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**November 9, 2023
12:00 noon
REVISED AGENDA**

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24	Item #3 Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consideration of Bill Requests for Second Regular Session (separate binder) (Revisor Charbonneau)	Decision Roll Call Vote
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	ADJOURNMENT	

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
June 30, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jackson called the June 20, 2023 meeting of the 131st Legislative Council to order at 10:58 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Stewart (arrived after start of meeting) and Senator Keim

Representatives: Speaker Talbot Ross, Representative Terry, Representative Cloutier, Representative Faulkingham and Representative Arata

Legislative Officers: Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Rob Hunt, Clerk of the House
Ed Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Nik Rende, Director, Office of Legislative Information Technology
Dawna Lopatosky, Deputy Director, Executive Director's Office

President Jackson convened the meeting at 10:58 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

President Jackson announced his intention to take items out of order, and hearing no objection, moved to New Business, Item 1.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

In accordance with the protocols for review of legislative study proposals that were included in the meeting materials, the Legislative Council considered and voted on the legislative study requests. Of

the 35 proposals included on the list, the council authorized 13 proposed studies, rejected 4 proposed studies, exempted from Council consideration 2 proposals, and took no action on 16 proposed studies. The Legislative Council's actions are included on the attached list.

President Jackson then returned to the printed agenda.

SUMMARY OF MAY 25, 2023 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for May 25, 2023 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Terry. Second by Representative Cloutier. **Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0-3**, with Senator Stewart, Senator Keim and Representative Faulkingham absent).

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

President Jackson drew the Legislative Council's attention in the Council's meeting materials to the written fiscal report prepared by Christopher Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

State House Facilities Committee

Senator Daughtry reported that the State House Facilities Committee met on Monday, June 5th, to consider the following items.

1. Food Vending In and Around the State House Complex

Ms. Gresser provided an overview of the laws governing the operation of food establishments in State Buildings. The committee expressed its happiness that Rich Desjardins is operating the State House Café in the State House on a limited basis through the end of June, and asked about possibilities for the provision of food on days when the State House Café was not open. The committee asked Ms. Gresser to research some additional questions and report back on food options to the committee at its next meeting.

2. Update on Status of Additional EV Charging Stations

Ms. Gresser reported that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is developing an EV Charging Station Master Plan, and as part of this initiative, the Bureau of General Services is planning to install a dual port EV charging station on the edge of Parking Lot "O".

3. Update on Status of Plans to Enhance Security in the Cross Office Building

Ms. Gresser provided an update on the status of plans to enhance security in the Cross Office Building, and informed the committee that representatives of DAFS expect that construction will begin in 2024.

4. Scheduling of Active Threat Training for Legislators

The committee discussed the scheduling of active threat training for legislators, and endorsed a plan to schedule training for members of the House and Senate together in the House Chamber early in January of the Second Regular Session.

5. **History and Guidelines for the Use of Capitol Park: Briefing by Earle Shettleworth**

Earle Shettleworth provided a briefing to the committee on the history of Capitol Park, and the genesis of the guidelines and restrictions in statute regarding permitted uses within Capitol Park.

The committee deferred until a future SHFC meeting the discussion of additional items, including requests for commissioning of official portraits, air quality, and scheduling of fire drills.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

LR 2593 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Late-filed Request for Approval of Major Substantive Rule

Date: June 29, 2023

Vote: 7-0-0-3 Passed (with Senator Matthea Daughtry, Senator Trey Stewart and Representative Terry recorded as absent)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2: Proposed Second Session Cloture Schedule and Related Dates

Mr. Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes, presented the proposed Second Session cloture schedule and explained the related dates to the Legislative Council.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves the Second Session cloture schedule and related dates. Motion by Speaker Talbot Ross. Second by Rep. Terry. **Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0-3**, with Senator Trey Stewart, Senator Lisa Keim, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

Item #3: Executive Session: Request for Temporary Disability

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, paragraph F, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of considering requests for temporary disability income benefits. Motion by President Jackson. Second by Speaker Talbot Ross. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0-3, with Senator Trey Stewart, Senator Lisa Keim, and Representative Faulkingham recorded as absent).

