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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	
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<b>26</b>	Item #1: Consideration of the Tabled Bill Requests for Introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 128 <sup>th</sup> Legislature – from October and November	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>
<b>27</b>	Item #2: Council Actions Taken by Ballot (No Action Required)	<b>Information</b>
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<b>28</b>	Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests	<b>Roll Call Vote</b>
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
November 30, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker Gideon called the November 30, 2017 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 10:41 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

**Senators:** President Thibodeau, Senator Mason Senator Cushing, and Senator Jackson and Senator Libby

**Representatives:** Speaker Gideon, Representative Herbig, Representative Golden, Representative Fredette and Representative Espling

**Legislative Officers:** Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate  
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House  
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes  
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review

Speaker Gideon convened the meeting at 10:41 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 26, 2017 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for October 26, 2017 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Representative Herbig. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Legislative Council Chair Gideon asked if there was any objection to taking items out of order. There was no objection. The Chair then moved to **New Business, Item 1.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### Item #1: Suggested Procedures for Deciding Appealed Bill Requests

Speaker Gideon reviewed the procedures the Council will follow in deciding legislator bill requests.

### Item #2: Consideration of Appealed Bill Requests for Introduction in the Second Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on ninety-nine (99) appealed bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized thirty (30) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, tabled fourteen (14) bill requests and declined to authorize fifty (50) bill requests. Five (5) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsor during the Legislative Council meeting. One (1) bill request was withdrawn by the sponsor prior to the Legislative Council meeting. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on its agenda.

## REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

### Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, presented the following report.

#### 1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards

The new card readers are still pending delivery. Mr. Pennoyer will provide an update of the timing of the transition when he finds out. Once determined, we will process the new cards and distribute them. We are still hoping to make the transition to the new card readers and new cards in December before the start of the Second Regular Session. For those card holders that have not received their new card before the actual transition, we will have the replacement cards available in the Legislative Information Office before security screening so that any card holder that hasn't received their new card can have a new card available to go through the priority screening lane. We will be collecting all old cards after the transition.

#### 2. NCSL Job Classification and Compensation Study

During the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, NCSL conducted interviews with many individual staff to learn more about the various positions in the Legislature to supplement the information from the surveys filled out by legislative staff. NCSL will be conducting additional analyses on the Legislature's positions and reviewing market information on salaries before formulating their recommendations for their report, which is scheduled to be released by March 15, 2018.

### 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
October	\$303.8	\$302.9	(\$1.0)	-0.3%	\$291.2	4.0%
FYTD	\$1,197.8	\$1,230.6	\$32.8	2.7%	\$1,195.6	2.9%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$1.0 million (0.3%) for the month of October and over budget by \$32.8 million (2.7%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$5.8 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$24.5 million. Withholding payments and estimated payments continued to be strong in October. Sales and use taxes for October (September sales) were under budget by \$0.1 million for the month but over budget by \$3.8 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$0.9 million in October but over budget by \$9.4 million for the fiscal year to date. Transfers for tax relief programs were over budget (less transferred than budgeted) by \$0.7 million in October largely due to the timing of BETR transfers. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were under budget by \$1.5 million in October and by \$8.2 million for the fiscal year to date.

## 2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
October	\$28.3	\$28.3	\$0.0	0.1%	\$28.3	0.1%
FYTD	\$115.4	\$114.2	(\$1.2)	-1.0%	\$115.8	-1.4%

Highway Fund revenue was on budget for the month of October but under budget by \$1.2 million (1.0%) for the fiscal year to date. The fiscal year to date negative variance continues to be 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 October was \$1,142.1 million, down slightly from September's average of \$1,143.5 million but well above both last year's average balance for October and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in October. The average Highway Fund balance of \$21.7 million in October decreased from August's average of \$29.8 million.

## 4. December 2017 Revenue Forecast

The Revenue Forecasting Committee met on November 27<sup>th</sup> to review and update the current revenue forecast to comply with its December 1<sup>st</sup> statutory deadline. A summary of its preliminary findings follows below. The complete report will be available later this week.

**General Fund** revenue estimates were revised upward by \$17.9 million for FY18 but downward by \$11.7 million for FY19 (upward by \$6.2 million for the 2018-2019 biennium). The revised forecast increases the overall rate of growth for General Fund revenue for FY18 from -0.2% to 0.3% but reduces the rate of growth for FY19 from 4.7% to 3.8%. The projections for FY20 assume a much smaller overall growth rate of 0.5%, largely the result of Municipal Revenue Sharing returning to the 5% level under current law from the 2% level in place for FY16 through FY19. The growth rate for FY21 is now projected to be 3.6%.

