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**128th Legislature
Legislative Council**

**October 26, 2017
10:00 AM**

REVISED AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
September 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Gideon called the September 19, 2017 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 11:12 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Thibodeau, Senator Cushing, and Senator Jackson
Absent: Senator Mason, Senator Libby
Representatives: Speaker Gideon, Representative Herbig and Representative Espling
Absent: Representative Golden, Representative Fredette
Legislative Officers: Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology
John Barden, Director, Law & Legislative Reference Library

Speaker Gideon convened the meeting at 11:12 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for August 16, 2017 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, presented the following report.

1. RFP for MELD Bill Production System Replacement

We are in the process of scheduling a second demonstration with each of the top 2 bidders for the MELD Bill Production System Replacement project. We are planning to make a recommendation to the Council after these next demonstrations.

2. State House Window Repair Project

We have awarded the bid for the State House Window Repair Project to Jacobs Glass. Work on the South Wing west elevation windows will begin this week. This year's project will replace failed window panes and paint the exterior of the State House windows on the South Wing and the south elevation of the West Wing.

3. RFP for State House Plaster Repair and Painting

We are in the process of finalizing a second facilities-related RFP to solicit bids to repair damaged plaster and paint of interior spaces in the State House. This year's work will include more work inside offices within the State House.

4. Copper Reuse Project – Artist Selection Process

The Artist Selection Committee met on September 12th to receive detailed presentations from the four finalists to reuse the copper from the State House dome. The committee will be submitting a recommendation to the State House Facilities Committee at its meeting on October 5th. The Facilities Committee will then make a recommendation at the October meeting of the full Legislative Council currently scheduled to meet on October 26th.

5. NCSL Job Classification Project

NCSL kicked off its job classification project with a visit to Maine last week conducting interviews with office directors, chiefs of staff and the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. Legislative Staff will be given a questionnaire to fill out to gather information about each of their responsibilities. NCSL staff will be visiting again in November to interview various staff.

6. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The Administration is in the process of an overdue upgrade of the security card readers. This upgrade will require the replacement of all existing security cards with new ones including new pictures. The State House upgrades and card replacements will occur this fall. Timing has not been finalized.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, presented the following report.

1. General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$300.8	\$306.1	\$5.3	1.8%	\$297.3	3.0%
FYTD	\$537.7	\$550.7	\$13.0	2.4%	\$535.5	2.8%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$5.3 million (1.8%) for the month of August and over budget by \$13.0 million (2.4%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$5.0 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$10.2 million. Strong withholding payments and estimated payments both contributed to the positive variance. Sales and use taxes for August (July sales) were over budget by \$2.0 million for the month and over budget by \$4.6 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$3.7 million in August but over budget by \$2.5 million for the fiscal year to date. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were \$7.8 million under budget for the fiscal year to date. This shortfall was largely the result of a timing issue as payments for cigarette stamps expected in July were received in June.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
August	\$30.5	\$32.0	\$1.5	5.0%	\$31.0	3.3%
FYTD	\$60.3	\$58.4	(\$1.8)	-3.0%	\$60.9	-4.1%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.5 million (5.0%) for the month of August but under budget by \$1.8 million (3.0%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive monthly variance occurred in the Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees revenue lines. The fiscal year to date negative variance was largely the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for August was \$1,102.9 million, down from July's average of \$1,120.6 million but well above both last year's average balance for August and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in August. The average Highway Fund balance of \$37.2 million in August decreased from July's average of \$43.0 million.

Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the following report. Three of the new studies have begun meeting. Others are waiting for appointments to be completed. Some of the on-going legislative studies (the Right to Know Advisory Committee and the Citizen Trade Policy Commission) and the authorized joint standing committees have been meeting or have meetings scheduled. See the detailed report in the agenda packet for more information.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Gideon reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier that morning to consider the following item.

1. Collective Bargaining

Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little briefed the committee about recent collective bargaining negotiations with MSEA and IANLP. This item will be discussed later in today's meeting.

2. **State House Facilities Committee**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Task Force on Health Care Coverage Outside Funding

The Council received a request from the Task Force on Health Care Coverage to approve the outside funding received so far and to allow the Task Force to convene. The study is unique in that it covers two fiscal years. The Task Force has raised \$7,118 of the \$9,364 required to cover the total estimated costs of the study. The remaining \$2,246 must be raised and accepted before June 30, 2018 or the work of the task force may not continue after that date.

Motion: That the Legislative Council accepts the outside funding of the Task Force on Health Care Coverage and to authorizes the Task Force to convene and continue its work throughout Fiscal Year 2018. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by President Thibodeau. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4,** with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Request to Convene the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services

The Council received a request from the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to convene the task force despite not having all of the members appointed. To date 10 of the 13 members have been appointed and due to a timing issue, the Task Force requests being allowed to meet while the rest of the appointments are made.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorizes the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services to convene. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4,** with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

Item #2: Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Matters and Employment Terms and Conditions for Legislative Employees

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4,** with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 11:34 a.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by President Thibodeau, seconded by Senator Cushing, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 11:47 a.m. and reconvene its regular meeting during which the following motion regarding collective bargaining was made.

Motion: That pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 128th Legislature ratifies the collective bargaining agreements for the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019 that were negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine State Employees Association-SEIU Local 1989 on behalf of the Administrative Unit of Legislative Employees on September 11, 2017 and by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Independent Association of Nonpartisan Legislative Professionals (IANLP) on September 14, 2017. Further, that the Legislative Council authorizes the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of these two Agreements; Further, that upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council exercises its right to adopt the revisions to its personnel policies, pending agreement from the respective authorities; to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the ratified collective bargaining agreements; and directs its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions; and further that compensation provisions in the form of cost of living adjustments and salary steps comparable to that provided in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreements be provided to legislative employees who are not represented by a collective bargaining agent, the effective dates of such compensation provisions to coincide with those contained in the aforementioned collective bargaining agreement ratified. Motion by President Thibodeau. Second by Representative Herbig. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4, with Senators Mason and Libby and Representatives Golden and Fredette absent).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Executive Director's Report October 26, 2017

1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The new security cards have been received and we are in the process of updating photos for staff. We will be using the existing photos on file for Legislators until next Legislature begins. We hope to complete the updating of photos in the next couple of weeks and the new cards will be processed in a batch for distribution. Once the new cards are distributed, the card readers will be updated over a weekend to complete the transition. The tentative time frame for transition is a weekend in mid-November. Once the card readers have been replaced, we will be establishing a process to get the new cards to Legislators or others who did not receive their new card before the transition of the card readers. The old access cards will not work with the new card readers, so Legislators and staff must get their new card before they can access the building after hours or through entrances other than the main entrance. We are looking at arranging it with the Legislative Information Office to hold the new cards for Legislators and staff who did not get them before transition. Therefore, they can pick them up prior to having to go through security screening.