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 12:11 p.m. The Council considered and approved two requests for temporary disability income benefits. At the conclusion at 12:27 of its executive session p.m., the Legislative Council adjourned.

Legislative Council
Action Taken on Legislative Studies
June 30, 2023

<u>LD</u>	<u>Title of Legislation</u>	<u>Study Name</u>	<u>COUNCIL ACTION</u>
LD 109	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Measures to Improve Safety for Residents of Recovery Residences	Commission to Study Measures to Improve Safety for Residents of Recovery Residences	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 139	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Minors	Commission to Study the Liability of Parents and Legal Guardians for Damage by Minors	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 275	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists	Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 291	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	Commission to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recovery High School in the State	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 329	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care	Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 754	Resolve, Directing the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail from Boston to Montreal	Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission to Examine Restoring Passenger Rail	VOTED TO EXEMPT
LD 788	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	Commission to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry	FAILED
LD 849	An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	Implement Recommendations of Working Group on Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature	VOTED TO AMEND TO ELIMINATE STUDY
LD 915	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services	PASSED
LD 937	Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine	Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine	PASSED
LD 941	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Improvements to Conventional Infrastructure and Storm Water Management at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	Commission to Study Improvements to Conventional Infrastructure and Storm Water Management at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	FAILED
LD 976	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients	PASSED
LD 1016	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care	Blue Ribbon Commission on Guaranteed Health Care	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1029	Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States	Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United State	NO ACTION TAKEN

LD 1200	Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families	PASSED
LD 1247	Resolve, to Study Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and Study Additional Requirements for Law Enforcement Officers and Candidates	Training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	FAILED
LD 1264	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education	PASSED
LD 1283	Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System	PASSED
LD 1302	Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Lineworkers	Commission to Study Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Lineworkers	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1304	Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity	Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1406	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	Commission to Study MaineCare Estate Recovery	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1495	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State	Commission to Study the Role of Critical Minerals as a Resource in the State	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1543	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails	Commission to Recommend Cost-effective, Safe, Administrable and Healthful Programs to Reduce Violence in Prisons and Jails	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1597	Resolve, to Establish the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission	PASSED
LD 1622	Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee	Criminal Records Review Committee	PASSED
LD 1641	Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource	Commission to Study the Role of Water as a Resource	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1662	Resolve, to Study the Adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act	Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Noncondominium Community Associations	NO ACTION TAKEN

LD 1701	Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	PASSED
LD 1702	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine	Commission to Improve the Educational Experience of People Who Are Resettling in Maine	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1722	Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities	PASSED
LD 1795	An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients	Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients	PASSED
LD 1799	An Act to Expand Maine's High-quality Early Learning and Care for Children by Increasing Public Preschool Opportunities in Communities	Commission to Study the Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education	PASSED
LD 1801	Resolve to Increase Transparency and Evaluate Emergency Response through a COVID-19 Review Commission	COVID-19 Review Commission	FAILED
LD 1866	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Income Tax Policy for Maine's Families and Small Businesses	Commission to Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Income Tax Policy for Maine's Families and Small Businesses	NO ACTION TAKEN
LD 1939	An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission	Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission	VOTED TO EXEMPT

