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**129<sup>th</sup> Legislature  
Legislative Council**

**March 28, 2019**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
February 28, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Jackson called the February 28, 2019 meeting of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council to order at 1:39 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

Senators: President Jackson, Senator, Libby, Senator Vitelli, and Senator Dow  
Absent: Senator Timberlake (arrived late)

Representatives: Speaker Gideon, Representative Moonen, Representative Fecteau, and Representative Stewart  
Absent: Representative Dillingham

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate  
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House  
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council  
Suzanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes  
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review  
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library  
Nik Rende, Director, Legislative Information Technology

President Jackson convened the meeting at 1:39 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

**SUMMARY OF JANUARY 24, 2019 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Motion:** That the Meeting Summary for January 24, 2019 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Libby. Second by Speaker Gideon. **Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0-2**, with Senator Timberlake and Representative Dillingham absent).

**REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES**

**Executive Director's Report**

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, presented the following report.

1. Committee Room Microphone Replacements

New microphones were installed in the Legislative Council Chamber on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. With this replacement completed, only the Senate Chamber microphones remain to be replaced. We will be working with the Senate to schedule the upgrade.

2. MELD Replacement Project

The information system project to replace the outdated bill production system, MELD, continues to progress well. While some of the more complex system development has fallen slightly behind schedule, we are still on track to do some parallel production testing of bills and amendments during the 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature beginning in April with the complete switch over to the new Bill Production System by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session.

3. Legislators' Tax Packages

A packet of tax information prepared by the Legislative Finance Director was released to current Legislators and mailed to former Legislators on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's tax package included more information than previous years about all income, reimbursements and allowances from the Legislature in an effort to preempt frequently asked questions. We also included some guidance from the Maine Society of CPA's and NCSL to help with recent federal tax changes.

4. New Employee Orientation

On Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we held an additional new employee orientation session for those that were not able to make the first one scheduled in December or that were hired after the first orientation session. 33 staff attended this session.

## Fiscal Report

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

1. General Fund Revenue Update

**Total General Fund Revenue - FY2019 (\$'s in Millions)**

	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$383.7	\$378.8	(\$4.9)	-1.3%	\$367.6	3.0%
FYTD	\$2,274.9	\$2,283.0	\$8.1	0.4%	\$2,152.5	6.1%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$4.9 million (1.3%) for the month of January but over budget by \$8.1 million (0.4%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was under budget by \$14.7 million for the month and by \$18.8 million for the fiscal year to date. Individual estimated income tax payments were \$10.2 million under budget for January and are \$21.9 million under budget for the fiscal year to date. It is still possible that once April's returns are processed, actual payments will be closer to budgeted levels. Individual withholding income tax payments were \$10.5 million under budget for January but are still slightly above budget for the fiscal year to date. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$1.4 million for the month and by \$19.1 million for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue (December sales) was under budget by \$2.2 million for January but is still slightly above budget for the fiscal year to date. BETE reimbursements to municipalities continue to exceed budget levels for the fiscal year to date (negative impact on revenue) while BETR reimbursements continue to lag behind budgeted levels.

## 2. Highway Fund Revenue Update

<b>Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2019 (\$'s in Millions)</b>						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
January	\$27.1	\$29.4	\$2.3	8.4%	\$28.2	4.3%
FYTD	\$204.9	\$206.8	\$2.0	1.0%	\$199.3	3.8%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$2.3 million (8.4%) for the month of January and by \$2.0 million (1.0%) for the fiscal year to date. Fuel taxes were over budget by \$0.6 million for the month but under budget by \$0.8 million for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget for the month by \$1.9 million and over budget for the fiscal year to date by \$2.9 million.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for January was \$1,434.4 million, an increase from December's average of \$1,371.4 million and above both last January's average balance and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in January (has not been needed since April of 2016). The average Highway Fund balance of \$27.7 million in January was up from December's average of \$25.3 million and well above last January's average balance.

## REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### 1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Gideon reported that the Personnel Committee met on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to consider the following matters:

#### 1. Workday Maine (formerly SOMER) Update

Ms. Little provided the committee with an update regarding the Workday Maine HR System project.