2. RFP for MELD Bill Production System Replacement

We have held the second demonstrations with the top 2 bidders for the MELD Bill Production System Replacement project and our IT staff had technical question and answer sessions with both of the bidders. We will be meeting soon to review our findings and develop recommendations.

3. NCSL Job Classification and Compensation Study

NCSL is currently reviewing comprehensive surveys filled out by staff that were due Friday, October 20th. They will soon be scheduling interviews with individual staff for their Maine visit during the week of November 13th to the 17th.

Fiscal Briefing

October 26, 2017

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$356.3	\$377.0	\$20.7	5.8%	\$368.9	2.2%
FYTD	\$894.0	\$927.7	\$33.7	3.8%	\$904.4	2.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$20.7 million (5.8%) for the month of September and over budget by \$33.7 million (3.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$8.5 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$18.7 million. As with the month of August, strong withholding and estimated payments contributed to the positive variance. Sales and use taxes for September (August sales) were under budget by \$0.7 million for the month but over budget by \$3.9 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$7.7 million in September and over budget by \$10.2 million for the fiscal year to date. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget (less transferred than budgeted) by \$3.2 million in September largely due to the timing of BETR transfers.

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission is scheduled to meet on October 27th to review and update its current economic forecast. The Revenue Forecasting Committee will then meet in late November to review and update the current revenue forecast.

Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2018 (\$'s in Millions)

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
September	\$26.8	\$27.5	\$0.6	2.4%	\$26.6	3.2%
FYTD	\$87.1	\$85.9	(\$1.2)	-1.4%	\$87.5	-1.9%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$0.6 million (2.4%) for the month of September but under budget by \$1.2 million (1.4%) for the fiscal year to date. The positive monthly variance occurred in the Fuel Taxes and Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees revenue lines. The fiscal year to date negative variance continues to be the result of fuel tax payments received in June that were expected in July.

Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for September was \$1,143.5 million, up from August's average of \$1,102.9 million and well above both last year's average balance for September and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in September. The average Highway Fund balance of \$29.8 million in September decreased from August's average of \$37.2 million as a result of construction season spending.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	Variance		Variance %
Sales and Use Tax	143,427,622	142,711,401	(716,221)	416,576,643	420,504,468	3,927,825	0.9%	5.2%
Service Provider Tax	4,900,000	4,968,159	68,159	14,700,000	15,443,386	743,386	5.1%	-4.3%
Individual Income Tax	154,500,000	162,950,637	8,450,637	363,950,000	382,620,859	18,670,859	5.1%	3.1%
Corporate Income Tax	31,000,000	38,708,805	7,708,805	40,900,000	51,144,652	10,244,652	25.0%	17.2%
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	12,057,451	13,225,407	1,167,956	37,721,211	31,020,846	(6,700,365)	-17.8%	-19.2%
Insurance Companies Tax	2,111,344	324,932	(1,786,412)	2,342,492	358,400	(1,984,092)	-84.7%	-85.0%
Estate Tax	1,044,000	3,237,477	2,193,477	3,132,000	4,991,689	1,859,689	59.4%	-19.9%
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,733,979	8,684,895	(49,084)	28,751,737	29,452,390	700,653	2.4%	-10.7%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,683,630	1,391,746	(291,884)	5,209,376	4,714,281	(495,095)	-9.5%	-7.2%
Income from Investments	220,603	411,889	191,286	430,609	864,536	433,927	100.8%	85.5%
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,179,266	5,956,361	777,095	14,501,945	16,455,414	1,953,469	13.5%	13.2%
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(6,000,000)	(2,800,138)	3,199,862	(9,000,000)	(4,361,438)	4,638,562	51.5%	-44.0%
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(5,513,045)	(5,579,574)	(66,529)	(16,176,447)	(16,980,297)	(803,850)	-5.0%	-8.5%
Other Revenue *	2,967,077	2,852,286	(114,791)	(9,029,135)	(8,490,159)	538,976	6.0%	-11.8%
Totals	356,311,927	377,044,283	20,732,356	894,010,431	927,739,026	33,728,595	3.8%	2.6%

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

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:								
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	14,312,702
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,381,351	949,724	4,118,249	3,476,371	(641,878)	(641,878)	-15.6%	14,951,635
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,793,541	2,210,461	5,394,401	6,757,271	1,362,870	1,362,870	25.3%	19,086,688
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	212,040	271,379	972,921	1,182,975	210,054	210,054	21.6%	9,538,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	1,202	1,202	1,202	N/A	6,250,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,196,000	2,347,100	6,588,000	6,624,850	36,850	36,850	0.6%	26,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	256,996	282,158	770,988	1,124,275	353,287	353,287	45.8%	3,083,951
- Racino Revenue	791,668	706,122	2,375,002	2,307,710	(67,292)	(67,292)	-2.8%	8,572,671
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	265,718	181,411	1,176,478	1,008,869	(167,609)	(167,609)	-14.2%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,068,847	1,132,700	4,910,450	5,090,395	179,945	179,945	3.7%	15,878,217
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	767,818	603,840	2,445,248	1,878,472	(566,776)	(566,776)	-23.2%	11,050,436
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	8,733,979	8,684,895	28,751,737	29,452,390	700,653	700,653	2.4%	134,140,500
Detail of Other Revenue:								
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,280	3,900	7,125.00	13,214	6,089	6,089	85.5%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	173,516	91,823	520,546	279,211	(241,335)	(241,335)	-46.4%	1,800,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,402,796	1,337,487	4,832,819	4,479,814	(353,005)	(353,005)	-7.3%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	7,500,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	(10,105,073)	(10,105,073)	0	0	0.0%	(15,487,275)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,115,495)	(859,485)	(4,834,056)	(3,724,075)	1,109,981	1,109,981	23.0%	(11,436,869)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	(5,930,103)	(5,930,103)	0	0	0.0%	(7,950,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,503,980	2,278,560	6,479,607	6,496,853	17,246	17,246	0.3%	21,172,889
Subtotal - Other Revenue	2,967,077	2,852,286	(9,029,135)	(8,490,159)	538,976	538,976	6.0%	13,924,077
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:								
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	737	0	1,673	1,673	1,673	N/A	0
- BE/TR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(6,000,000)	(2,800,875)	(9,000,000)	(4,359,641)	4,640,359	4,640,359	51.6%	(26,800,000)
- BE/TE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(3,470)	(3,470)	(3,470)	N/A	(37,968,101)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(6,000,000)	(2,800,138)	(9,000,000)	(4,361,438)	4,638,562	4,638,562	51.5%	(64,768,101)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,435,769	1,345,609	6,370,843	6,465,191	94,348	94,348	1.5%	21,499,926

**Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (FY 2018)**

September 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	September '17		September '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	19,977,581	20,352,588	375,007		56,713,759	57,769,629	1,055,870	1.9%	2.2%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,285,989	4,142,655	(143,334)		12,255,250	8,327,075	(3,928,175)	-32.1%	-31.2%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,782,299)	(1,798,971)	(16,672)		(5,066,306)	(4,867,104)	199,202	3.9%	3.4%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(499,579)	(508,957)	(9,378)		(1,418,241)	(1,449,370)	(31,129)	-2.2%	-2.6%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	21,981,692	22,187,314	205,622		62,484,462	59,780,231	(2,704,231)	-4.3%	-3.8%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	5,430,404	5,837,871	407,467		17,734,477	18,167,474	432,997	2.4%	0.6%
- License Plate Fees	391,176	409,056	17,880		1,130,120	1,253,178	123,058	10.9%	1.9%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	413,509	672,769	259,260		1,345,643	2,128,775	783,132	58.2%	32.9%
- Title Fees	1,157,964	1,221,634	63,670		3,428,522	3,909,303	480,781	14.0%	6.6%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	740,475	647,777	(92,698)		2,343,277	2,150,644	(192,633)	-8.2%	-8.0%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)		(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)	-5.5%	-2.1%
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	3,919,630	4,345,467	425,837		21,768,141	23,165,734	1,397,593	6.4%	2.7%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	200,200	231,667	31,467		730,620	740,548	9,928	1.4%	-11.1%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	107,612	103,287	(4,325)		353,867	379,174	25,307	7.2%	6.8%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	81,294	75,163	(6,131)		228,826	255,587	26,761	11.7%	23.9%
Interest Earnings	49,476	35,427	(14,049)		148,428	74,212	(74,216)	-50.0%	-7.0%
Other Highway Fund Revenue	506,736	504,073	(2,663)		1,399,236	1,518,437	119,201	8.5%	12.0%
Totals	26,846,640	27,482,398	635,758		87,113,580	85,913,923	(1,199,657)	-1.4%	-1.9%

2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated October 19, 2017

Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
NEW STUDIES							
ACF Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Conservations Organizations	PL 2017 c. 284 TT-2	4	10/12/17		2/15/2018	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	Work ongoing
Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services	PL 2017 c. 384 UUUU-17	4	9/7/17 10/12/17	10/31/17	12/6/2017	Sen. Lisa Keim Rep. Barbara Cardone	Work ongoing
Task Force to Address Opioid Crisis in the State	SP 210	10	9/12/17 9/27/17	10/31/17	12/6/2017	Sen. Andre Cushing Rep. Joyce McCreight	Work ongoing
Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce	SP 294	4	9/26/17	10/31/17	3/1/2018	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Erin Herbig	Work ongoing
Commission to Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	Resolve 2017 c. 27	4			1/15/2018	Rep. Jared Golden	Appointments not completed (5/13)
Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	Resolve 2017 c. 26	5			12/6/2017	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Richard Farnsworth	Appointments not completed (10/13)
Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine	SP 592 (pending funding)	4			1/1/18 (initial may be submitted); final 11/1/18		Appointments not completed (8/18)
ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES							
State Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force	20-A MRSA Sec. 12901	no more than 4 times per year			11/1 annually		Appointments not completed
Right to Know Advisory Committee	1 MRSA Sec. 411	not fewer than 4 times per year	9/6/2017 9/20/17 10/12/17	11/15/17	1/15 annually	Sen. Lisa Keim	Work ongoing
Task Force To End Student Hunger in Maine	20-A MRSA Sec. 6663	at least 2 and no more than 4 per year			1/10 annually		Currently not meeting, staffed by DOE
Citizen Trade Policy Commission	10 MRSA Sec. 11	at least 2 times per year	9/18/17	10/24/17	annually	Sen. Rodney Whittemore Rep. Craig Hickman	Work ongoing
State Compensation Commission (former Judicial Compensation Commission repealed and State Compensation Commission amended by PL 2017, c. 242)	PL 2017 c. 242	not specified			5/1 of every odd-numbered year and 1/15 of every even-numbered year an interim report; 11/15 of every even-numbered year a final report		Appointments due January of odd-numbered years at 1st Regular Session of each Legislature (beginning 2019)

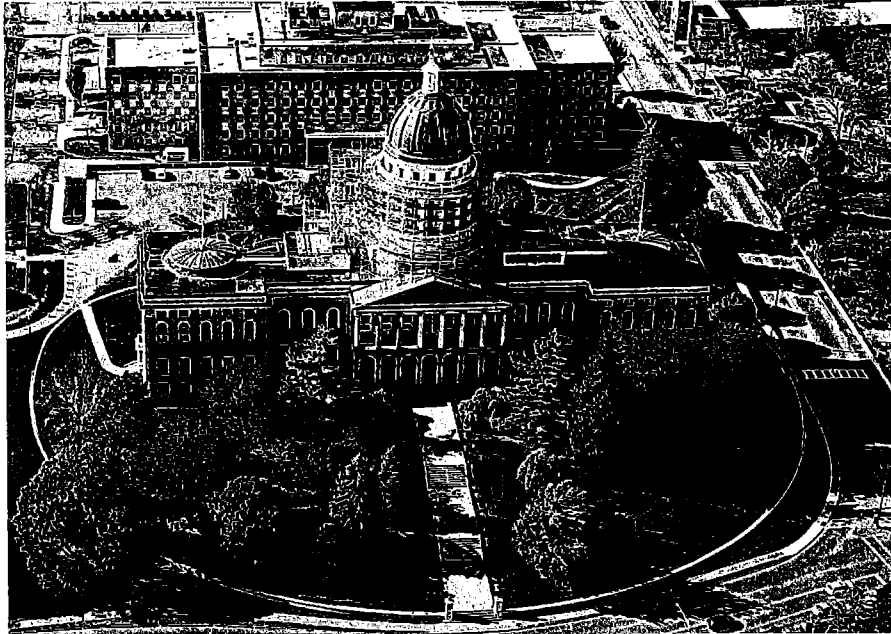
2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