Fiscal Briefing

October 26, 2023

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$597.9	\$600.2	\$2.2	0.4%	\$602.5	-0.4%
FYTD	\$1,342.9	\$1,369.5	\$26.6	2.0%	\$1,406.5	-2.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$2.2 million (0.4%) for the month of September and by \$26.6 million (2.0%) through the first quarter of fiscal year 2024. FY 2024 General Fund revenue through the first quarter was 2.6% less than FY 2023 General Fund revenue through the first quarter, largely because of the first automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund made in July. If this highway fund transfer is not included, General Fund revenue through the first quarter of FY 2024 would be 1.2% greater than through the first quarter of FY 2023.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$0.9 million (0.3%) for the month but under budget by \$10.3 million (1.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax final payments and withholding payments exceeded budget levels for the month while estimated and fiduciary payments were under budget. Through the first quarter of fiscal year 2024, refunds (negative impact on General Fund), final payments and withholding payments exceeded budget levels while estimated and fiduciary payments were below budget. Corporate income tax revenue was \$3.8 million (4.3%) below budget for September and \$1.0 million (1.0%) below budget for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for September (August sales) was \$9.5 million (4.5%) above budget for the month and \$38.8 million (6.2%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Other Revenues for the fiscal year to date included the first (\$54.1 million) of two FY 2023 automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund (negative impact on General Fund revenue) made pursuant to PL 2023, c. 189, Part I.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2024 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
September	\$31.9	\$37.7	\$5.8	18.2%	\$27.8	35.4%
FYTD	\$139.4	\$160.3	\$20.8	14.9%	\$90.7	76.7%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$5.8 million (18.2%) for the month of September and by \$20.8 million (14.9%) through the first quarter of fiscal year 2024. FY 2024 Highway Fund revenue through the first quarter was significantly greater than through the first quarter of FY 2023 largely because of the first automotive sales tax transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Fund made in July.

Fuel tax revenue was \$1.4 million (6.6%) under budget for the month of September but over budget by \$8.0 million (15.3%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were above budget by \$5.4 million (126.9%) for the month and by \$6.2 million (26.0%) above budget for the fiscal year to date. Highway Fund revenue for the fiscal year to date also included the first (\$54.1 million) of two FY 2023 automotive sales tax transfers from the General Fund to the Highway Fund (positive impact for the Highway Fund) made pursuant to PL 2023, c. 189, Part I.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for September was \$4,167.8 million, an increase of \$8.2 million from August's average. Increases in General Fund and Independent Agency Funds balances were largely offset by decreases in Highway Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds and Other State Funds balances. The average Highway Fund balance for September was \$42.1 million, a decrease of \$14.5 million from August's balance of \$56.7 million.

4. Economic and Revenue Forecast - Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on October 23rd to review and update the economic forecast for its November 1st report. The CEFC made relatively minor changes to its April 2023 forecast. Of particular note, the CEFC forecast for the growth in personal income was revised upward from 5.2% to 5.9% for calendar year 2023 but downward for calendar years 2024 through 2027 and the forecast for growth in wage and salary income, the largest component of personal income, was revised upward from 6.0% to 7.5% for calendar year 2023 but was unchanged for calendar years 2024 through 2027. The CEFC also revised its forecast for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) downward for calendar years 2023 through 2027 and made no changes in its wage and salary employment forecast.

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) will meet Tuesday, November 28th to review and update the revenue forecast for its December 1st report. The RFC will incorporate the revised CEFC forecast, updated revenue collections for FY 2024 and other updated information since its May 2023 forecast.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 (FY 2024)

Updated 10/17/23

September 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '23 Budget	September '23 Actual	September '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2024 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %		% Change from Prior Year
Sales and Use Tax ¹	214,170,577	223,690,518	9,519,941	629,073,563	667,862,248	38,788,685	6.2%	3.7%	2,190,029,171
Service Provider Tax	4,141,695	4,845,208	703,513	12,672,679	13,279,540	606,861	4.8%	7.0%	49,212,224
Individual Income Tax	270,984,762	271,894,334	909,572	619,262,359	608,988,753	(10,273,606)	-1.7%	2.2%	2,395,356,715
Corporate Income Tax	88,611,392	84,765,316	(3,846,076)	104,890,072	103,889,741	(1,000,331)	-1.0%	-14.2%	355,903,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	14,033,127	11,437,094	(2,596,033)	41,576,510	42,359,842	783,332	1.9%	-1.3%	156,599,546
Insurance Companies Tax	827,592	348,768	(478,824)	1,530,444	982,759	(547,685)	-35.8%	-41.9%	114,490,000
Estate Tax	2,137,662	631,397	(1,506,265)	6,412,986	3,026,046	(3,386,940)	-52.8%	-81.6%	25,400,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	11,445,983	10,704,216	(741,767)	28,670,264	30,201,936	1,531,672	5.3%	2.7%	146,670,899
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,948,674	885,706	(1,062,968)	3,973,586	2,710,968	(1,262,618)	-31.8%	7.9%	16,799,650
Income from Investments	1,902,039	4,767,406	2,865,367	4,209,616	9,569,392	5,359,776	127.3%	215.8%	27,009,049
Transfer from Lottery Commission	6,132,076	6,731,498	599,422	17,169,812	21,721,863	4,552,051	26.5%	25.0%	65,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	0	(2,190,210)	(2,190,210)	0	(3,223,342)	(3,223,342)	N/A	-144.0%	(84,490,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(20,799,724)	(21,041,579)	(241,855)	(62,872,246)	(66,350,661)	(3,478,415)	-5.5%	1.2%	(252,899,526)
Other Revenue *	2,401,098	2,711,762	310,664	(63,642,180)	(65,485,189)	(1,843,009)	-2.9%	-465.7%	(93,727,983)
Totals	597,936,953	600,181,434	2,244,481	1,342,927,465	1,369,533,896	26,606,431	2.0%	-2.6%	5,111,352,745