### General Fund Summary - Preliminary December 2017 Forecast

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Current Forecast	\$3,448,809,669	\$3,611,309,138	\$3,622,429,076	\$3,740,251,502
Annual % Growth	-0.2%	4.7%	0.3%	3.3%
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$17,938,255	(\$11,750,528)	(\$6,307,179)	\$6,727,385
Revised Forecast	\$3,466,747,924	\$3,599,558,610	\$3,616,121,897	\$3,746,978,887
Annual % Growth	0.3%	3.8%	0.5%	3.6%
<b>Summary of Preliminary Revenue Revisions by Major Revenue Category</b>				
Sales and Use Tax	\$4,900,000	(\$250,000)	\$9,400,000	\$20,500,000
Service Provider Tax	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Individual Income Tax	\$15,500,000	(\$26,000,000)	(\$28,850,000)	(\$28,000,000)
Corporate Income Tax	\$6,200,000	\$13,500,000	\$12,600,000	\$14,500,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	(\$7,650,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance Companies Tax	\$385,000	\$385,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Estate Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Taxes and Fees	\$1,231,400	(\$182,075)	(\$1,157,291)	(\$1,157,744)
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Income from Investments	\$1,555,731	\$707,637	\$709,868	\$886,115
Transfer from Lottery Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Tax Relief Programs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer to Municipal Rev. Sharing	(\$632,249)	\$159,735	\$238,624	(\$437,835)
Transfers to Education Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Revenues	(\$6,371,627)	(\$2,890,825)	(\$2,318,380)	(\$2,633,151)
<b>Total Revisions - Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>\$17,938,255</b>	<b>(\$11,750,528)</b>	<b>(\$6,307,179)</b>	<b>\$6,727,385</b>

**Highway Fund** revenue estimates were revised downward by \$2.5 million for the FY18 and by \$0.3 million for FY19 (downward by \$2.8 million over the 2018-2019 biennium). The FY 18 reduction was largely the result of fuel tax payments received in June (FY17) that were expected in July.

**Fund for a Healthy Maine** revenue estimates were revised upward by \$2.7 million for FY18 and by \$3.1 million for FY19 (upward by \$5.8 million over the 2018-2019 biennium). The changes were largely the result of updated national estimates for tobacco settlement payments.

**Medicaid/MaineCare Dedicated** revenue estimates were revised upward by \$0.9 million per year for FY18 and FY19.

#### Studies Report

Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, presented the following report. Several studies have work in progress and three are working on their final reports (i.e. Working Group to Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services, the Task Force to Address Opioid Crisis in the State, and the Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services). Some of the committees have held recent work sessions and public hearings. Others are still waiting for appointments to be completed.

#### REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**1. Personnel Committee**

No Report

**2. State House Facilities Committee**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****Item #3: Recommendation for MELD Bill Production System Replacement**

Mr. Pennoyer reviewed the staff recommendation to award the contract for the replacement of the MELD Bill Production System. The staff recommended breaking up the project and just proceeding with Phase I, the planning and requirements building phase, at a cost of \$149,000. Phase I would begin in early January and end in mid-February. Mr. Pennoyer would report back to the Legislative Council on the refined estimate of the remainder of the MELD replacement project that will be a product of Phase I.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council approve the staff's recommendation to proceed with phase one of the MELD Bill Production System Replacement. Motion by Senator Libby. Second by Senator Mason. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with President Thibodeau, Senator Jackson and Representatives Herbig and Fredette absent).

**Item #4: Notice of the Single Audit of the State of Maine**

The State Auditor notified the Legislative Council that the Office of the State Auditor is conducting the Single Audit of the State of Maine for the year ended June 30, 2017. They will be issuing their report in December 2017.

**Item #5: Acceptance of the Loring Development Authority Annual Report**

The Loring Development Authority of Maine submitted its 2017 Annual Report to the Legislative Council.

**Motion:** That the Legislative Council accept the 2017 Annual Report of the Loring Development Authority of Maine and place it on file. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Libby. **Motion passed unanimous (6-0-0-4**, with President Thibodeau, Senator Jackson and Representatives Herbig and Fredette absent).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians</b>	
LR 2693 Resolve, To Acknowledge That a Ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States Applies To Permit Gaming by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians on Tribal Land of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2694 Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right by Treaty To Hunt Moose in this State	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2695 Resolve, To Acknowledge That Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in this State Have a Right to Equitable Settlement of Claims for the Wrongful Removal of Tribal Children from Tribal Communities	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2696 Resolve, To Acknowledge That the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Has the Right to Equitable Compensation for Unceded Land, Including Aroostook County, Not Covered by the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 and the Maine Implementing Act	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2697 Resolve, To Accept WhiteSand Gaming's Final Report on Its Market Feasibility Study of Expanded Gaming in Maine Commissioned by the 126th Legislature	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2698 Resolve, To Accept the Report on Research Findings and Initial Observations on the Drafting and Enactment of the Federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980 Commissioned by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Representative Beebe-Center of Rockland</b>	
LR 2700 An Act To Preserve the Community Mental Health System in the State by Increasing Compensation for Direct Care Workers	<b>FAILED</b>

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Senator Bellows of Kennebec</b>	
LR 2521	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences	
LR 2600	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Facilitate the Provision of Disability Benefits for State Workers Requiring Organ Transplants	
LR 2724	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Ensure the Health and Safety of Consumers of Home Care Services	
<b>Representative Berry of Bowdoinham</b>	
LR 2786	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Protect Maine Residents and Businesses from Rising Electricity Costs	
LR 2787	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Provide Tangible Benefits to Maine's Economy by Amending Laws Governing Electricity Transmission Corridors	
<b>Representative Blume of York</b>	
LR 2719	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All Electronic Toll Collection	
<b>Senator Brakey of Androscoggin</b>	
LR 2473	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Increase the Number of Retail Liquor Licenses Allowed in Certain Municipalities	
<b>Senator Breen of Cumberland</b>	
LR 2648	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Preserve Medication Management for Persons with Mental Health Needs	