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Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
Joint Select Committee on MLI	HP 96 PL 2017 c. 278	as needed	9/26/17 9/27/17 9/28/17 10/12/17		n/a	Sen. Roger Katz Rep. Teresa Pierce	PH on draft LR 09/26; WSS to follow 9/27, 9/28; language review 10/12
Legislative Staff Recodification and Revision of Title 28-A	Resolve 2017 c. 18				1/15/2019	n/a	Staff work ongoing
SLG re work on CO bill LD 1588 (Roads)	approved by POs	3	9/21/17	10/30/17	n/a	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. R. Danny Martin	
EUT re work on CO bill LD 257 (Microgrids)	approved by POs	2		10/24/17	n/a	Sen. David Woodsome Rep. Seth Berry	
ENR re work on CO bills LD 1095, 1298 and 1534; Fiberright Project update; and review of DEP GEA report	approved by POs	1		11/14/17	n/a	Sen. Thomas Saviello Rep. Ralph Tucker	
VLA re LD 1446 (Ranked choice voting)	approved by POs	1	10/16/17			Sen. Garrett Mason Rep. Louis Luchini	PH and WS 10/16
AFA re LD 1649 (GIS)	approved by POs		10/13/17	10/20/17			PH 10/13; WSS 10/13 and 10/20
ACF re LDs 1647 (Bureau of Parks and Lands) and 1648 (food sovereignty)	approved by POs	1		10/20/17		Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	PHs and WSS 10/20
TAX re work on tax expenditure review	approved by POs	3	10/17/17			Sen. Dana Dow Rep. Ryan Tipping	

AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Maine State House & Grounds



Multi-Year Plan for Maintenance & Improvements

2017 – 2021

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Introduction

The on-going regular maintenance and more significant one-time improvement projects are typically scheduled during the interim between legislative sessions. This year, 2017, is the first year of transition away from an Architect-Construction Manager model to a competitive bid process overseen by the Executive Director and the Facilities Manager to manage the maintenance and improvement projects in and around the State House and in Capitol Park. Due to the lateness of the legislative session, some of the regular maintenance projects will not be implemented until next spring.

The first section of this document includes summarizes the regular maintenance projects that generally occur each year to keep the State House and Grounds in good condition. Larger improvement projects of a one-time nature are summarized in the next section.

The State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund receives an annual General Fund appropriation of \$800,000 to conduct these projects. The State House and Capitol Park Commission receives an annual appropriation of \$67,834. The latter appropriation is typically used to conduct projects in Capitol Park and work on the State House grounds. The former is focused on work in the State House and the major projects. During 2016 and 2017, the Legislative Council also authorized the transfer of funds, \$151,000 in 2016 and \$100,000 in 2017, to the Blaine House Maintenance and Repair Fund for some improvement projects in the Blaine House and its grounds.

The amounts identified in the budget summary table in Attachment I are conservative estimates of the costs of both the annual on-going maintenance and the major improvement projects. In 2017 in particular, given the lateness of the session, the window of time to complete these projects was significantly reduced. As a result, some of the on-going maintenance may need to wait until after the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Part I: On-going Regular Maintenance

1) Interior Painting and Cosmetic Repairs and Upgrades

Each year a survey of all interior wall surfaces of the State House is conducted to review high priority areas for plaster repair and painting. As the state's most important public landmark facility and seat of government, the State House receives sustained and substantial use by the public, staff and legislators. As a result, significant stress is placed on the appearance of the building, most particularly in the public corridors and major public spaces. The issues with the State House mechanical system and heating/cooling units have contributed to some water damage each year that must be repaired.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$60,000.

2) Selected Carpet Replacement and Cleaning

One of the most heavily used materials is the carpet installed throughout the many office areas of the building as well as in the House and Senate chambers. In a time when carpet is better designed, longer lasting and easier to maintain than ever before, it nevertheless remains that the life expectancy of high quality commercial carpet is typically no more than seven years and significantly less in heavily used public buildings. In many areas of the State House, the carpet has been in place since it was installed in 1999/2000 a fact readily apparent to all. This On-going Regular Maintenance will quantify, select and schedule the timely replacement of carpet throughout the building. It also includes annual carpet cleaning beginning in 2017 as the Bureau of General Services no longer has the staff to provide this service.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$75,000.

3) Mechanical System Repairs and Regular Maintenance

During 1999 to 2001 renovations of the State House, the mechanical systems were updated. As part of that renovation of the West and North wings of the State House, Kitec piping and fittings were used. The company that made those products is now out of business as a result of failures in its products. Since 2014, we have been replacing that plumbing as we have discovered leaks. In 2016, we worked with the Division of Risk Management to develop a proactive approach toward replacing these failing mechanical products, rather than waiting for a leak to cause water damage in these wings. With a matching grant, we began work on the North wing to replace these systems from above the Law Library up to the House Chamber. In 2017, we will be completing that work by replacing systems on the main floor of the Law Library and the offices below that are also fed from above the Law Library. We will also be addressing two chases in the West Wing. This will leave four chases affecting all four floors of the State House that still have the defective Kitec systems.

The fan coil units in individual offices also require extensive maintenance as they age. The Bureau of General Services has been trying to do this work, but has been experiencing staffing shortfalls that are not likely change in the near future. We will need to contract for outside resources to supplement the bureau's staff to properly maintain these heating and cooling units in the various offices of the State House.

Estimated annual budget for this maintenance is \$75,000 in 2017 and will decline in future years to about \$20,000.

4) Pavement Inspection and Minor Repairs

In 2006 and 2007, the State House parking lots, sidewalks, south access and traffic improvement projects were completed. This two-year, phased project was undertaken with the primary goal of redesigning the pedestrian and vehicular access to the main entrance to the State House in a manner that

enhances the West entrances as the main entrance and provides safe and convenient access for everyone visiting the State House and grounds.

With this project, and subsequent north parking lot and pavement projects completed in 2010 and 2011, a significant number of traffic lanes and parking spaces were created. This project is designed with an express goal of maintaining and preserving the long-term integrity of these pavement projects. All portions of the pavement will be inspected for general wear and durability. Areas of pavement demonstrating unusual wear will be noted and repairs completed. Restriping will be conducted as needed.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$6,000.

5) Roofing Inspections and Repairs

Due to a variety of roof forms, the State house is protected by two types of roofing: 1) copper at the high and two low domes and east and west sloped roofs and 2) EPDM at the north and south low pitched roofs. The existing roofing on the entire west wing and east porch roofs was removed and copper roofing was installed in 2004 and 2005. The high dome copper was replaced and existing white painted copper repainted in 2014. EPDM roofing was replaced in 2016.

This project involves the regular review and maintenance of all roofing systems. A yearly review of all roofing areas will be completed by a qualified independent roofing consultant. Areas requiring maintenance will be identified and assessments made whether repairs are covered under roofing warranties. Repairs will be completed by a roofing subcontractor.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$5,000.

6) Saltguard Protection of Landscape Pavers

In many areas on the State House grounds, rectangular precast concrete pavers have been used for walkway surfacing. This material provides a uniform, fully accessible walking surface and through the use of color and patterning, also provides a general visual as well as safety enhancement for pedestrians at the State House.

This project will provide the exterior precast pavers and concrete sidewalks with seasonal protection against salt corrosion in locations on the State House grounds. Without this protection, significant and rapid paver and concrete sidewalk deterioration will result from the use of standard salt and ice melt chemicals. Without saltguard protection, pavers and sidewalks can deteriorate to the point of needing replacement within 5 to 7 years.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$10,000.

7) Exterior Building Granite Inspection and Repair

While the exterior walls of the State House appear fully capable of standing the test of time, the original Hallowell granite is actually relatively soft and is subject to weathering deterioration. The mortar used at the joints between stones is likewise subject to weathering failure once the mortar has aged and cracked.

If water is allowed to enter the exterior walls of the building whether through a cracked stone or more likely through deteriorated mortar, it is only a matter of time until it migrates through the thick walls and damages the interior of the State House. In winter, this water may freeze in the wall itself creating significant additional freeze/thaw damage to the stone and mortar joints. Once a water route into the building is started, it will grow until arrested by an active maintenance program.

This project will provide for the annual inspection of the exterior granite walls and the repair of any stone damage or loose/cracked mortar. In addition, wood windows will be inspected for general condition and upkeep. Work will be inspected by ground observation and repairs made via on site crane access.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$8,500.

8) Sealant and Mortar Inspection of Exterior Stairs

Over the past few years, many of the exterior granite stairs serving the State House and surrounding grounds experienced significant tread movement and deterioration. This deterioration was due to water infiltrating through open joints between stair treads resulting in freeze/thaw action. In 2011, the last of the repair projects aimed at aligning offset treads and arresting on-going deterioration was completed.

This project involves the annual inspection of all exterior granite stairs. Any places where mortar or sealant shows any signs of deterioration will be located and repaired in order to keep all stairs in good repair for safety and long-term maintenance considerations.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$8,500.

9) Safety Equipment Annual Certification

There are a wide variety of life safety and maintenance safety systems serving the State House ranging from the very visible exterior fire escapes to the less obvious security lifelines and access ladders at the exterior and interior surfaces of the high dome, these systems serve the public and State House maintenance staff in important ways. While the fire escapes are provided for the life safety of all building occupants, maintenance safety systems have been installed in compliance with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements. With this project, these important safety systems will be annually inspected by appropriate technicians and certified to an acceptable level of maintenance and performance.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$1,000.

10) Miscellaneous State House Repairs and Upgrades

Throughout the year, numerous repairs and equipment fixes are required. Most of these repairs and fixes are accomplished with the assistance of staff of the Bureau of General Services, material costs are the responsibility of the Legislature. When the staff resources of the bureau are unable to do the repairs, the Legislature must contract for specialty contractors, such as electricians or plumbers. The Legislature has also taken the opportunities presented by lighting system failures to upgrade to more efficient lighting systems, such as LED lighting.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$20,000.

11) Path, Garden and Tree Maintenance in Capitol Park

There have been numerous investments to improvements and maintenance within Capitol Park to restore the park to the original Olmstead Brothers design for the park. The Bureau of General Services staff has been able to keep up with mowing and some minimal other maintenance within Capitol Park. However, the maintenance needs of the Park exceed the capabilities of the Bureau's staff and resources. Without this additional attention, the gardens would become overrun with invasive plants and weeds and be very different than the original plan for the park. The stone dust paths, while attractive, also require significant annual attention. There are several sections that are subject to significant water erosion creating troughs that create a hazard for pedestrians walking in the park.

Estimated annual budget for this inspection and maintenance is \$20,000 paid from the State House and Capitol Park Commission budgeted amount.

Part II: Other Projects

2017.1 Exterior Window Maintenance and Repairs

During the three-year renovations of the State House (1999-2001), all exterior window sash was replaced and the majority of existing frames and trim restored. New sash was constructed of mahogany obtained from certified sustainably grown forests and high quality paint was used on both the sash and frames. In an effort to improve air infiltration resistance, existing double hung sash operation was modified to single hung using existing weight pockets and new weather stripping and historically appropriate operating hardware was provided.

For nearly twenty years the windows have stood up well but recent field review has uncovered many locations where paint is wearing thin or is non-existent, particularly on those windows with significant sun exposure. If allowed to continue, the integrity of the windows will be compromised beyond the point where simple maintenance can restore overall functional integrity to where a full scale and

expensive replacement project will be the only option. The insulated panes in many of the windows have also lost their seal and moisture has infiltrated the insulating space affecting its insulating value and clouding the panes.

This project will include a complete assessment of the existing windows, the development and assignment of appropriate repair work scopes and the implementation of same. In addition, efforts will be made to improve weather tightness and overall energy efficiency.

It will be completed in phases with the first phase addressing all South Wing windows and the south elevation of the West Wing, again those windows most affected by sun exposure will be implemented in the fall of 2017. The second phase will be implemented in 2018 beginning in May and continuing until all windows have been addressed.

Estimated Budget:

The first phase of the project is estimated to cost \$200,000. The remainder of the project is estimated to cost \$300,000, which includes restoration of some of the original windows.

2017.2: Upgrade Water Fountains to Filtered Dispensers

Based on the popularity of the filtered water dispenser and drinking fountain on the 1st floor of the State House, this project would add three more similar water dispensers, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. This project would require removal of the existing drinking fountains, patching and painting of the walls, and installation of the new filtered fountain units. This project would make these filtered dispensers more available to Legislators and staff from all over the State House that are regularly coming down to the 1st floor to make use of the filtered water dispenser to fill water bottles and jugs.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is approximately \$7,500, \$2,500 per new fountain.

2018.1: Parking Lot O Improvements and Resurfacing

Parking Lot O is located beyond Parking Lot B to the South of the State House. It is the last of the parking areas to be reconstructed and improved; all others were done in 2006-2007. It remains in serious disrepair. This project will provide new sub-base preparation and pavement surfacing to match the work completed in adjacent parking lots. As with prior redesign efforts, defined pedestrian walkways will allow for a separation between vehicular and pedestrian circulation thereby correcting the current unsafe condition. Directional and informational signage will be extended to this parking lot.

The overall goal of this project is to redesign vehicular and pedestrian access and reconstruct the parking lot in a manner that is integrated with other parking areas and provide a safe and convenient access for everyone visiting the State House and grounds.

Currently, the site layout and deteriorated pavement of Parking Lot O including vehicular drives and pedestrian access routes presents a confusing, unsightly and unsafe space for visitors, legislators and staff. This project will improve all aspects of this experience and connect this parking area to the completed Parking Lot B improvements. Currently no sidewalks exist in this parking area to provide pedestrians safe access to the State House, Memorials or the Cultural Building.

The planning for this project will begin in the late fall of 2017 with the actual construction phase beginning in May of 2018.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$250,000 split between FY 2018 and FY 2019.

2018.2: Liberty Bell Repair and Relocation

In 1950, the US Treasury Department, in an effort to encourage the purchase of US Savings Bonds, determined that each of the fifty state capitols and all US territories should receive an accurate reproduction of the Liberty Bell. In all fifty-five bells were cast. From May 15 to July 3, 1950, Maine's replica travelled around the state for all to see. Finally on July 4, the bell was dedicated at its current location on the northwest lawn of the State House.

While Maine's Liberty Bell has weathered almost sixty-seven years of outside exposure remarkably well, the wood yoke, believed to match the elm of the original Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, is in critical need of replacement. Weighing approximately 2080 pounds, the bell relies completely on the strength of the yoke for vertical support. Today, obvious cracks in the yoke have resulted in a sagging of the bell, a clear indication that the bell is in danger of falling.

This project will replace the wood yoke of the Liberty Bell using the services of the Maine State Prison. This project would also develop a new more attractive support structure that would be fitting of its new home in the State Library visible from above in the Cultural Building's Atrium.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$25,000.

2018.3: Legislative Information Office Entry Renovation

The Legislative Information Office (LIO) was relocated last year to the location of the old Legislative Conference Room immediately to the right before security screening at the main entrance of the State House. As part of this move, we did not make any adjustments to the space to make sure that the space would work well for LIO and the general public. We have found that this space has been a good fit for LIO and for the public and with some modifications to the entry way, the space would be significantly improved.

This project would either remove the glass door that opens into the priority security screening lane or at least recess it and have it open into the office. To improve security for the staff, an interior wall with a card-access door would be added. The interior wall would include a window for receptionist to greet the public and answer questions. The redesign of the LIO lobby area before screening would encourage more of the public to use this information resource (instead of the Tour Guide) and have an additional monitor with the calendar of events and other information resources available before security screening.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$25,000.

2018.4: Audio/Visual Upgrade in Appropriations

The Appropriations Committee room is the largest committee room and it was designed to have joint hearings with visiting committee and be flexible enough to hold a large audience for presentations. Since the renovation of the South Wing in 1999, there have been multiple discussions of providing a better means of making presentations in that room and showing budget spreadsheets and presenting a more finished look for the Audio Visual equipment (rather than having a large blank wall and a projector on a small file cabinet on a window sill).

The proposed new setup would have a double projector setup to project to two screens, one for audience viewing and one for the committee members sitting around the two horseshoes, allowing for easier viewing by all members of the committee without having to turn around. The screens would be retractable as would the projector setup (depending on the cost). As this room is also used extensively for trainings, orientations and conferences, the enhanced A/V system would be an asset to the Legislature.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$20,000.

2018.5: Inner Horseshoe Upgrade in Appropriations

This project would replace the removable tables that are now used for the visiting committees for joint public hearings on budget bills with a more finished partial horseshoe. The intent would be to keep the finished inner horseshoe inside the upper horseshoe and to use the remainder of the removable tables to seat the rest of the visiting committee. This would still allow the room to be open for an expanded audience if needed. Initially, the tables were designed to fold up and be stored to give that room greater flexibility. Those tables have never been removed. The end tables, closest to the audience have been rearranged at times, but have never been completely removed.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$35,000.

2018.6: Paver Resetting at East and West Entrances

This project would reset the pavers at both the East and West Entrances of the State House. The pavers in front of the main entrance (West Entrance) to the State House have settled in several places causing a potential hazard for pedestrians. Work at the main entrance will also include the investigation and fix to a chronic leaking issue in the Connector below the main entrance.

The East Entrance, the historical grand main entrance to the State House, has experienced even more significant settling of the base below the pavers creating both a hazardous situation and a detraction to the appearance of the front of the State House. While it is no longer the main entrance to the State House as the East Entrance is locked and not used as an entrance, it is used for certain events and is much photographed by visitors and is worthy of continued investment in its maintenance.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$50,000.

2018.7: Additional Security Cameras throughout the State House

This project would add 14 additional security cameras in strategic locations throughout the State House to allow Capitol Police to be able to assess the situation in an emergency and provide the appropriate response. The cameras would be placed to provide coverage of all public spaces and stairwells, including the Senate and House Chambers. This project was approved for 2016 work, however, it was discovered that there were insufficient executive branch network switches located in the State House to which the security cameras must connect. As a result, the installation of the cameras has been delayed until the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) settle on the internal DAFS billing for the use of the network connections.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$50,000.

2019.1: Drainage and Path Improvement in Capitol Park

During the course of park investigations and construction in 2011 and 2012, it became apparent that there is a very high water table in Capitol Park, resulting in standing water and washouts of the walkways throughout many areas of the park during much of the year. Indeed, portions of the recently installed walkways have been impacted by this high water table and significant standing water has been observed between the alley walkways.

The significant improvements made in Capitol Park in 2011 and 2012 are threatened by the presence of a very high water table throughout major portions of the park. In addition, large areas of the park are

unusable to the public during selected seasons due to the presence of standing water and soft ground. This project will provide the installation of a drainage system appropriate to the park and capable of lowering the water table and eliminating the standing water.

This project will address the high water table and standing water by the construction of a drainage system of appropriate size and location. While the exact definition of this system is dependent on the results of on-going water table monitoring, the final system will be designed by geotechnical and civil engineers capable of understanding the results of the water table study and familiar with the park and its surrounding utility systems.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$250,000.

2020.1: Replace Combustible Dome Floor Structure and Flooring

This project involves the removal of old combustible and deteriorated floor framing and walking surfaces in the State House inner dome, 5th and 6th floor areas and replacement with noncombustible components. An important aspect of the building-wide renovations has been to remove as much as possible building components and systems which could contribute to unsafe or incendiary conditions. The inner dome, 5th and 6th floors, originally constructed in 1890, while not accessible to the public nor of historic significance, exist as the greatest concentration of combustible structural materials remaining in the State House. This project will address this potentially hazardous condition.

Estimated Budget:

The estimated budget for this project is \$175,000.

ATTACHMENT I
Maine State House Maintenance and Improvement
Budget Summary

	FY 2018 CY 2017	FY 2019 CY 2018	FY 2020 CY 2019	FY 2021 CY 2020
On-going Regular Maintenance Projects:				
1 Interior Painting and Cosmetic Repairs and Upgrades	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
2 Selected Carpet Replacement and Cleaning	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
3 Mechanical System Repairs and Regular Maintenance	\$75,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
4 Pavement Inspection and Minor Repairs	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
5 Roofing Inspections and Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
6 Saltguard Protection of Landscape Pavers	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
7 Exterior Building Granite Inspection and Repair	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
8 Sealant and Mortar Inspection of Exterior Stairs	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
9 Safety Equipment Annual Certification	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
10 Miscellaneous State House Repairs and Upgrades	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
11 Path, Garden and Tree Maintenance in Capitol Park	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
CP				
Subtotal - On-going Regular Maintenance Projects	\$289,000.00	\$234,000.00	\$234,000.00	\$234,000.00
Other Projects:				
2017-1 Exterior Window Maintenance and Repairs	\$225,000.00	\$275,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2017-2 Upgrade Water Fountains to Filtered Dispensers	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-1 Parking Lot O Improvements and Resurfacing	\$50,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-2 Liberty Bell Repair and Relocation	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-3 Legislative Information Office Entry Renovation	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-4 Audio/Visual System Upgrade in Appropriations	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-5 Inner Horseshoe Upgrade in Appropriations	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-6 Paver Resetting at East and West Entrances	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018-7 Additional Security Cameras in the State House	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019-1 Drainage and Path Improvement in Capitol Park	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00
2020-1 Replace Combustible Dome Floor Structure and Flooring	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00
Total State House and Grounds Maintenance and Improvements	\$596,500.00	\$889,000.00	\$434,000.00	\$409,000.00
Other Commitments of State House Preservation and Maintenance Funds:				
Blaine House Maintenance and Repair Fund Transfer	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Artist Payments - Copper Reuse Initiative	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Outside Funding Status Health Care Task Force

FY18 Amount Required:	\$4,682.00
Amount Collected and Accepted:	<u>\$4,682.00</u>
Addition Amount Required for FY18:	\$0.00
FY19 Amount Required:	\$4,682.00
Amount Collected and Accepted:	\$2,516.00
Amount Collected Pending Acceptance:	<u>\$181.00</u>
Additional Amount Required for FY19:	\$1,985.00

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CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDY

Name of Study: Health Care Task Force

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor: Annette Bassett	Date of contribution: Aug. 8, 2017
Address (number and street) of contributor: 2 Parcher St	Amount of contribution: \$25
City, state, zip code: Ellsworth, ME 04605	If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$
SS# OR FED ID #:	
Occupation: Retired Librarian	
Principal place of business: n/a	Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/> foundation <input type="checkbox"/>

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION

Describe goods, services, etc. to be contributed:

I, Annette Bassett, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this report is true and complete, that no information is knowingly withheld and that the purpose of the contribution is not to influence the outcome of the above named study or any subsequent legislative action. I further certify that I, and the employer or organization I represent, if applicable, do not have any pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the above named study. I understand that this contribution is subject to acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Signature of contributor: Annette Bassett	Date: Aug. 8, 2017
Title: _____	
Witness: Elham Kell	Date: August 8, 2017

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Accept Contribution: YES _____ NO _____

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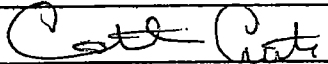
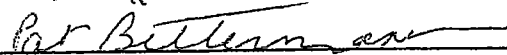
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Full name of contributor:	 Catherine Crute	Date of contribution:	8/2/17
Address (number and street):	11 Austin St Portland, ME 04103	Amount of contribution:	\$ 100
City, state, zip code:		If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$	
SS# OR FED ID #:		Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Occupation:	RETIRED PHYSICIAN	partnership <input type="checkbox"/>	corporation <input type="checkbox"/>
Principal place of business:		foundation <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Describe goods, services, etc. to be contributed:

I, CATHERINE CRUTE, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in this report is true and complete, that no information is knowingly withheld and that the purpose of the contribution is not to influence the outcome of the above named study or any subsequent legislative action. I further certify that I, and the employer or organization I represent, if applicable, do not have any pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the above named study. I understand that this contribution is subject to acceptance by the Legislative Council.

Signature of contributor:		Date:	8/2/17
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CERTIFICATION RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STUDY

Name of Study: Healthcare Task Force

CONTRIBUTOR IDENTIFICATION

Full name of contributor: David Strosser	Date of contribution: 8/30/17
Address (number and street) of contributor: 24 Hummingbird Lane	Amount of contribution: \$ 56 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
City, state, zip code: Arundel, Maine 04241	If in-kind, list fair market value here and itemize in space provided below. \$
SS# OR FED ID #:	
Occupation: Family physician	Contributor is: individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Principal place of business: March's Point Health Care	partnership <input type="checkbox"/> corporation <input type="checkbox"/>
	foundation <input type="checkbox"/>

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Signature of contributor: <u>David Strosser</u>	Date: 8/30/17
Title: MD	
Witness: <u>Beth Strosser</u>	Date: 8/30/17

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Accept Contribution: YES _____ NO _____ Date: _____

Legislative Council Meeting
October 26, 2017

Procedures for Review of Legislative Bill Requests for the
Second Regular Session of the 128th 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 128th 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 128th 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, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests

- A. The Legislative Council will review bill requests alphabetically by policy 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. (Yea is to let in a bill; nay 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. Absent a vote to accept the bill, the bill is presumed to have been turned down by unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.
- 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, a 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.
- G. A legislative request that has been identified by the Revisor as being either closely related to another legislative request that was earlier filed (i.e., having been assigned a lower LR number) or to a carryover bill is presumed to have been turned down by a unanimous vote of the Legislative Council.

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| 33 | Item #3: | Legislative Council Meeting Schedule for 2018 | Decision |
| ❖ 34 | Item #4: | Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 128 th Legislature,
Second Regular Session (Hon. Robert Hunt) | Decision |
| ❖ 36 | Item #5: | Request from the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers
and Innovative Approaches to Services to Extend its Reporting Deadline | Decision |

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

ADDENDUM TO PART 2

- **Page 13:**

The title of LR 2495 should be corrected to “An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools”

- **Page 31**

Sen. Cyrway withdrew LR 2571, “An Act Regarding Former Residents of Riverview Psychiatric Center Who Are Arrested for Minor Offenses”

- **Page 44**

The comment regarding LR 2460 should be corrected to indicate:

Potential JR 217:	LD 1605
Closely Related CO:	LD 1406 Senator Vitelli, E

- **Page 52:**

The comment regarding LR 2457 should be corrected to read:
“This bill would require that facilities that grow marijuana, for either medical or recreational use, must have an air filtration system. It would also prohibit the smoking of marijuana in any location where cigarette smoking is banned.”

- **Page 54:**

Sen. Keim withdrew LR 2556, “RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Length of a Term for State Senators to 4 Years”

- **Page 65:**

Rep. Harvell withdrew LR 2753, “An Act To Exempt Subcontractors for Municipal Snow Removal from Class B License Requirements”

Legislative Council
Meeting Schedule for 2018

The schedule for Legislative Council meetings for calendar year 2018 is listed below:

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Thursday, December 6, 2018 (129th)

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 will begin at **1:30 P.M.**



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Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House

October 24, 2017

The Honorable Sara Gideon, Chair
Legislative Council
115 State House Station
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Dear Madam Chair:

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 128th Legislature.

All items offered through this Service are available on the Legislature's website. We have added a new email list service that will simplify access to documents and communications from the Clerk's Office and the House of Representatives at no cost to the subscriber, through this website <https://lists.legislature.maine.gov/sympa/lists/house>. Interested parties are able to create an account and sign up for any documents that are of interest. They may also use this link to unsubscribe. I have attached the order form for the upcoming session. Our prices remain the same as they were for the Second Regular Session of the 128th 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
Enclosure

128th Document Service Rates—Second Session

	127 th 2 nd session Rates	Proposed Rates 128 th 2 nd session
1. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) FIRST CLASS – Mailed Daily	\$580.00	\$580.00
2. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) THIRD CLASS – Mailed Twice Weekly	\$370.00	\$370.00
3. Bills & Resolves (L.D.s) PICKED UP IN DOCUMENT ROOM	\$210.00	\$210.00
4. Amendments –Mailed Weekly	\$140.00	\$140.00
5. Amendments PICKED UP IN DOCUMENT ROOM	\$84.00	\$84.00
6. Legislative Record (debate) FIRST CLASS	\$150.00	\$150.00
7. Public & Private & Special Laws, Resolves, & Constitutional Res. FIRST CLASS – Mailed Weekly	\$315.00	\$315.00
8. Weekly Legislative Report (listing of bills printed, enacted, and signed by Governor) FIRST CLASS MAIL	\$21.00	\$21.00
9. Weekly Legislative Calendar (1 year subscription) FIRST CLASS MAIL	\$31.00	\$31.00

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STATE OF MAINE

**TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY SPECIAL EDUCATION COST
DRIVERS AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SERVICES**

TO: The Honorable Sara Gideon, Speaker of the House, Chair of the Legislative Council;
The Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau, President of the Senate, Vice-Chair of the
Legislative Council; and the Legislative Council

FROM: Senator Brian D. Langley, Senate Chair *Brian Langley*
Representative Richard R. Farnsworth, House Chair *Richard Farnsworth*

DATE: October 25, 2017

SUBJ: **Request for Authority to Extend the Report Deadline for the Task Force To
Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches To Services**

As Chairs of the Task Force To Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services, we would like your permission to extend the deadline for the task force report from December 6, 2017 to January 15, 2018. We appreciate your September 19th response to our request to convene the first meeting of the task force prior to all the members being appointed. Since we were not able to schedule our first task force meeting until October 19th, we feel that we are not able to conduct all five of our authorized meetings in order to complete our task force report by December 6th.

Since we need to schedule and complete the next four task force meetings to conduct our task force duties and complete our findings and recommendations for our task force report, we would like your authority to extend the deadline for the task force report to January 15, 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact us if you have any questions.

cc: Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Marion HylanBarr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis