annually
Land and Water Resources Council to study of current state law regarding regulation of withdrawal of groundwater.	PL 561 (& 452)	Council to NAT Comm. 11/1/06
DEP to study the use of button cell batteries	PL 509	DEP to NAT Comm. 1/15/09
UMS System & MCC System to review entrepreneurship curriculum & training	Resolve 210	2/1/07 to EDU Comm.
UM Center for Sport & Coaching to implement the Sports Done Right program	Resolve 211	3/1/07 to EDU Comm.
DOL to survey ME employers regarding employer-based Health Coverage	Resolve 213	2/1/07 to HHS & IFS Comm. And Dirigo Board
DAFS to determine feasibility of acquiring a parcel of land for ME CJA	Resolve 214	1/1/07 to SLG Comm. & Commissioner of Pub. Safety
DOT to review highway traffic noise policy	Resolve 216	1/15/07 to TRA Comm.
DECD to for partnerships to save Marine Tech. Center & strengthen ME's boatbuilding workforce	P & S 54	2/1/07 to EDU Comm.
DECD to implement and report on pilot Pine Tree Dev. Zone projects in Washington County	PL 637	2/15/08 to TAX & BRED Comm.
EDU & HHS Commissioners to convene task force to develop grant program to improve children's oral health	PL 653	2/15/07 to EDU Comm.
DHHS to establish the Hospital & Health Care Provider Cooperation Act	PL 670	4/7/07 & 1/1/08 to HHS Comm.
DOE to establish criteria for selecting site for adult education college transition programs	P & S 69	1/15/07 & 1/15/08 to EDU Comm.

Amends laws governing groups subject to confirmation by the Legislature

District Court Judges from 33 to 36; Superior Court from 16 to 17 Justices	PL 519	
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