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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Senator Chenette of York</b>	
LR 2650	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit	
LR 2651	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports	
LR 2659	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Include Cursive Writing in High School Graduation Standards	
LR 2661	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Properly Notify Taxpayers of Property Valuation Changes	
<b>Senator Chipman of Cumberland</b>	
LR 2780	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Increase Safety for Persons with Visual Impairments on Public Transportation	
<b>Senator Collins of York</b>	
LR 2595	<b>FAILED</b>
Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Signal in Wells	
<b>Representative Cooper of Yarmouth</b>	
LR 2524	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Expand the Rights of Residential Tenants	
<b>Senator Cushing of Penobscot</b>	
LR 2604	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm	
LR 2754	<b>TABLED</b>
Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine	

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Senator Cyrway of Kennebec</b>	
LR 2549	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Award to the Family of Nathan Desjardins His Workers' Compensation Death Benefits	
LR 2550	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Include a Deceased Person's Immediate Family Members in the Group of People Paid Workers' Compensation Death Benefits	
<b>Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis</b>	
LR 2646	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Amend the Registered Maine Guide Background Check Requirement	
<b>Representative Denno of Cumberland</b>	
LR 2500	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Reestablish the Office of Advocacy	
<b>Representative Devin of Newcastle</b>	
LR 2466	<b>PASSED</b>
Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Investigate the High Rate of Addiction among Persons Who Fish Commercially	
LR 2569	<b>FAILED</b>
Resolve, To Use a Comprehensive Approach To Restore and Protect Pollinator Populations	
<b>Senator Dow of Lincoln</b>	
LR 2528	<b>FAILED</b>
Resolve, To Improve the Department of Transportation's Wiscasset Village Traffic Management Plan	
LR 2740	<b>PASSED</b>
Resolve, Authorizing the Lease of the Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site	

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Representative Espling of New Gloucester</b>	
LR 2632	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Create Equity in Wine and Spirits Container Deposits	
<b>Representative Foley of Wells</b>	
LR 2544	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Prohibit Nonmedical Switching by Health Insurance Providers	
<b>Representative Fredette of Newport</b>	
LR 2478	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws	
LR 2479	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Amend for Fiscal Year 2018-19 the School Funding Formula for School Districts with a High Incidence of Free and Reduced-price Lunches	
LR 2481	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment	
LR 2708	<b>FAILED</b>
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Direct Initiative of Legislation	
<b>Representative Gattine of Westbrook</b>	
LR 2744	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Save Lives and Create the Homeless Opioid User Service Engagement Pilot Project	
LR 2748	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program	
<b>Representative Gerrish of Lebanon</b>	
LR 2492	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State	

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Speaker Gideon of Freeport</b> LR 2747 An Act To Reduce Child Poverty by Promoting Higher Wages for Families through Education and Training	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Senator Gratwick of Penobscot</b> LR 2532 An Act To Establish a Statewide System of Regional Peer Recovery Support Center Hubs in Maine	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
LR 2654 An Act To Provide for the Safe Disposal of Drugs	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Representative Grignon of Athens</b> LR 2692 An Act To Ensure Sustainable Health Care Access in the Jackman Region	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Representative Hamann of South Portland</b> LR 2453 An Act To Establish the Fund for Maine's Future	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Senator Hamper of Oxford</b> LR 2664 An Act To Clarify the Role of Veterinary Medical Professionals in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Representative Hanington of Lincoln</b> LR 2568 An Act To Increase by One Cent the Deposit Amount on Returnable Beverage Containers	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Representative Harvell of Farmington</b> LR 2671 An Act To Require Implementation of the Marijuana Legalization Act	<b>FAILED</b>

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Representative Herbig of Belfast</b>	
LR 2716	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them	
<b>Representative Hilliard of Belgrade</b>	
LR 2490	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Require Transient Rental Platforms To Register To Collect and Report Sales Taxes	
<b>Senator Jackson of Aroostook</b>	
LR 2658	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States	
LR 2742	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Establish a Task Force To Examine Agricultural Issues	
<b>Senator Keim of Oxford</b>	
LR 2476	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act Regarding the Rights of Parents	
LR 2706	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act Regarding Compensation by Electricity Transmission Providers	
LR 2709	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Implement a Training Wage in Maine	
<b>Representative Kornfield of Bangor</b>	
LR 2590	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Establish Alternative Pathways to the Completion of Secondary School Mathematics Requirements	
<b>Senator Langley of Hancock</b>	
LR 2615	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
An Act To Expedite Medical Claims in Workers' Compensation Cases When Compensability Has Been Determined	

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Senator Langley of Hancock</b>	
LR 2775	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from the Practice Known as "Spoofing"	
LR 2783	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program	
<b>Senator Maker of Washington</b>	
LR 2563	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Cause Serious or Fatal Injuries to Others in Multiple Accidents	
<b>Senator Mason of Androscoggin</b>	
LR 2564	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act Regarding Access to Tobacco Products by Members of the Military 18 Years of Age and Older	
<b>Representative McCreight of Harpswell</b>	
LR 2554	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Temporary Medical Allowance for Lobster and Crab Fishing License Holders	
<b>Senator Millett of Cumberland</b>	
LR 2483	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Protect Local Control of Military Equipment Procurement	
LR 2623	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Protect Children in Child Care	
<b>Senator Miramant of Knox</b>	
LR 2462	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act Regarding the Sales Tax on Trailers Sold in This State for Use Outside the State	