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis sales taxes of \$1.9 million for September and \$6.0 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use cannabis excise taxes of \$1.5 million for September and \$3.9 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
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September 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2024 Budgeted Totals
	September '23 Budget	September '23 Actual	September '23 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	14,881,051
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,556,087	3,227,822	671,735	3,231,254	3,442,575	211,321	6.5%	-13.5%	21,713,714
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	2,810,334	1,071,112	(1,739,222)	6,161,251	5,243,935	(917,316)	-14.9%	7.9%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	440,554	394,531	(46,024)	2,278,762	2,988,854	710,092	31.2%	-0.7%	11,413,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	5,667	5,667	0	5,667	5,667	N/A	102.2%	6,300,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,115,581	2,044,010	(71,571)	6,346,743	5,887,960	(458,783)	-7.2%	-7.0%	25,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	179,653	251,867	72,214	277,521	442,148	164,627	59.3%	89.4%	882,965
- Racino Revenue	928,101	919,470	(8,631)	2,784,303	3,104,569	320,266	11.5%	6.2%	11,137,265
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	197,658	145,497	(52,161)	1,160,675	1,075,352	(85,323)	-7.4%	12.2%	4,559,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,663,626	1,982,377	318,751	4,622,372	6,052,669	1,430,297	30.9%	11.0%	15,995,784
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	554,389	661,864	107,475	1,807,383	1,958,208	150,825	8.3%	2.6%	11,776,096
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	11,445,983	10,704,216	(741,767)	28,670,264	30,201,936	1,531,672	5.3%	2.7%	146,670,899
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	445	24,082	23,637	7,004,252	7,024,617	20,365	0.3%	42535.5%	7,028,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	6,205	4,725	(1,480)	18,613	14,241	(4,372)	-23.5%	-23.5%	57,221
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,991,622	1,557,465	(434,157)	6,725,918	5,139,502	(1,586,416)	-23.6%	12.2%	26,436,801
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(15,162,657)	(14,755,239)	407,418	2.7%	-7.1%	(23,893,939)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,375,235)	(933,231)	442,004	(4,207,270)	(4,388,519)	(181,249)	-4.3%	N/A	(7,320,857)
- Transfer to Multimodal Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(11,118,404)	(10,629,802)	488,602	4.4%	-4.3%	(15,702,880)
- Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	710	710	(51,854,775)	(54,072,412)	(2,217,637)	-4.3%	-430.8%	(101,861,600)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,778,061	2,058,011	279,950	4,952,143	6,182,422	1,230,279	24.8%	-20.5%	15,328,771
Subtotal - Other Revenue	2,401,098	2,711,762	310,664	(63,642,180)	(65,485,189)	(1,843,009)	-2.9%	-465.7%	(93,727,983)
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	0	0	0	424	424	N/A	-14.7%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	0	(2,183,410)	(2,183,410)	0	(3,227,199)	(3,227,199)	N/A	-150.1%	(17,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	(6,800)	(6,800)	0	3,433	3,433	N/A	111.1%	(67,490,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	0	(2,190,210)	(2,190,210)	0	(3,223,342)	(3,223,342)	N/A	-144.0%	(84,490,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,931,921	2,203,838	271,917	5,991,860	7,314,828	1,322,968	22.1%	10.5%	21,516,223