#### 2. Harassment Prevention Update

Ms. Little provided updates about harassment prevention training for staff, supervisors, legislators and lobbyists. The committee reviewed the draft policy and provided Ms. Little with guidance. No action is required. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### 3. Vacation Policy and Use of Accrued Leave

Mr. Pennoyer presented a potential revision to the Vacation Accrual Policy that would be discussed as part of collective bargaining. The committee provided some guidance and feedback. No action is required.

#### 4. New Member Orientation/Pre-Legislative Conference

The committee provided Mr. Pennoyer with guidance about future New Member Orientation and Pre-Legislative Conference events.

#### 5. Electronic Communication Guidelines for Legislators and Legislative Staff.

Mr. Pennoyer provided an overview of the electronic communications policy that was presented as part of Chairs and Leads orientation. After discussion, the committee asked Mr. Pennoyer to provide some additional information at a future meeting.

6. Speaker's Initiative: Onsite Child Care

The committee considered a request by the Speaker of the House regarding Onsite Child Care. Ms. Little provided the committee with some preliminary research. The committee identified some next steps for Ms. Little and Mr. Pennoyer to take regarding this matter. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Performance Evaluation and Step Increase – Suzanne Gresser

The committee reviewed the performance of Susanne Gresser, Revisor of Statutes. No action is required.

8. Performance Evaluation – John Barden

The committee also reviewed the performance of John Barden, Director of the Law and Legislative Reference Library. No action is required.

2. State House Facilities Committee

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Item #1: Council Actions Taken by Ballot**

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**

**LR 2271      An Act To Perform a Comprehensive Review of Emergency Medical Services in the State**

Submitted by: Representative Kathleen Dillingham  
Date: January 31, 2019  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2272      An Act To Create a Task Force to Address and Improve Tribal Relations**

Submitted by: Representative Kathleen Dillingham  
Date: January 31, 2019  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2271      An Act To Support E-9-1-1 Dispatchers and Corrections Officers Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder**

Submitted by: Representative Kathleen Dillingham  
Date: January 31, 2019  
Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2386      An Act To Clarify That Food and Food Products Containing Hemp-derived Cannabidiol Produced and Sold within the State Are Not Adulterated**

Submitted by: Representative Craig Hickman  
 Date: February 5, 2019  
 Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2295      An Act To Allow Maine Clean Election Act Funds To Be Used for Election Recounts**

Submitted by: Representative Kent Ackley  
 Date: February 7, 2019  
 Vote: 7-2-1-0 Passed (with Senator Timberlake and Representative Dillingham opposed and Representative Moonen abstaining)

**LR 2413      An Act to Exempt Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates from Vehicle Registration Fees**

Submitted by: Representative Justin Fecteau  
 Date: February 21, 2019  
 Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**LR 2414      An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complementary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish**

Submitted by: Representative Justin Fecteau  
 Date: February 21, 2019  
 Vote: 10-0-0-0 Passed

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Requests**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on twenty-four (24) after deadline bill requests and eight (8) Joint Resolutions. The Legislative Council authorized twenty (20) bills and five (5) Joint Resolutions for introduction in the Second Regular Session, three (3) bills were tabled, and one (1) bill and three (3) Joint Resolutions remain tabled from a previous meeting. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

**Item #2: Report from the Office of the State Auditor**

The Office of the State Auditor submitted a report for the Legislative Council's information regarding the audit for the year ending June 30, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS**

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**129th Maine State Legislature  
Legislative Council Action Taken on  
Requests to Introduce Legislation  
First Regular Session  
February 28, 2019**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR:**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2409	An Act To Amend Certain Laws Related to Members of the Military and Maine's National Guard	PASSED
2410	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Veterans' Services	PASSED
2411	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Military Services	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Michael F. Brennan**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2424	An Act To Support Infrastructure Improvements in Schools	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Michael E. Carpenter**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2412	An Act To Amend the Charter of the Fort Fairfield Utilities District	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Spkr. Sara Gideon**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2427	An Act To Institute Performance-based Rates for Electric Utilities	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Fran M. Head**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2294	An Act Authorizing the Deorganization of Magalloway Plantation	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Erin Herbig**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2270	An Act To Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping Requirements	PASSED
2423	An Act To Strengthen the School Transportation Workforce	PASSED



**SPONSOR: Rep. Patty Hymanson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2429	An Act To Amend the Marijuana Laws To Correct Inconsistencies in Recently Enacted Laws	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2422	An Act To Open Maine's Primaries To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections Starting in 2020	TABLED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Lisa Keim**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2417	An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Dennis L. Keschl**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2293	An Act To Allow Insurance, Professional and Occupational, Financial Institution and Other Regulators To Lower Fees by Order	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Louis J. Luchini**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2428	An Act Regarding the Water Quality of the Union River	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Peter Lyford**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2397	An Act To Allow Certain Licensees To Be Classified as Purveyors of Alcoholic Beverages and To Be Eligible To Conduct Additional Retail Taste-testing Events	TABLED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Danny Martin**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2425	An Act To Change the Name of the Township 17, Range 3 to Van Buren Cove	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Rep. Trey Stewart**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2426	An Act To Prevent Hazing on College Campuses in Maine	PASSED

**SPONSOR: Sen. Jeff Timberlake**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2415	An Act To Eliminate the Fee for Gold Star Family Vanity Registration Plates	TABLED

**LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES**

**SPONSOR:**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2419	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 40: Home Health Services, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	PASSED

**TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2266	An Act To Ban Use of Aerial Herbicide Spraying for the Purpose of Deforestation	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19
2267	An Act To Establish Clear Standards for Outcome-based Forestry	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Dennis L. Keschl**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2238	An Act To Improve State Park Facilities	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Sen. Dave Miramant**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2251	An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Governing Culvert Replacement	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Sen. David Woodsome**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2268	An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**SPONSOR: Sen. Shenna Bellows**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
223	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING MAINE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT OR OTHER LEGISLATION TO REPEAL BOTH THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION AND THE GOVERNMENTAL PENSION OFFSET PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Seth A. Berry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
248	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ALLOW DRUGS TO BE IMPORTED FROM CANADA	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Sen. Brownie Carson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2254	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EXPRESS THE STATE'S OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S REVISED SUPPLEMENTAL COST FINDING FOR THE MERCURY AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Donna R. Doore**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
452	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT ELIMINATING THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION FROM THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Jeffrey Evangelos**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1339	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE PLEDGES MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Sen. Geoff Gratwick**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
887	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO LEAD A GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1141	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO GRANT EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION TO THE OFFER IN COMPROMISE SUBMITTED BY OUR KATAHDIN	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Chloe Sophia Maxmin**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
801	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE REFORM OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSETS OF THE GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET AND THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION	Tabled 01/24/19 PASSED 2/28/19

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## **Executive Director's Report March 28, 2019**

### **1. MELD Replacement Project**

The information system project to replace the outdated bill production system, MELD, continues to progress well. Beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>, a test version of the new system will be deployed to allow the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to do some test parallel production of some bills and amendments.

### **2. Remote Public Testimony**

The Office of Legislative Information Technology has been working with the Legislative Information Office, the Law and Legislative Reference Library and me on a new process for the public to submit testimony for bills on line. The amount of testimony received by email has grown significantly this session and has become extremely difficult and time consuming to process and prepare for posting to the internet with the other testimony presented at the hearing. We are working on the final details of a new method that would give the public the opportunity to submit testimony on a bill through the Legislature's web page and automate much of the processing of this testimony submitted remotely. This process would replace accepting testimony by email. We are hoping that we are able to implement this new process in some fashion later this session.

# Fiscal Briefing

March 28, 2019

*Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review*

## 1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2019 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
February	\$178.0	\$149.6	(\$28.3)	-15.9%	\$157.7	-5.1%
FYTD	\$2,452.9	\$2,432.6	(\$20.3)	-0.8%	\$2,310.3	5.3%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$28.3 million (15.9%) for the month of February and by \$20.3 million (0.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Individual income tax revenue was under budget by \$25.1 million for the month and by \$43.9 million for the fiscal year to date. The February negative variance in individual tax revenue was largely the result of income tax refunds exceeding budgeted levels by \$17.0 million (a reduction in net revenue), a likely timing issue that can be made up in subsequent months. For the fiscal year to date, individual estimated income tax payments continued to be under budget (\$21.0 million). Corporate income tax revenue was under budget by \$7.6 million for the month but was over budget by \$11.5 million for the fiscal year to date. As with individual income tax, the majority of the monthly variance was in the refunds line and is also believed to be a timing issue. Sales and use tax revenue (January sales) was essentially on budget for the month and for the fiscal year to date.

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

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2019 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
February	\$26.2	\$28.0	\$1.8	6.9%	\$27.0	4.0%
FYTD	\$231.1	\$234.9	\$3.8	1.6%	\$226.2	3.8%

Highway Fund revenue was over budget by \$1.8 million (6.9%) for the month of February and by \$3.8 million (1.6%) for the fiscal year to date. Fuel taxes were over budget by \$0.6 million for the month but under budget by \$0.2 million for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were over budget for the month by \$1.1 million and over budget for the fiscal year to date by \$4.0 million.

## 3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for February was \$1,464.8 million, an increase from January's average of \$1,434.4 million and above both last February's average balance and the ten-year average for the month. General Fund internal borrowing from other funds was not needed in January (has not been needed since April of 2016). The average Highway Fund balance of \$32.2 million in February was up from January's average of \$27.7 million and well above last February's average balance.

**General Fund Revenue  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 (FY 2019)**

**February 2019 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	February '19		February '19		February '19		Fiscal Year-To-Date		% Change from Prior Year	FY 2019 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Var.	Budget	Actual	Variance	%		
Sales and Use Tax	92,816,794	93,012,808	196,014		1,049,989,423	1,050,336,624	347,201	0.0%	5.9%	1,502,180,767
Service Provider Tax	4,726,745	4,641,256	(85,489)		39,888,706	40,509,715	621,009	1.6%	1.3%	59,222,124
Individual Income Tax	60,250,000	35,114,764	(25,135,236)		1,115,019,204	1,071,093,435	(43,925,769)	-3.9%	2.0%	1,680,158,151
Corporate Income Tax	3,000,000	(4,601,858)	(7,601,858)		117,388,265	128,843,944	11,455,679	9.8%	54.2%	209,750,000
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	9,077,285	8,316,508	(760,777)		88,557,436	87,610,090	(947,346)	-1.1%	2.4%	137,088,615
Insurance Companies Tax	1,285,013	1,758,592	473,579		14,660,480	15,076,299	415,819	2.8%	4.7%	74,450,000
Estate Tax	900,000	2,578,690	1,678,690		5,540,401	5,695,892	155,491	2.8%	-42.9%	9,140,409
Other Taxes and Fees *	8,860,321	9,283,632	423,311		91,866,024	93,847,968	1,981,944	2.2%	6.3%	143,259,126
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	2,147,945	917,113	(1,230,832)		10,880,495	9,766,057	(1,114,438)	-10.2%	-19.5%	17,583,176
Income from Investments	887,978	1,165,258	277,280		5,649,008	6,400,684	751,676	13.3%	85.3%	8,721,242
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,589,521	4,529,943	(59,578)		39,607,119	42,067,486	2,460,367	6.2%	-0.3%	57,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(5,750,000)	(1,629,116)	4,120,884		(66,059,357)	(59,612,391)	6,446,966	9.8%	-7.2%	(68,368,623)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(7,548,581)	(7,159,096)	389,485		(49,745,758)	(49,768,177)	(22,419)	0.0%	-5.7%	(72,683,306)
Other Revenue *	2,740,038	1,716,158	(1,023,880)		(10,347,078)	(9,231,263)	1,115,816	10.8%	-11.7%	9,874,430
<b>Totals</b>	<b>177,983,059</b>	<b>149,644,653</b>	<b>(28,338,406)</b>		<b>2,452,894,368</b>	<b>2,432,636,363</b>	<b>(20,258,005)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>3,767,376,111</b>

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

**General Fund Revenue  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 (FY 2019)**

**February 2019 Revenue Variance Report**

Revenue Category	February '19			February '19			Fiscal Year-To-Date			% Change from Prior Year	FY 2019 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Var.	Budget	Actual	Var.	Budget	Actual	Var.		
<b>Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:</b>											
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	12,431,431	12,769,543	338,112	2.7%	338,112	2.7%	4.5%	14,694,831
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	997,236	897,366	(99,870)	13,469,992	13,814,095	344,103	2.6%	344,103	2.6%	22.8%	17,767,433
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	2,000,137	1,796,820	(203,317)	15,981,848	15,536,355	(445,493)	-2.8%	(445,493)	-2.8%	-0.2%	22,220,860
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	507,834	1,089,398	581,564	2,529,529	3,515,950	986,421	39.0%	986,421	39.0%	29.8%	9,838,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	914	0	(914)	10,473	0	(10,473)	-100.0%	(10,473)	-100.0%	-100.0%	6,000,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,279,324	2,591,200	311,876	18,774,592	19,236,550	461,958	2.5%	461,958	2.5%	0.3%	27,891,990
- Milk Handling Fee	179,890	517,943	338,053	2,806,794	3,661,839	855,045	30.5%	855,045	30.5%	52.0%	4,580,022
- Racino Revenue	672,388	597,772	(74,616)	5,616,682	5,480,808	(135,874)	-2.4%	(135,874)	-2.4%	1.3%	8,167,875
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	283,503	260,680	(22,823)	2,493,029	2,314,294	(178,735)	-7.2%	(178,735)	-7.2%	5.4%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,121,412	772,872	(348,540)	11,128,960	11,235,293	106,333	1.0%	106,333	1.0%	-0.7%	15,999,151
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	817,683	759,582	(58,101)	6,622,694	6,283,242	(339,452)	-5.1%	(339,452)	-5.1%	4.7%	11,574,754
<b>Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>8,860,321</b>	<b>9,283,632</b>	<b>423,311</b>	<b>91,866,024</b>	<b>93,847,968</b>	<b>1,981,944</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>1,981,944</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>143,259,126</b>
<b>Detail of Other Revenue:</b>											
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,280	8,000	5,720	19,095,000	31,050	11,955	62.6%	11,955	62.6%	7.0%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	101,018	18,871	(82,147)	848,290	183,690	(664,600)	-78.3%	(664,600)	-78.3%	-59.6%	1,200,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,213,563	1,134,537	(79,026)	11,223,823	11,726,471	502,648	4.5%	502,648	4.5%	0.9%	17,196,059
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	0	0	0	(18,109,058)	(17,171,837)	937,221	5.2%	937,221	5.2%	-6.8%	(18,109,058)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(639,960)	(1,244,053)	(604,093)	(10,903,515)	(12,200,796)	(1,297,281)	-11.9%	(1,297,281)	-11.9%	-33.1%	(13,220,037)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	0	0	0	(9,440,000)	(9,439,886)	114	0.0%	114	0.0%	-6.1%	(9,440,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,063,137	1,798,804	(264,333)	16,014,287	17,640,046	1,625,759	10.2%	1,625,759	10.2%	28.0%	26,018,966
<b>Subtotal - Other Revenue</b>	<b>2,740,038</b>	<b>1,716,158</b>	<b>(1,023,880)</b>	<b>(10,347,078)</b>	<b>(9,231,263)</b>	<b>1,115,816</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>1,115,816</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>9,874,430</b>
<b>Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:</b>											
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	2,665	2,665	0	6,764	6,764	N/A	6,764	N/A	11.0%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(3,500,000)	(1,469,135)	(2,030,865)	(26,090,734)	(16,632,232)	9,458,502	36.3%	9,458,502	36.3%	16.7%	(27,600,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(2,250,000)	(1,62,647)	(2,087,353)	(39,968,623)	(42,986,923)	(3,018,300)	-7.6%	(3,018,300)	-7.6%	-20.6%	(40,768,623)
<b>Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers</b>	<b>(5,750,000)</b>	<b>(1,629,116)</b>	<b>4,120,884</b>	<b>(66,059,357)</b>	<b>(59,612,391)</b>	<b>6,446,966</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>6,446,966</b>	<b>9.8%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>(68,368,623)</b>
<b>Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total</b>	<b>1,476,641</b>	<b>921,387</b>	<b>(555,254)</b>	<b>14,208,010</b>	<b>14,160,255</b>	<b>(47,755)</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>(47,755)</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>21,482,520</b>



## Highway Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 (FY 2019)

### February 2019 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	February '19		February '19		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2019 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Var.	Budget	Actual	Variance		% Variance
<b>Fuel Taxes:</b>									
- Gasoline Tax	16,175,313	15,472,767	(702,546)		143,569,935	141,725,444	(1,844,491)	-1.3%	-0.5%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	3,551,325	4,931,705	1,380,380		32,987,231	34,597,250	1,610,019	4.9%	17.7%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,448,978)	(1,501,316)	(52,338)		(12,970,570)	(12,958,393)	12,178	0.1%	-2.2%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(404,496)	(386,927)	17,569		(3,590,257)	(3,544,128)	46,129	1.3%	0.6%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	17,873,164	18,516,229	643,065		159,996,339	159,820,174	(176,165)	-0.1%	2.8%
<b>Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:</b>									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	4,559,408	4,733,609	174,201		41,162,651	42,663,692	1,501,041	3.6%	1.9%
- License Plate Fees	268,738	269,320	582		2,223,606	2,387,622	164,016	7.4%	4.6%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	1,041,947	1,872,174	830,227		7,514,247	9,266,062	1,751,815	23.3%	18.7%
- Title Fees	859,909	917,467	57,558		8,592,184	9,634,882	1,042,698	12.1%	5.2%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	628,594	686,692	58,098		6,251,583	6,219,760	(31,823)	-0.5%	16.8%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0		(7,767,947)	(8,158,961)	(391,014)	-5.0%	-1.2%
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	7,358,596	8,479,262	1,120,666		57,976,324	62,013,057	4,036,733	7.0%	6.2%
<b>Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees</b>									
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	216,875	132,229	(84,646)		2,385,001	2,212,269	(172,732)	-7.2%	-3.8%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	80,214	96,461	16,247		837,024	944,527	107,503	12.8%	3.2%
Interest Earnings	40,793	30,210	(10,583)		502,298	405,874	(96,424)	-19.2%	-19.2%
Other Highway Fund Revenue	6,838	52,625	45,787		270,813	403,520	132,707	49.0%	140.0%
Subtotal - Other Highway Fund Revenue	658,166	726,615	68,449		9,160,507	9,083,123	(77,384)	-0.8%	8.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,234,646</b>	<b>28,033,630</b>	<b>1,798,984</b>		<b>231,128,306</b>	<b>234,882,545</b>	<b>3,754,239</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

**Legislative Council Actions  
Taken by Ballot Since the  
February 28, 2019 Council Meeting**

**Requests for Introduction of Legislation:**

**LR 2460      An Act To Allow the City of Augusta To Adjust the Definition of “Original Assessed Value” for the City of Augusta’s Performance Food Group Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and To Validate the Assessment, Commitment and Collection of Property Taxes Dedicated for the Performance Food Group District for the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.**

Submitted by: Senator Matthew Pouliot  
Date: March 26, 2019  
Vote: 9-0-0-1 Passed (with Senator Libby absent)

**Decisions by Legislative Council Ballot:**

**Motion:            That the Legislative Council approve an exception to its Policy of the Use of the Hall of Flags to allow the Frances Perkins Center Traveling Exhibit consisting of six 7’ by 3’ panels to remain in the Hall of Flags for the week beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. (Attached is a photo of three of the 6 panels and a letter with background from the Frances Perkins Center.)**

Motion by: President Jackson            Second by:    Speaker Gideon  
Date: March 5, 2019  
Vote: 9-1-0-0 Passed (with Senator Timberlake opposed)

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**AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS**

**SPONSOR: Rep. Diane M. Denk**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2444	An Act To Allow a Municipality To Choose Its Power Provider	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Jim Dill**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2440	An Act To Increase Funding for Career and Technical Education Programs	

2441 An Act To Cap the Number of Students Who May Attend a Virtual Public Charter School

**SPONSOR: Rep. Rick G. Mason**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2433	An Act To Allow Municipalities To Stock Ponds in Their Areas with Fish	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Matthew Gary Pouliot**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2460	An Act To Allow the City of Augusta To Adjust the Definition of "Original Assessed Value" for the City of Augusta's Performance Food Group Municipal Tax Increment Financing District and To Validate the Assessment, Commitment and Collection of Property Taxes Dedicated for the Performance Food Group District for the Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20	<b>APPROVED BY BALLOT</b>

**SPONSOR: Rep. Tina Riley**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2452	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study the Economic, Environmental and Energy Benefits of Energy Storage to the Maine Electricity Industry	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Heidi H. Sampson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2435	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Nonprofit Seasonal Camps	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Holly B. Stover**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2450	An Act Amending the Charter of the Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District	

#### LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES

**SPONSOR:**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2461	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education	

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**SPONSOR: Rep. Seth A. Berry**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2445	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REQUIRE THAT THE NEW ENGLAND POWER POOL MAKE ITS MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA	

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#### AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2267	An Act To Establish Clear Standards for Outcome-based Forestry	Tabled 01/24/19
2422	An Act To Open Maine's Primaries To Cast Ballots in Primary Elections Starting in 2020	Tabled 02/28/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Peter Lyford**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2397	An Act To Allow Certain Licensees To Be Classified as Purveyors of Alcoholic Beverages and To Be Eligible To Conduct Additional Retail Taste-testing Events	Tabled 03/21/19

**SPONSOR: Sen. Jeff Timberlake**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2415	An Act To Eliminate the Fee for Gold Star Family Vanity Registration Plates	Tabled 03/21/19

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS

**SPONSOR: Sen. Shenna Bellows**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
223	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING MAINE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT OR OTHER LEGISLATION TO REPEAL BOTH THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION AND THE GOVERNMENTAL PENSION OFFSET PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Rep. Donna R. Doore**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
452	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT ELIMINATING THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION FROM THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	Tabled 01/24/19

**SPONSOR: Pres. Troy Dale Jackson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1141	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO GRANT EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION TO THE OFFER IN COMPROMISE SUBMITTED BY OUR KATAHDIN	Tabled 01/24/19

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**SPONSOR: Rep. Kent Ackley**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2477	An Act To Protect Maine Drivers from Loose Snow and Ice on Noncommercial Vehicles	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Brownie Carson**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2481	An Act To Authorize School Facilities in Career and Technical Education Regions To Enter into Energy Conservation Performance Contracts	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Justin Chenette**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2475	An Act To Provide for Gubernatorial Appointments to the Maine Charter School Commission	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Ned Claxton**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2470	An Act To Reduce the Cost of Prescription Drugs for Low-income Residents of the State	

**SPONSOR: Sen. Bill Diamond**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2480	Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Reform Child Protective Services	

**SPONSOR: Rep. Thomas H. Skolfield**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2476	Resolve, To Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley	

**LATE-FILED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULES**

**SPONSOR:**

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2472	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97: Private Non-Medical Institution Services; Appendices B, C, D, E and F, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	

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## **Legislative Council Policy on Legislative Studies for 129<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature**

### **1. Introduction**

On March 22, 2007, the Legislative Council unanimously endorsed revisions to Joint Rule 353 and revisions to Legislative Council policies proposed by a Legislative Council subcommittee established to study the legislative study process. On May 15, 2007, the Legislative Council's proposed revisions to Joint Rule 353 were adopted by the House and the Senate, as amended by the Joint Select Committee on Joint Rules. Joint Rules adopted by each successive legislature have included Joint Rule 353.

Joint Rule 353, Section 11, requires the Legislative Council to adopt policies governing legislative studies at the beginning of each legislative biennium. Pursuant to that authority, the Legislative Council adopts this policy on legislative studies to establish policies and procedures governing the Legislative Council's authorization of legislative studies, conditions on the funding of legislative studies, exceptions to the definition of legislative study, legislative study drafting standards and other provisions necessary to satisfy the requirements of Joint Rule 353.

### **2. Council authorization of legislative studies**

Legislative studies are authorized only upon the approval of a majority of the Legislative Council during its review of the study table, except that approval of 2/3 of the Legislative Council is required to authorize a legislative study that is required to submit a report to a subsequent Legislature.

### **3. Funding of legislative studies**

The Legislative Council shall establish a study line in the Legislative Account to which legislative studies are budgeted and study expenses charged. That study line must include funds appropriated by the Legislature for those purposes and funds allocated by the Legislature from other departmental accounts to the Legislative Account for the purposes of funding a legislative study. The Legislative Council shall also establish budgets and provide sufficient money from the legislative account for studies to be conducted by joint standing committees, joint select committees and other study committees of the Legislature. The Legislative Council shall

provide sufficient money to enable the committees to reasonably conduct and complete the requirements of the studies.

#### **4. Acceptance of private contributions to support legislative studies**

Private financial or in-kind contributions to support the work of legislative studies may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the study. Any person, other than a state agency, authorized and desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution must certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the study. All such contributions are subject to the approval of the Legislative Council. All contributions accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of contributions, the date the contributions were received, from whom the contributions were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of those contributions. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the contributions and shall notify the chairs of the legislative study committee when those contributions have been received. If funding for a legislative study is contingent upon receipt of private contributions and sufficient contributions have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of the study instrument, then no meetings of the study are authorized and no study-related expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

#### **5. Exceptions to Joint Rule 353**

The following limited exemptions to Joint Rule 353 are provided.

- A. Boards and commissions created in statute and codified in Title 5, chapter 379 are exempted from the provisions of this Joint Rule, except that the use of new legislative financial resources or Legislative Council staffing by a new board or commission or as the result of an amendment to an existing board or commission must be referred to a special study table for review and approval by the Legislative Council regarding the use of those resources;
- B. Legislation directing an agency or a group of stakeholders to study and report to the Legislature on any matter may include the appointment of not more than two members of the Legislature, provided that the report of the agency or group is required to be submitted within the biennium in which the legislation is introduced, that there are no other legislative appointments required, that the legislators are appointed consistent with subsection 3 and that no other legislative resources are required. Legislation creating such groups must be referred to a special study table for review and approval by the Legislative Council regarding the use of those resources.
- C. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, section 8, a joint select committee established in a manner consistent with Joint Rule 351 may, if so authorized in joint order establishing the joint select committee, introduce legislation to implement its recommendations.



**6. Council review of committee requests to vary from Joint Rule 353**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council must specifically review and approve as an exception any legislative study that is inconsistent with that joint rule.

**7. Authority and effective date**

Pursuant to its authority under Joint Rule 353, Section 11, the Legislative Council hereby adopts this policy governing legislative studies on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

This policy takes effect immediately.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director

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**MEMO**

To: Members, Legislative Council

From: Grant T. Pennoyer 

Date: March 28, 2019

Re: Youth in Government Program

I received a request from Lonney Steeves, Director of the Maine YMCA Youth in Government Program, regarding the scheduling of the 2019 Youth in Government Program. This fall they are requesting permission to hold their annual event on the Veterans' Day weekend, beginning Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> and concluding Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This program has been very successful over the years with last year's program involving 166 students from 17 different schools.

I have confirmed with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House that the timing on this particular weekend has worked well over the last few years and I would recommend that the Legislative Council once again authorize the Maine YMCA Youth in Government Program to hold its annual event over that weekend.

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**MEMO**

To: Members, Legislative Council

From: Grant T. Pennoyer *GTP*

Date: March 28, 2019

Re: Request for Use of Senate Chamber and State House on Saturday, May 18th

Jason Curry, representing the High School Debate Congress, has requested once again to hold a weekend event at the State House on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a much smaller scale event than their High School Debate Tournament held at the State House on January 12<sup>th</sup>. For the May 18<sup>th</sup> event, they are requesting to use the Senate Chamber and the Hall of Flags to eat lunch. The event will last from 9 AM to 3 PM and is for the Debate Congress to hold their annual Congress.

As with the event in January, this event, called Maine DeMolay, will not be open to the public and we will coordinate their special access to the State House for those participating. They will have plenty of responsible adult supervision for the event and would not need anything for extra space except the Hall of Flags to have a small pizza lunch. They anticipate total attendance for the event for high school-aged boys and adult advisors to be about 50.

Given their track record based on the event in January, we are not anticipating any problems with this event. The Secretary of the Senate has been working with them on planning and does not have any issues with hosting this event in the Senate.