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**Action**

**Senator Miramant of Knox**

LR 2566

An Act To Change the Term "Overseers of the Poor" as It Is Used in the Maine Revised Statutes

**WITHDRAWN**

LR 2672

An Act To Promote Recruitment and Retention of State Highway Workers

**FAILED**

**Representative O'Connor of Berwick**

LR 2625

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure Direct Initiatives of Legislation are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law

**FAILED**

**Representative Parker of South Berwick**

LR 2705

An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Scope of the Mandatory Disclosure of Information Provision in the Adult Protective Services Act

**FAILED**

**Representative Parry of Arundel**

LR 2562

An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis

**TABLED**

**Representative Picchiotti of Fairfield**

LR 2545

An Act To Allow for the Substitution of Interchangeable Biological Products in Medications and To Provide for Enhanced Prescriber Communications

**FAILED**

**Representative Pickett of Dixfield**

LR 2533

An Act To Allow Certain Retirees in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System the Option of Including Certain Wages for Purposes of Retirement Benefits

**FAILED**

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		Action
<b>Representative Pouliot of Augusta</b>		
LR 2688	An Act To Address Separation of a Class A Restaurant and Off-premises Retail Licensee Located on the Same Premises	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Senator Rosen of Hancock</b>		
LR 2477	Resolve, To Study the Negue Trading Post Site in Orono	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2652	An Act To Protect the Interests of Grandchildren Regarding Visitation by Grandparents	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Representative Stanley of Medway</b>		
LR 2713	An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Maternity Care in Rural Hospitals	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Representative Stewart of Presque Isle</b>		
LR 2471	An Act To Exempt Nonprofit Cemeteries from the Sales and Use Tax	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2472	An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 2541	An Act To Improve Access to Experienced Primary Care Providers in the State	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2543	An Act To Expand Resources for Veterans in the State through Phone Partnerships	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2576	An Act Regarding School Bus Rules in Maine	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2577	An Act Regarding High School Guidance Counseling	<b>FAILED</b>



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**Legislative Council Action on Legislative Bill Requests**  
**November 30, 2017**

		<b>Action</b>
<b>Representative Stewart of Presque Isle</b>		
LR 2629	An Act To Further Protect the Safety of College Students by Authorizing a Student To Possess a Firearm While on Campus as Long as the Firearm Remains in a Vehicle	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>Representative Talbot Ross of Portland</b>		
LR 2579	An Act To Create a Homeless Persons' Bill of Rights	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2580	An Act To Provide for the Sealing of Records of Convictions for Marijuana-related Violations That Are No Longer Crimes	<b>FAILED</b>
LR 2647	An Act To Provide Funding To Improve Public Safety through Expanded Department of Corrections Treatment, Education and Vocational Programs	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2782	An Act To Establish the Commission on Racial Equity	<b>FAILED</b>
<b>President Thibodeau of Waldo</b>		
LR 2605	An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands	<b>TABLED</b>
LR 2621	An Act To Authorize Regional Medical Control Committees Approved by the Emergency Medical Services Board To Have Access to Maine Emergency Medical Services Data for Purposes of Quality Improvement	<b>PASSED</b>
LR 2746	An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities for Members of the Maine National Guard	<b>PASSED</b>
<b>Representative Vachon of Scarborough</b>		
LR 2665	An Act To Enact Measures Designed To Curb the Opioid Epidemic	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>

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	<b>Action</b>
<b>Representative Vachon of Scarborough</b>	
LR 2750	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Reduce the Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases	
LR 2755	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act Regarding Health Care Ombudsman Services	
<b>Senator Volk of Cumberland</b>	
LR 2778	<b>PASSED</b>
An Act To Stabilize Vulnerable Families	
<b>Representative Wadsworth of Hiram</b>	
LR 2624	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets	
<b>Representative Warren of Hallowell</b>	
LR 2720	<b>FAILED</b>
An Act To Reduce Incarceration Costs and Emergency Room Visits by Funding Emergency Crisis Behavioral Health Services	
LR 2774	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Terms of County Commissioners and the Staggering of Those Terms	
<b>Representative White of Washburn</b>	
LR 2551	<b>TABLED</b>
An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage	

Total number of bills accepted: 30

Total number of bills tabled: 14

Total number of bills screened: 99

**128<sup>th</sup> Legislature – Second Regular Session  
Appealed Bill Requests  
Withdrawn Prior to November 30, 2017**

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Stacy Guerin

LR #  
2674

Title  
An Act to Amend the Liquor Laws to Allow Certain  
Businesses in Airports to Sell Liquor for On-premises  
Consumption

Action  
Withdrawn by  
Sponsor

REP. SARA GIDEON  
CHAIR  
SEN. MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU  
VICE-CHAIR



SEN. GARRETT P. MASON  
SEN. AMY F. VOLK  
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128<sup>TH</sup> MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## **Executive Director's Report December 14, 2017**

### **1. Updating Card Readers and New Access Cards**

Although the new card readers have arrived, a reassessment of the effort required to install the new panels led to a determination to delay the transition until after the conclusion of the Second Regular Session. We will distribute the new cards immediately in advance of the transition. When the timing is determined for this coming interim, we will provide notice and instructions to all Legislators and Legislative Staff.

### **2. Harassment Training**

Jackie Little, Human Resources Director, offered several training sessions on harassment last week with a new format that included a discussion of scenarios. This new format provided for some very thoughtful discussions of the various issues and was a very effective training session. Supervisors attended a separate session on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and three training sessions were offered for the rest of Legislative Staff on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Only two supervisors were not able to attend the mandatory training session on the 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be offered in-person training separately. For the 36 other staff that missed the training on the 6<sup>th</sup>, an additional session will be offered on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the end of a new employee orientation session.

### **3. Second Aspiring Leaders Program**

A second group of staff have completed the Aspiring Leaders program that was first offered last year. This very successful program designed in-house to encourage and engage promising staff is being recognized by NCSL in an "Innovations" section in its magazine. This year's graduates are: Amy Gagne and Maura Pillsbury from the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability; Luke Lazure from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review; Margaret Reynolds from the House Democratic Office; Emily Cook from the Senate Democratic Office; Henry Fouts, Karen Nadeau and Kristin Brawn from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis; Amanda Goldsmith from the Executive Director's Office; and Jessica Lundgren from the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

### **4. Copper Reuse Project**

With the selection of the two artists to use the copper from the State House Dome, we are nearing the end of the Copper Reuse Project. Artists will be completing their projects over the course of the Second Regular Session and will be installing them next June. We will also be doing one last marketing effort to sell sheets of copper. We have approximately 550 square feet available to sell.

# Fiscal Briefing

December 14, 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
November	\$264.3	\$276.6	\$12.3	4.7%	\$259.6	6.5%
FYTD	\$1,462.1	\$1,507.2	\$45.1	3.1%	\$1,455.2	3.6%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$12.3 million (4.7%) for the month of November and over budget by \$45.1 million (3.1%) for the fiscal year to date. These positive variances do not reflect the December 2017 revenue forecast, which increased budgeted revenue by \$17.9 million in FY 2018. Individual income tax revenue was over budget for the month by \$10.3 million and over budget for the fiscal year by \$34.8 million. Withholding payments continued to be strong in November. An additional (fifth) Thursday in November likely contributed to the overage. Sales and use taxes for November (October sales) were on budget for the month but over budget by \$3.8 million for the fiscal year. Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$5.9 million in November but over budget by \$3.5 million for the fiscal year to date. Corporate income tax refunds were under budget (more refunded than budgeted) by \$6.4 million for the month but are essentially on budget for the fiscal year to date. This underage appears to be a timing issue as corporate income tax refunds previous to November had been over budget (less refunded than budgeted).

## 2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

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

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
November	\$31.8	\$33.2	\$1.4	4.5%	\$30.7	8.4%
FYTD	\$147.2	\$147.5	\$0.3	0.2%	\$146.5	0.7%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.4 million (4.5%) for the month of November and over budget by \$0.3 million (0.2%) for the fiscal year to date. These positive variances do not reflect the December 2017 revenue forecast, which decreased budgeted revenue by \$2.5 million in FY 2018. The majority of this overage relates to truck registration fees received through the International Registration Plan. This line will be adjusted upwards in December.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for November was \$1,120.3 million, down from October's average of \$1,142.1 million but well above both last year's average balance for November and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in November. The average Highway Fund balance of \$25.3 million in November increased from October's average of \$21.7 million.

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

**November 2017 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	November '17		November '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		
Sales and Use Tax	113,641,622	113,679,214	37,592	663,533,902	667,358,610	3,824,708	0.6%	4.8%	1,400,148,328
Service Provider Tax	4,900,000	4,866,614	(33,386)	24,500,000	25,433,540	933,540	3.8%	-1.5%	59,424,469
Individual Income Tax	124,750,000	135,081,851	10,331,851	608,100,000	642,899,295	34,799,295	5.7%	5.8%	1,508,046,494
Corporate Income Tax	(2,000,000)	(7,920,691)	(5,920,691)	46,900,000	50,356,380	3,456,380	7.4%	1.6%	165,724,242
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	11,249,053	13,499,822	2,250,769	61,088,511	55,136,588	(5,951,923)	-9.7%	-10.4%	136,682,000
Insurance Companies Tax	2,869,321	2,567,954	(301,367)	14,510,919	12,095,202	(2,415,717)	-16.6%	-20.4%	73,765,000
Estate Tax	1,045,000	2,077,052	1,032,052	5,221,000	7,239,034	2,018,034	38.7%	-25.9%	12,416,710
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,223,162	9,569,713	1,346,551	59,527,800	59,351,341	(176,459)	-0.3%	-4.4%	134,140,500
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,351,745	1,640,152	288,407	8,011,071	7,672,254	(338,817)	-4.2%	-0.7%	19,297,146
Income from Investments	201,020	522,731	321,711	844,566	1,828,219	983,653	116.5%	82.8%	2,993,949
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,143,413	5,242,977	1,099,564	22,788,771	26,418,333	3,629,562	15.9%	7.5%	54,900,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(3,000,000)	(1,785,323)	1,214,677	(14,000,000)	(7,426,838)	6,573,162	47.0%	17.0%	(64,768,101)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(5,312,313)	(5,412,549)	(100,236)	(28,165,313)	(29,379,550)	(1,214,237)	-4.3%	-6.2%	(67,995,145)
Other Revenue *	2,245,555	3,013,641	768,086	(10,735,300)	(11,749,362)	(1,014,062)	-9.4%	-17.8%	14,034,077
<b>Totals</b>	<b>264,307,578</b>	<b>276,643,157</b>	<b>12,335,579</b>	<b>1,462,125,927</b>	<b>1,507,233,044</b>	<b>45,107,117</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3,448,809,669</b>