Highway Fund Revenue
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September 2024 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '23 Budget	September '23 Actual	September '23 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2024 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	% Change from Prior Year		
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	19,440,115	19,242,197	(197,918)	49,421,429	55,817,482	6,396,053	12.9%	1.7%	203,864,446
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,937,097	2,944,632	(1,992,465)	11,012,313	10,986,809	(25,504)	-0.2%	-11.7%	49,579,729
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(2,400,483)	(1,627,923)	772,560	(6,741,516)	(4,905,635)	1,835,881	27.2%	1.0%	(25,474,293)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(486,139)	(481,190)	4,949	(1,235,883)	(1,395,828)	(159,945)	-12.9%	-1.2%	(5,098,038)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	21,490,590	20,077,717	(1,412,873)	52,456,343	60,502,828	8,046,485	15.3%	-0.8%	222,871,844
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,661,076	6,246,403	585,327	18,234,861	19,167,983	933,122	5.1%	-1.4%	69,019,954
- License Plate Fees	445,845	512,927	67,082	1,278,249	1,428,681	150,432	11.8%	-3.6%	3,662,986
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	796,287	710,076	(86,211)	2,587,340	2,613,584	26,244	1.0%	-21.3%	14,134,523
- Title Fees	1,199,475	1,290,949	91,474	3,903,268	3,916,615	13,347	0.3%	-6.4%	14,325,795
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	861,490	910,789	49,299	2,593,985	2,977,485	383,500	14.8%	-10.8%	9,660,348
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(4,701,820)	0	4,701,820	(4,701,820)	0	4,701,820	100.0%	100.0%	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	4,262,353	9,671,144	5,408,791	23,895,883	30,104,348	6,208,465	26.0%	11.7%	94,285,552
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	265,215	259,216	(6,000)	795,645	523,648	(271,998)	-34.2%	172.6%	3,182,600
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	122,403	102,431	(19,972)	371,077	336,150	(34,927)	-9.4%	-23.6%	1,429,470
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	56,070	92,727	36,657	187,355	281,452	94,097	50.2%	-18.0%	606,512
Interest Earnings	109,948	162,893	52,945	251,724	247,883	(3,841)	-1.5%	283.8%	613,276
Highway Fund Sales Tax Transfer	0	0	0	51,854,775	54,078,222	2,223,447	4.3%	83638.8%	101,861,600
Liquor Operations Fund Transfer	5,000,000	6,943,139	1,943,139	8,000,000	12,798,784	4,798,784	60.0%	19718.6%	53,000,000
Other Highway Fund Revenue	591,023	387,859	(203,164)	1,620,689	1,388,058	(232,631)	-14.4%	-20.1%	11,911,265
Totals	31,897,602	37,697,126	5,799,524	139,433,491	160,261,372	20,827,881	14.9%	76.7%	489,762,119



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Troy D. Jackson, President of the Senate, Chair
Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Speaker of the House, Vice-Chair
Members, Legislative Council

FROM: Danielle Fox, Director

DATE: November 9, 2023

RE: Update on interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select Committees

Attached is an updated report on the 15 interim studies and authorized meetings of the Joint Standing/Select Committees as of November 7, 2023. Most studies have received all membership appointments and have either begun to hold meetings or are in the process of planning their initial meeting.

The following interim studies are still pending membership appointments.

1. Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education
2. Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Patients
3. Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients
4. Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group to Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost and Access to Driver Education (staffed by Secretary of State)
5. State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force
6. Cannabis Advisory Commission

The following interim studies have submitted requests for report date extensions (pursuant to Joint Rule 353.7 report dates may not be extended beyond December 15th).

1. Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State (approved)
2. Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities (pending)
3. Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education (pending)

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Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Interim Studies, Nonpartisan Staff-Assigned					
LD 915 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services Resolve 2023, c. 98	Anna Broome Luke Lazure Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	Four meetings authorized Multi-year 1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 2. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 4. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA)	11/6/2024	Sen. Duson Rep. Craven	13 Members Appointments complete
LD 937 Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine Resolve 2023, c. 93	Eli Murphy Karen Nadeau Kristin Brawn Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized 1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 202 (LBHS) 2. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 3. Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS) 4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 1:00 am, COB Rm 220 (HCIFS)	1/15/2024	Sen. Bailey Rep. Mathieson	13 Members Appointments complete
LD 976 Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients Resolve 2023, c. 97	Elena Roig Steve Langlin Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Ingwersen Rep Madigan	7 Members Pending 1 appointment (plus 1 agency appointments)
LD 1264 Commission to Update Maine’s Public Policy on Higher Education Resolve 2023, c. 102	Karen Nadeau Anne Davison Sophia Paddon Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison	Four meetings authorized	12/6/2023	Sen. Pierce Rep. Millett	17 Members Pending 3 appointments (plus 4 agency designees)

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<p>LD 1283 Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System Resolve 2023, c. 92 010-30A-2660-03</p>	<p>Steve Langlin Hillary Risler Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 	<p>1/15/2024</p>	<p>Sen. Rafferty Rep. Murphy</p>	<p>20 Members Appointments complete</p>
<p>LD 1597 Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission Resolve 2023, c. 95</p>	<p>Rachel Olson Eli Murphy Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized</p>	<p>12/6/2023</p>	<p>President Jackson Rep. Russell</p>	<p>Appointments complete</p>
<p>LD 1622 Criminal Records Review Committee Resolve 2023, c. 103</p>	<p>Joseph Greene Anna Broome Darlene ShoresLynch Tanya Condon</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized Multi-year</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Wednesday, November 19, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 	<p>Interim 12/6/2023 Final 11/6/2024</p>	<p>Sen. Bailey Speaker Talbot Ross</p>	<p>29 Members Appointments complete (pending 2 organization designees)</p>
<p>LD 1701 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State Resolve 2023, c. 99</p>	<p>Dan Tartakoff Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon Darlene ShoresLynch Eve Poplawski</p>	<p>Six meetings authorized</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 2. Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 127 (TAX) 3. Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 4. Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 5. Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH RM 228 (AFA) 	<p>12/15/2023 <i>(extension approved)</i></p>	<p>Sen. Curry Speaker Talbot Ross</p>	<p>17 members Appointments complete</p>
<p>LD 1722 Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in</p>	<p>Sam Senft Anne Davison</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 	<p>12/6/2023 <i>(extension request pending)</i></p>	<p>Sen. Rotundo Rep. Graham</p>	<p>15 members Appointments complete</p>

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<p>Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities Resolve 2023, c. 100</p>	<p>Kristin Brawn Eve Poplawski</p>	<p>2. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA) 4. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH 228 (AFA)</p>			<p><i>Outside funding received and accepted</i></p>
<p>LD 1795 Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients P.L. 2023, c. 410</p>	<p>Colleen McCarthyReid Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized</p>	<p>12/6/2023</p>	<p>Sen. Bailey Rep. Arford</p>	<p>10 Members Pending 3 appointments (plus 2 agency designees)</p>
<p>LD 1799 Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care Education P.L. 2023, c. 477</p>	<p>Hillary Risler Elena Roig Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison</p>	<p>Four meetings authorized</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 2. Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Tuesday, November 28, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m., COB Rm 208 (EDU) 4. Wednesday, December 12, 2023 @ 12:00pm, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 	<p>12/6/2023 <i>(extension request pending)</i></p>	<p>Sen. Vitelli Rep. Hasenfus</p>	<p>Appointments complete</p>
Ongoing statutory studies					
<p>Right to Know (Advisory Committee) T 1 §411</p>	<p>Lindsay Laxon Janet Stocco Colleen McCarthyReid Anne Davison Darlene ShoresLynch Arlene Harrison</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, September 18, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m., SH Rm 228 (AFA) 2. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 228 (AFA) 3. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 4. Monday, November 6, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 228 (AFA) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUBCOMMITTEES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 9:30 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 6. (Public Records Exceptions) 	<p>Annually</p>	<p>Rep. Sheehan</p>	<p>18 Members Pending 1 appointments (vacancy as a result of death of a member)</p>

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		<p>7. Monday, October 23, 2023 at 11:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) (Public Records Process)</p> <p>8. Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 3:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p> <p>9. Thursday, November 9, 2023@ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Public Records Exceptions</p> <p>10. Thursday, November 9, 2023@ 1:00 pm, SH Rm 438 (JUD) Law Enforcement</p>			
Cannabis Advisory Commission T 28-B c. 1 sub c. 9	Lynne Caswell Dan Tartakoff Kristin Brawn Tanya Condon	TBD	Annually	Sen. Hickman Rep. Supica	27 Members Pending 10 appointments (plus agency designees)
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force T 20-A §12901	TBD	No more than 4	Annually Nov 1st	Sen. Rafferty Rep. Gere	15 Members Pending 4 appointments

Other Legislative Council-approved studies (staffed by department/agency)

LD 1200 Bureau of Motor Vehicles Working Group Study Potential Solutions Regarding the Cost of and Access to Driver Education for Underserved Populations and Low-income Families Resolve 2023, c. 94	Secretary of State	Four meetings authorized	2/1/2024	Sen. Nangle	11 Members Pending 9 appointments plus agency designee
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AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing/Select Committees and subcommittees

Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau		
Appropriations and Financial Affairs	Maureen Dawson	Thursday, October 5, 2023@9:30am, SH Rm 228	Authorized to meet monthly by statute
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Joseph Greene Sophia Paddon	Four authorized meetings	
Education and Cultural Affairs	Hillary Risler Elena Roig	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 3. Tuesday, November 7, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) CANCELLED 4. Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 208 (EDU) 	4 authorized
Environment and Natural Resources	Daniel Tartakoff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm. 216 (ENR) 2. Monday October 16, 2023 CANCELLED 3. Monday, November 13, 2023 	4 authorized
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Lindsay Laxon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 2. Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 3. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:00 am, COB Rm 211 (EUT) 	4 authorized
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome Sam Senft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, September 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 2. Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 3. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 4. Thursday, December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am, COB Rm 209 (HHS) 	4 authorized
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthyReid		

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Housing	Danielle Fox Karen Nadeau Steve Langlin	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 2. Tuesday, October 3, 2023@9:00am, MSHA offices 3. Tuesday, October 17, 2023@10:00am, Univ. Maine and Bangor 4. Tuesday, October 31, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 5. Tuesday, November 14, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 6. Tuesday, November 28, 2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216 7. Tuesday, December 5,2023@9:00am, COB Rm 216	7 authorized (including 2 off-site)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Anne Davison		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Sophia Paddon	Thursday, September 21, 2023@9:00 am, COB Rm 206 (IDEA)	1 authorized
Judiciary	Janet Stocco (subcommittee assistance from Anna Broome)	1. Monday, September 25, 2023@Noon, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 3. Wednesday, November 8, 2023@ 10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) <u>Subcommittee Meetings</u> 1. Thursday, October 19, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD) 2. Thursday, December 7, 2023@10:00 am, SH Rm 438 (JUD)	6 authorized Plus 3 subcommittee meetings approved
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin		
Marine Resources	Elena Roig		
State and Local Government	Lynne Caswell	Thursday, November 16, 2023 @9:30 am, CSOB Rm 214 (SLG)	Three authorized meetings
Taxation	Julie Jones	Thursday, November 9, 2023@10:00, SH Rm 127 (TAX)	
Transportation	Julia MacDonald		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Rachel Olson Lynne Caswell (subcommittee assistance from Anne Davison)	1. Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 10:00 am, SH, Rm 437 (VLA) 2. Thursday, October 12, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 437 (VLA) Subcommittee Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act 3. Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 9:00 am, SH Rm 437 (VLA) Subcommittee Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act	6 authorized – including subcommittee

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
June 30, 2023 Council Meeting**

Legislative Council Decisions:

Motion: That the Legislative Council accept the funds contributed for the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, and upon completion of appointments to the commission, authorize the Blue-Ribbon Commission to Convene.

Motion by: Speaker Talbot Ross
Date: September 28, 2023
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

Motion: In Accordance with the Unanimous Recommendations of the Personnel Committee, that the Legislative Council establish legislative position count in the Legislative Information Technology Office for one Information Security Administrator, one Virtual Meeting Administrator, two Senior Program Analysts and one session-only Desktop Support Administrator, and reclassify one Programmer Analyst position to one Chamber System Administrator position. And Further, the Legislative Council directs the Executive Director to establish the positions by financial order, to be self-funded from available balances in FY 24 and FY 25, and to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting the decisions of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor's next supplemental budget bill.

Motion by: President Troy Jackson
Date: October 13, 2023
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

Motion: That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 93, the Legislative Council authorizes the Commission to convene

Motion by: President Troy Jackson
Date: October 16, 2023
Vote: 8-0-2-0 Passed

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the request presented to the Personnel Committee on July 27, 2023 from a Legislative staff member to transfer sick leave from that staff member to another employee within that same office, notwithstanding any policy to the contrary

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 16, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

Motion: That, because a majority of the appointments have been made to the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, in accordance Resolves 2023, chapter 100, the Legislative Council authorizes the Blue Ribbon Commission to convene.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 4, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

Motion: That, in accordance with Joint Rule 353(7), the Legislative Council extends to December 15, 2023, the reporting deadline of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State.

Motion by: Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross
Date: October 20, 2023
Vote: 9-0-1-0 Passed

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:



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Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

October 18, 2023

The Honorable Troy D. Jackson, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The enclosed proposal regarding the Clerk's Office Legislative Document Service is hereby submitted for consideration by the Legislative Council for the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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I have attached the order form for the upcoming session. Our prices remain the same as they were for the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. B. Hunt".

Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

CC: Members of the Legislative Council
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Legislative Council
Meeting Schedule for 2024

The schedule for Legislative Council meetings for calendar year 2024 is below:

Thursday, January 25, 2024
Thursday, February 22, 2024
Thursday, March 28, 2024
Thursday, April 25, 2024
Thursday, May 23, 2024
Thursday, June 27, 2024

Thursday, July 25, 2024
Thursday, August 22, 2024
Thursday, September 26, 2024
Thursday, October 24, 2024
Thursday, November 21, 2024
Thursday, December 19, 2024

All Legislative Council meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, usually the fourth Thursday of each month, in the Legislative Council Chamber, Room 334. Unless otherwise specified in the meeting notices, the meetings begin at **1:30 P.M.**

Legislative Council Meeting
October 26, 2023

Procedures for Review of Legislative Bill Requests for the
Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited to:** budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor’s call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the Legislative Council’s Rules of Procedure for the 131st Legislature, any action of the Legislative Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 131st Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, final determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Protocol for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by subject area. An exception to this order of review may be made for bill requests for which an ASL Interpreter is required for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Those bills will be taken out of order at a time during the meeting when an interpreter is available.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on a bill request, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction into the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (“Yes” is to let in a bill; “no” is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative requests in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member’s vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection following the meeting.

- D. If a bill request has been identified by the Revisor as requiring a ruling under Joint Rule 217, the Legislative Council may vote to accept that bill for introduction, conditional upon a subsequent ruling by the presiding officers.
- E. Legislative sponsors and others are welcome to observe the Council's deliberations on the bill requests, but discussion of the requests will be confined to members of the Legislative Council and its staff. Discussion of a bill request among Legislative Council Members will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself.
- F. If the Legislative Council turns down a bill request, the sponsoring Legislator may appeal that decision if an appeal is filed in a timely manner. At a subsequent meeting of the Legislative Council, the legislator may speak briefly to the bill request under appeal.