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

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

**November 2017 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	November '17		November '17		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>								
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	14,312,702	12,220,827	(2,091,875)	-14.6%	6.3%	14,312,702
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,539,176	1,891,349	7,495,406	7,060,131	(435,275)	-5.8%	-20.2%	14,951,635
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,585,976	1,658,980	8,580,110	10,244,402	1,664,292	19.4%	0.3%	19,086,688
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	150,689	209,260	1,297,451	1,617,002	319,551	24.6%	12.6%	9,538,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	365	0	3,073	3,073	N/A	-86.1%	6,250,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,195,999	2,785,250	10,979,999	11,072,950	92,951	0.8%	-1.1%	26,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	256,996	41,805	1,284,980	1,399,923	114,943	8.9%	-48.4%	3,083,951
- Racino Revenue	688,630	800,235	3,752,261	3,786,138	33,877	0.9%	1.4%	8,572,671
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	162,230	130,933	1,563,326	1,309,062	(254,264)	-16.3%	-6.1%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,036,974	1,169,769	6,788,734	7,249,568	460,834	6.8%	1.5%	15,882,295
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	606,492	881,767	3,472,831	3,388,265	(84,566)	-2.4%	-12.8%	11,046,358
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>8,223,162</b>	<b>9,569,713</b>	<b>59,527,800</b>	<b>59,351,341</b>	<b>(176,459)</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>134,140,500</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>								
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,280	2,650	11,970.00	18,914	6,944	58.0%	31.1%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	144,253	12,200	809,052	350,479	(458,573)	-56.7%	-52.3%	1,800,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,397,874	1,330,626	7,867,787	7,451,147	(416,640)	-5.3%	-10.6%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	7,500,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	(15,487,275)	(16,076,758)	(589,483)	-3.8%	-10.2%	(15,487,275)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(1,124,359)	(936,495)	(6,832,466)	(5,528,848)	1,303,618	19.1%	39.2%	(11,436,869)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	(7,950,000)	(8,899,944)	(949,944)	-11.9%	-12.5%	(7,950,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	1,825,507	2,604,660	10,845,632	10,935,648	90,016	0.8%	-12.8%	21,282,889
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>2,245,555</b>	<b>3,013,641</b>	<b>(10,755,300)</b>	<b>(11,749,362)</b>	<b>(1,014,062)</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>	<b>14,034,077</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>								
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	594	0	3,364	3,364	N/A	19.0%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(3,000,000)	(1,785,917)	(14,000,000)	(7,426,963)	6,573,037	47.0%	16.6%	(26,800,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	0	0	0	(3,238)	(3,238)	N/A	93.5%	(37,968,101)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(3,000,000)</b>	<b>(1,785,323)</b>	<b>(14,000,000)</b>	<b>(7,426,838)</b>	<b>6,573,162</b>	<b>47.0%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>	<b>(64,768,101)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>1,274,762</b>	<b>1,363,667</b>	<b>8,787,698</b>	<b>9,130,972</b>	<b>343,274</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>21,499,926</b>

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

### November 2017 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	November '17			November '17			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2018 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	
<b>Fuel Taxes:</b>										
- Gasoline Tax	17,194,510	17,896,630	702,120	91,170,354	92,807,442	1,637,088	1.8%	1.8%	2.6%	202,622,900
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,499,686	4,107,651	(392,035)	21,235,726	17,077,447	(4,158,279)	-19.6%	-19.6%	-16.9%	47,656,300
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,594,816)	(1,616,755)	(21,939)	(8,259,462)	(8,085,503)	173,959	2.1%	2.1%	1.7%	(18,390,916)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(429,984)	(447,541)	(17,557)	(2,279,897)	(2,325,560)	(45,663)	-2.0%	-2.0%	-1.8%	(5,066,991)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,669,396	19,939,984	270,588	101,866,721	99,473,824	(2,392,897)	-2.3%	-2.3%	-1.0%	226,821,293
<b>Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:</b>										
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	4,806,841	4,935,867	129,026	27,842,199	28,243,974	401,775	1.4%	1.4%	-0.4%	67,095,787
- License Plate Fees	305,707	334,858	29,151	1,536,783	1,686,887	150,104	9.8%	9.8%	1.6%	3,458,710
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	677,430	845,433	168,003	2,530,961	3,617,813	1,086,852	42.9%	42.9%	20.1%	9,884,523
- Title Fees	1,103,430	1,037,483	(65,947)	5,527,485	6,134,862	607,377	11.0%	11.0%	3.8%	13,366,264
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	679,930	596,027	(83,904)	3,743,917	3,438,535	(305,382)	-8.2%	-8.2%	-8.3%	8,886,689
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(4,213,898)	(4,443,640)	(229,742)	-5.5%	-5.5%	-2.1%	(15,570,414)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,573,338	7,749,668	176,330	36,967,447	38,678,431	1,710,984	4.6%	4.6%	0.9%	87,121,559
<b>Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees</b>										
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	300,200	304,624	4,424	1,330,920	1,238,315	(92,606)	-7.0%	-7.0%	4.8%	2,982,500
<b>Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees</b>										
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	102,280	106,497	4,217	558,978	604,783	45,805	8.2%	8.2%	6.9%	1,293,729
Interest Earnings	63,271	52,482	(10,789)	352,489	361,624	9,135	2.6%	2.6%	3.9%	739,039
Other Highway Fund Revenue	49,476	22,542	(26,934)	247,380	124,831	(122,549)	-49.5%	-49.5%	-7.5%	593,712
Totals	31,805,947	33,240,696	1,434,749	147,209,510	147,465,251	255,741	0.2%	0.2%	0.7%	329,627,432



# 2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated December 8, 2017

Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
<b>NEW STUDIES</b>							
ACF Study of Conserved Lands Owned by Nonprofit Conservations Organizations	PL 2017 c. 284 TT-2	4	10/12/17 12/1/17		2/15/18	Sen. Paul Davis Rep. Michelle Dumphy	Work ongoing, next meeting not yet scheduled (tentatively January)
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 11/14/17 12/1/17		12/6/17	Sen. Lisa Keim Rep. Barbara Cardone	Draft report completed and out for review
Task Force to Address Opioid Crisis in the State	SP 210	10	9/12/17 9/27/17 10/31/17 11/13/17 11/28/17	12/12/17	12/6/17	Sen. Andre Cushing Rep. Joyce McCreight	Draft report completed and out for review
Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce	SP 294	4	9/26/17 10/31/17 11/16/17 12/4/17		3/1/18	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Erin Herbig	Draft report in progress
Commission to Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification	Resolve 2017 c. 27	4		12/19/17	1/15/18	Sen. Ronald Collins Rep. Jared Golden	
Task Force to Identify Special Education Cost Drivers and Innovative Approaches to Services	Resolve 2017 c. 26	5	10/19/17 11/16/17 12/4/17	12/19/17	12/6/17	Sen. Brian Langley Rep. Richard Farnsworth	Work ongoing
Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine	SP 592 (pending funding)	4		12/20/17	1/1/18 (initial may be submitted); final 11/1/18		
Providing for the Official Observance of the 200th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine	Resolve 2017 c. 25	up to 5 per year			12/6/17, 11/7/18, 12/4/19, 11/4/20		Staffed by ME State Cultural Affairs Council; appointments not completed (legislative appointments are)
<b>ON-GOING LEGISLATIVE STUDIES</b>							
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	9/6/17 9/20/17 10/12/17 11/15/17 12/5/17		1/15 annually	Sen. Lisa Keim	Draft report in progress
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 11/20/17		annually	Sen. Rodney Whittemore Rep. Craig Hickman	Work ongoing

# 2017 Interim Legislative Studies and Committee Meetings

Updated December 8, 2017

Study/Committee	Citation	2017 Meetings Authorized	2017 Meetings Held	Scheduled Next Meeting Date(s)	Report Date	Chair(s)	Status/Notes
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)

## AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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				1/15/19	n/a	Staff work ongoing
SLG re work on CO bill LD 1588 (Roads)	approved by POs	3	9/21/17 10/30/17 11/20/17		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 12/7/17		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	11/15/17		n/a	Sen. Thomas Saviello Rep. Ralph Tucker	
VLA re LD 1446 (Ranked choice voting)	approved by POs	1	10/16/17		n/a	Sen. Garrett Mason Rep. Louis Luchini	PH and WS 10/16
AFB re LD 1649 (GIS - 1st 2 meetings); overview of RFC report and Presentation on Medicaid expansion fiscal note (3rd meeting)	approved by POs		10/13/17 10/20/17	12/13/17	n/a	Sen. James Hamper Rep. Drew Gattine	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		n/a	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 11/27/17			Sen. Dana Dow Rep. Ryan Tipping	Draft report in progress

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
 TABLED BILL REQUESTS FROM  
 OCTOBER 26, 2017 and NOVEMBER 30, 2017

LR Number	Sponsor	Title	Date Tabled
2521	Sen. Bellows, Shenna	An Act To Ensure Quality of and Increase Access to Recovery Residences	11/30/2017
2650	Sen. Chenette, Justin	An Act To Close Loopholes in Election Laws and Ban the Use of Leadership Political Action Committees for Personal Profit	11/30/2017
2651	Sen. Chenette, Justin	An Act To Clarify the Difference between Late and Unfiled Campaign Expenditures and Expenses Reports	11/30/2017
2604	Sen. Cushing, III, Andre	An Act To Increase Safety on Youth Hunting Day for Hunting Bear by Allowing an Accompanying Adult To Possess a Firearm	11/30/2017
2754	Sen. Cushing, III, Andre	Resolve, To Study Methods for Better Transportation for Students and Workers in Maine	11/30/2017
2481	Rep. Fredette, Kenneth	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund a Program of Student Debt Consolidation and Repayment	11/30/2017
2492	Rep. Gerrish, Karen	An Act To Create a Full-time Drug Interdiction Unit within the State	11/30/2017
2716	Rep. Herbig, Erin	An Act To Attract Trained Firefighters to Maine and Provide Incentives To Retain Them	11/30/2017
2506	Sen. Jackson, Troy	An Act To Support Funding for Workforce Development in Maine	10/26/2017
2783	Sen. Langley, Brian	An Act To Extend Secondary Student Eligibility in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program	11/30/2017
2761	Sen. Libby, Nathan	Resolve, To Require the Department of Labor To Receive Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds	10/26/2017
2562	Rep. Parry, Wayne	An Act To Waive Income Restrictions for Supplemental MaineCare Coverage for Children Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis	11/30/2017
2523	Rep. Perry, Anne	An Act To Ensure Federal Funding for Job Training Services	10/26/2017
2472	Rep. Stewart, III, Harold	An Act To Prevent Human Trafficking, Protect Children and Finance the Victims' Compensation Fund	11/30/2017
2605	Pres. Thibodeau, Michael	An Act To Amend the Laws Restricting Firearms on Public Lands	11/30/2017
2624	Rep. Wadsworth, Nathan	An Act To Ensure Fairness and Affordability in the Private Residential and Commercial Rental Markets	11/30/2017
2551	Rep. White, Dustin	An Act To Increase the Bottle Redemption Rate To Counterbalance Increases in the Minimum Wage	11/30/2017

**Legislative Council Actions  
Taken by Ballot Since the  
November 30, 2017 Council Meeting**

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**

**LR 2805      An Act to Implement A Regulatory Structure for Adult Use Marijuana**

Submitted by: Representative Teresa Pierce

Date: November 30, 2017

Vote: 8-2 Passed (with Representatives Fredette and Espling opposed)

**128th Maine State Legislature  
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**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR: Rep. Barbara A. Cardone**

<u>LR #</u> 2806	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Maine Uniform Trust Code	<u>Action</u>
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**SPONSOR: Sen. Michael E. Carpenter**

<u>LR #</u> 2797	<u>Title</u> An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Indecent Conduct To Include Distribution of Photographic Images	<u>Action</u>
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**SPONSOR: Rep. Owen D. Casas**

<u>LR #</u> 2795	<u>Title</u> RESOLUTION, AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION OF MAINE TO ALLOW FOR RANKED-CHOICE VOTING	<u>Action</u>
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**SPONSOR: Sen. Justin Mark Chenette**

<u>LR #</u> 2802	<u>Title</u> An Act To Prevent the State Take-over of Local Roads without Local Approval	<u>Action</u>
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2803	An Act To Reverse the Department of Transportation Take-over of Killick Pond Road in Hollis	
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**SPONSOR: Sen. Scott W. Cyrway**

<u>LR #</u> 2799	<u>Title</u> An Act To Provide a License at No Charge to Student Plumbers for On-the-job Training	<u>Action</u>
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2800	An Act To Ban Drinkable Marijuana	
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**SPONSOR: Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau**

<u>LR #</u> 2796	<u>Title</u> An Act To Improve Efficiency in the Delivery of Workforce Training	<u>Action</u>
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**SPONSOR: Rep. Scott M. Hamann**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2792	An Act To Prohibit the Purchase and Possession of Bump Stocks	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Jeffery P. Hanley**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2793	Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer a Parcel of Land in the Town of Pittston	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Erin D. Herbig**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2814	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Credit for Nonprofit Heating Assistance Organizations	
2815	An Act To Clarify Educational Placement and Notification in Regard to Parental Rights and Responsibilities	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Gary L. Hilliard**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2794	An Act To Educate the Public Concerning Health and Safety Matters Relating to the Use of Marijuana	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Roger J. Katz**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2810	An Act To Delay Further the Implementation of Certain Portions of the Marijuana Legalization Act	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Brian D. Langley**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2804	An Act To Rename the Schoolhouse Bridge in Surry	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Nathan L. Libby**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2791	An Act To Provide for In-person Visitation of Incarcerated Persons	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Louis J. Luchini**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2807	An Act Regarding Maine's Liquor Laws	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Richard S. Malaby**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2811	Resolve, Regarding Increases in Reimbursement Rates for Certain Children's Habilitative Services under MaineCare	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Teresa S. Pierce**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2808	An Act To Allow The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Governor Baxter School for the Deaf To Lease Space to Maine's Protection and Advocacy Agency for Persons with Disabilities	

**SPONSOR: Sen. David Woodsome**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2812	An Act Regarding the Use by Fire Departments of Recertified Self-contained Breathing Apparatus	

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**SPONSOR: Sen. Geoffrey M. Gratwick**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2653	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL FEE ON CARBON-BASED FOSSIL FUELS	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Beth A. O'Connor**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2461	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF AFFORDABLE AND SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Maureen Fitzgerald Terry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2469	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO CLARIFY THE LAWS TO ENSURE THAT NEO-NAZI GROUPS ARE LABELED AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS	