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LD 3 An Act To Enhance and Increase the Availability of Mental Health Providers in Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANDY J BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill establishes and funds the Maine Mental Health Providers Loan Repayment Program, which provides up to \$5,000 per year, for a period of up to five years, in educational loan repayment assistance to qualified mental health providers. In order to qualify, a provider must be a social worker licensed by the State Board of Social Worker Licensure or a counselor licensed by the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure. Applicants must commit to practicing for five years in an underserved practice area of the State. The program is to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine.

The bill also repeals the currently unfunded Social Work Education Loan Repayment Program in the Maine Revised Statutes.

LD 15 An Act To Provide for Municipalities To Allow Grocery Stores up to 10,000 Square Feet To Open on Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M HERBIG E	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill allows a municipality by ordinance to allow grocery stores with no more than 10,000 square feet of interior customer selling space to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-463)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment clarifies the language in the bill, creating an exception to the general prohibition on stores with more than 5,000 square feet from opening on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day. This amendment allows municipalities to by ordinance allow grocery stores with between 5,000 and 10,000 square feet to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 37 An Act To Allow for the Sale of Nonprescription Drugs through Vending Machines PUBLIC 454

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TERRY M SANBORN L	OTP-AM ONTP	H-466

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This bill creates a limited exception to the prohibition against the sale of drugs by vending machines to allow for the sale of nonprescription drugs by vending machines.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-466)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment adds a "vending machine outlet" pharmacy licensing classification and requires that the Maine Board of Pharmacy adopt rules in accordance with certain specified requirements, including the following:

1. A requirement that only nonprescription drugs be dispensed by the vending machine;
2. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by the vending machine be stored in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, including temperature stable conditions;
3. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by a vending machine be sold only in the manufacturer's clearly labeled, original, unbroken, tamper-proof and expiration-dated packaging;
4. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by the vending machine be no older than the manufacturer's expiration date;
5. A limitation that no more than 12 different nonprescription drugs be dispensed by any single vending machine;
6. A requirement that a vending machine through which nonprescription drugs are dispensed have an obvious and legible statement on the machine that identifies the owner of the machine, a toll-free telephone number at which the consumer may contact the owner of the machine, a statement advising the consumer to check the expiration date of the product before using the product and the telephone number of the board of pharmacy;
7. Identification of any nonprescription drugs that cannot be dispensed by a vending machine; and
8. Identification of any locations in which vending machines dispensing nonprescription drugs may not be located, including the following:
 - A. Private schools;
 - B. Public preschool programs;
 - C. Public schools; and
 - D. Child care facilities.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 454 creates a limited exception to the prohibition against the sale of drugs by vending machines to allow for the sale of nonprescription drugs by vending machines. It adds a "vending machine outlet" pharmacy licensing classification and requires that the Maine Board of Pharmacy adopt rules in accordance with certain specified requirements, including the following:

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manufacturer recommendations, including temperature stable conditions;

3. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by a vending machine be sold only in the manufacturer's clearly labeled, original, unbroken, tamper-proof and expiration-dated packaging;
4. A requirement that nonprescription drugs dispensed by the vending machine be no older than the manufacturer's expiration date;
5. A limitation that no more than 12 different nonprescription drugs be dispensed by any single vending machine;
6. A requirement that a vending machine through which nonprescription drugs are dispensed have an obvious and legible statement on the machine that identifies the owner of the machine, a toll-free telephone number at which the consumer may contact the owner of the machine, a statement advising the consumer to check the expiration date of the product before using the product and the telephone number of the board of pharmacy;
7. Identification of any nonprescription drugs that cannot be dispensed by a vending machine; and
8. Identification of any locations in which vending machines dispensing nonprescription drugs may not be located, including the following:
 - A. Private schools;
 - B. Public preschool programs;
 - C. Public schools; and
 - D. Child care facilities.

**LD 50 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government
Oversight Committee To Improve the Development of a Long-range
Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A HERBIG E	ONTP	

This bill clarifies the role of the Maine Economic Growth Council and provides for additional requirements for the Council. It requires the Council to, by December 31, 2020, develop a long-range strategic economic improvement plan for a sustainable state economy. It requires that the Council review and update the plan by December 31, 2022 and every four years thereafter.

This bill requires that in developing the plan, the Council employ a continuous process with a five to ten year planning horizon; include consideration of industries and jobs with significant growth potential in the state, the state's industrial base, regional, national and international markets, studies and evaluations in the private and public sectors regarding long term economic growth in the state, the quantity and quality and demographic composition of the state's workforce, discrepancies in challenges and opportunities among regions, opportunities and challenges for small businesses, and optimization of the return on investment in the state; use a public and private partnership approach that is objective and nonpartisan; and use a transparent public process that allows for public input.

This bill requires that the plan include goals and objectives for long term economic development; specific, quantifiable and measurable benchmarks against which progress can be measured; strategies and actions to

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accomplish the benchmarks; and recommendations for allocation of resources.

This bill requires that the Council produce a written progress report by December 31, 2022 and every two years thereafter.

This bill requires that the Council submit the strategic plan, progress reports, updates and revised plans to the Governor and Legislature. By January 21, 2021, the Council must present the initial plan to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over economic development matters, the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over labor matters, the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and any other joint standing committees having jurisdiction over policy areas covered in the plan.

LD 88 An Act To Require the Truthful Display of Gasoline Prices ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEEBE-CENTER P JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill requires posted gasoline prices on pumps or on roadside signs of a retail seller to be the full price of the fuel and prohibits posting a price reduced due to factors such as method of payment, participation in a rewards program or a discount for the purchase of other goods or services from the retail seller.

LD 105 An Act To Establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C PIERCE T		

This bill creates the Office of Outdoor Recreation within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

This bill makes an ongoing allocation of \$250,000 per fiscal year from the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund, which is funded by a portion of the meals and lodging sales tax, to the new Office of Outdoor Recreation.

LD 106 An Act To Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act Relating to Alternative Therapy or Collaborative Treatment Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GUERIN S		

This bill authorizes a person to provide alternative therapy or collaborative treatment to an animal only if the person holds a license, registration or certification from the entity in the State responsible for issuing licenses, certifications or registrations for the alternative therapy or collaborative treatment or meets certain educational requirements, has a referral to provide the alternative therapy or collaborative treatment from a licensed veterinarian and is under the

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direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The bill also defines "alternative therapy or collaborative treatment" to include acupuncture, dentistry, homeopathic or chiropractic procedures and physical or massage therapy.

LD 130 An Act To Provide Funding To Continue the Strategic Economic and Sustainable Development of Northern Aroostook County ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides funds in only the 2020-2021 biennium to support the work of the Core Leadership Team of Acadia of the Lands and Forests.

LD 138 An Act Regarding the Maine Coworking Development Fund PUBLIC 507

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R POULIOT M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-146 S-323 BREEN C

This bill provides one-time funding for the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide funds from the Maine Coworking Development fund for the expansion of existing collaborative workspaces. The bill directs the Department to give preference to applicants with projects in counties in which the unemployment rate exceeds the statewide unemployment rate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-146)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment requires that in determining awards for collaborative workplace development through funds appropriated to the Maine Coworking Development Fund, the Department of Economic and Community Development use a competitive bid process, rather than a request for proposal process. This amendment expands the pool of potential applicants to include entities seeking to establish new collaborative workplaces and directs the department to prioritize new development. It directs the department to engage in at least two rounds of competitive applications and also directs that any funds remaining from the remaining 2019-20 appropriation be carried over into 2020-21.

This amendment also replaces the requirement for an annual report by the department to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-323)

This amendment eliminates the provision in Committee Amendment "A" that requires that funds be provided to entities to develop collaborative workspaces. It also removes the language that directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to prioritize development of new workspaces in the competitive application process and to engage in at least two rounds of competitive applications. It also removes the one-time General Fund appropriation.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 507 directs the Maine Coworking Development Fund, the Department of Economic and Community Development to use a competitive bid process to provide funds from the Maine Coworking Development Fund for the development of collaborative workspaces. It directs the department to, beginning February 1, 2020, annually provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters regarding the program.

LD 183 An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T BREEN C	ONTP	

This bill increases the loan amount an undergraduate may receive under the Educators for Maine Program from \$3,000 to \$9,000 per academic year and from \$12,000 to \$36,000 total. It also increases from \$20,000 to \$44,000 the total amount a student may receive in undergraduate and postbaccalaureate loans.

LD 191 An Act To Protect Heating Fuel Customers Who Close Their Accounts ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HYMANSON P LAWRENCE M	ONTP	

This bill requires dealers of heating fuel to reimburse customers within 30 days for any fuel recovered following the closing of their accounts and makes failure to do so a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

**LD 277 An Act To Ban Telephone Solicitations Using an Artificial or
Prerecorded Voice and Enhance Caller Identification PUBLIC 185**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J NADEAU C	OTP-AM	S-88

This bill adds artificial and prerecorded voice calls to the prohibited types of solicitation calls and adds all residential telephone numbers within the State to the list of recipients to whom calls using automated calling devices and artificial and prerecorded voice calls may not be made.

This bill also makes it an unfair trade practice for a seller or telemarketer to fail to transmit or cause to be transmitted the telephone number and, when made available by the telemarketer's carrier, the name of the telemarketer to any caller identification service in use by a recipient of a telemarketing call. This bill also makes it an unfair trade practice for a seller or telemarketer to cause misleading information to be transmitted to users of caller identification services or to otherwise misrepresent or disguise the origin of a solicitation call.

This bill also provides that the current exceptions to the prohibition against using an automated telephone calling device also apply to the use of an artificial or prerecorded voice and provides additional exceptions for

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public and private schools, emergency messages by governmental entities and calls made to deliver information with the prior express written consent of the recipient of the call.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-88)

This amendment:

1. Adds a definition of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to include, to the extent consistent with federal law, blocked caller identification information;
2. Amends the definition of telemarketing to include interconnected voice over Internet protocol and text messaging, and removes the requirement for at least one intrastate call;
3. Adds an exception to the prohibition on use of automatic calls in order to communicate with a business about reservations, purchases and other information for customers such as hours of operation, directions and merchandise availability;
4. Removes the original bill language prohibiting blocked telemarketer caller identification information;
5. Adds language stating that violations of the prohibition on misleading or inaccurate telemarketer caller identification information that are violations of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act are enforceable by the Office of the Attorney General;
6. Changes the bill language describing transmission of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to add a requirement for intent to defraud, cause harm or obtain anything of value;
7. Adds language stating that it is not a violation of the prohibition against use of automated telephone calling devices or an artificial or prerecorded voice for a seller or telemarketer to substitute, for the name and telephone number used in or billed in making the call, the name of the seller or charitable organization on whose behalf the call is placed or the seller or charitable organization's customer or donor service telephone number that is answered during regular business hours; and
8. Adds language stating that a telecommunications carrier providing telecommunications service as allowed by federal law is exempt from the prohibition on causing any caller identification services to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or obtain anything of value.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 185 does the following.

1. It adds a definition of misleading or inaccurate caller identification information to include, to the extent consistent with federal law, blocked caller identification information.
2. It adds artificial and prerecorded voice calls to the prohibited types of solicitation calls and adds all residential telephone numbers within the state to the list of recipients to whom calls using automated calling devices and artificial and prerecorded voice calls cannot be made.
3. It provides that the current exceptions to the prohibition against using an automated telephone calling device also apply to the use of an artificial or prerecorded voice and provides additional exceptions for public and private schools, emergency messages by governmental entities, calls made to deliver information with the prior express written consent of the recipient of the call and to communicate with a business about reservations, purchases and other information for customers such as hours of operation, directions and merchandise

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availability.

4. It amends the definition of telemarketing to include interconnected voice over Internet protocol and text messaging, and removes the requirement for at least one intrastate call.
5. It adds language stating that it is an unfair trade practice, enforceable by the Office of the Attorney General, for a seller or telemarketer to cause any caller identification services to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value.
6. It adds language stating that it is not a violation of the prohibition against use of automated telephone calling devices or artificial or prerecorded voice for a seller or telemarketer to substitute, for the name and telephone number used in or billed in making the call, the name of the seller or charitable organization on whose behalf the call is placed or the seller or charitable organization's customer or donor service telephone number that is answered during regular business hours.
7. It adds language stating that a telecommunications carrier providing telecommunications service as allowed by federal law is exempt from the prohibition on causing any caller identification services to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or obtain anything of value.

**LD 288 Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Create a Statewide Economic
Development Plan**

**Leave to Withdraw
Pursuant to Joint
Rule**

Sponsor(s)

TEPLER D
BREEN C

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve establishes the Commission to Create a Statewide Economic Development Plan to study economic development issues and create a strategic, regionally focused economic development plan.

The Commission consists of 20 members, including:

1. Two members of the Senate from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature of the Senate and appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature of the Senate and appointed by the Speaker of the House;
3. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or designee;
4. The President of the Maine Community College System or designee;
5. An individual representing a private organization focused on promoting economic growth in the state and appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. An individual representing a private research institution and appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7. The Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or designee;

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8. The State Economist or designee;
9. A member of the Maine Economic Growth Council appointed by the President of the Senate;
10. A representative of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce appointed by the President of the Senate;
11. A representative of a regional chamber of commerce appointed by the Speaker of the House;
12. The Commissioner of Transportation or designee;
13. Three members representing business or professional organizations, two of whom may be representatives of business or entrepreneurial enterprises located outside of the State but that have or may have business interests in the State; and
14. Three members representing business or professional enterprises, each based in a separate region and from different industries, one of which must represent a business of less than 25 employees, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

This resolve directs the Commission to create an economic development plan that includes an identification of state, national and international economic trends impacting the State’s development; an inventory and analysis of the State’s competitive advantages and of factors preventing economic development; development of strategies for the promotion of business formulation, expansion, recruitment and retention; development of policies and programs to further economic diversity; stimulation of economic development in rural areas and smaller economic regions; promotion of successful long term developments; plans for the generation of foreign investment in the state that creates high paying jobs and reverse investment in the State; identification of business sectors that are of current or future importance to the State; strategies for talent development; and a strategy for investing in research and development for innovation in manufacturing.

This resolve requires that no later than January 15, 2020, the Commission submit a preliminary report, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. The Commission must submit a final report by October 1, 2020 that includes its findings and recommendations and may include suggested legislation.

LD 348 An Act To Prohibit the Providing of Misleading or Inaccurate Information via Caller Identification Services during Telemarketing Calls ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill makes it a civil violation for a seller or telemarketer engaging in a telemarketing call to knowingly cause any caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification with the intent to defraud or cause harm to another person or to wrongfully obtain anything of value. It establishes a fine of not less than \$500 for the first offense and of not less than \$1,000 for any subsequent offense to be imposed in addition to any other penalties imposed under the law regarding telemarketing and caller identification and requires restitution to be paid.

The content of this bill was incorporated in LD 277, which was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and enacted as Public Law 2019, chapter 185.

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LD 349 An Act To Extend the Refundability of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit to Students in the Behavioral Health Field ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEEBE-CENTER P VITELLI E	ONTP	

This bill provides that students receiving bachelor's degrees or associate degrees in a behavioral health field are entitled to a refundable income tax credit for certain education loans in the same manner as students receiving degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

LD 371 An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E FECTEAU R	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Small Communities Tourism Fund in the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to issue grants to small communities to promote tourism and events.

LD 386 An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON H	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to create a paid internship program in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in order to provide beginning wildlife biologists with a diversity of opportunities to increase their experience and make them more versatile and more likely to pursue careers in the State.

The bill requires that the program:

1. Employ a competitive process to choose interns;
2. Offer a paid internship to each chosen participant for a period of no less than two years;
3. Include various fields of study in incremental blocks over the course of the internship; and
4. Be offered to no fewer than three interns per year.

This bill anticipates that funding for this program would come, in part, from the consolidation of seasonal and other part-time positions in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the duties of which can be performed by interns participating in the program.

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LD 397 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Building Contractors, Insulation Installers and Energy Auditors ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIAZZO C	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review pursuant to the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 regarding the licensing of building contractors, insulation installers and energy auditors. This resolve requires the commissioner to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Commerce and allows the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 435 An Act To Provide for the 2019 and 2020 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds P & S 2
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E STETKIS J	OTP-AM	S-8

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2019 and 2020 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. The allocations include the following:

1. A \$5,000,000 allocation to the Treasurer of State;
2. A \$40,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine;
3. A \$10,000,000 allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
4. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority;
5. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority; and
6. A \$171,245,000 unallocated reserve.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 2 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2019 and 2020 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds. The allocations include the following:

1. A \$5,000,000 allocation to the Treasurer of State;
2. A \$40,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine;

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3. A \$10,000,000 allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
4. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority;
5. A \$50,000,000 allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority; and
6. A \$171,245,000 unallocated reserve.

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 5, 2019.

LD 440 An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program

PUBLIC 510

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANBORN L PIERCE T	OTP-AM	S-61 S-326 BREEN C

This bill provides ongoing funds in the amount of \$800,000 per year to the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12103-A.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-326)

This amendment eliminates the General Fund appropriations of \$800,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine in the bill and, instead, provides one-time General Fund appropriations of \$400,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 only.

This amendment also requires the State Controller to transfer \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2020-21 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

This amendment also requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and to notify the State Controller and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of the amounts to be transferred from each account on or before June 30th of each fiscal year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 510 provides one-time General Fund appropriations of \$400,000 per year in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund within the Finance Authority of Maine.

This law also requires the State Controller to transfer \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 at the close of fiscal year 2020-21 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

This law also requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$400,000 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$400,000 in fiscal year 2020-21 and to notify the State Controller and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs of the amounts to be transferred from each account on or before June 30th of each fiscal year.

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LD 461 An Act To Improve the Affordability of Higher Education ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill provides additional funding to the Maine State Grant Program in the 2020-2021 biennium in the amount of \$45,000,000 per year. It requires the Finance Authority of Maine to expand the Maine State Grant Program to enable more low-income residents of the State to attend an institution of higher education within the State. It also requires the Finance Authority of Maine and the Department of Health and Human Services to jointly examine ways to maximize the delivery of federally funded support services to postsecondary students, including, but not limited to, the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program.

LD 486 An Act To Improve Efficiencies in Cosmetology Licensing ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D MARTIN J	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person is eligible to obtain a cosmetology license in this State if that person has met the hour and timing requirements in state law by completing a course of instruction or having experience as a trainee out of state that is approved by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

LD 509 An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MILLETT R	OTP-AM ONTP	H-468

This bill provides that the minimum grant amount under the Maine State Grant Program may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose, subject to the current grant amount modifications under the program. This bill provides an ongoing appropriation of \$9,450,000 per year to fund this increase in the minimum grant amount.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-468)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment provides that, of the \$9,450,000 appropriated in each fiscal year, \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year must be dedicated to assistance of adult learners in returning to school and completing their credentials.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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LD 532 Resolve, Directing Professional Licensing and Certification Boards To Study the Barriers To Obtaining Professional Licensure and Certification ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORALES V BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This resolve directs each professional licensing and certification board under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, in consultation with the Department of the Attorney General, to undertake a thorough review of its rules and procedures and survey its licensees and certificate holders and applicants for licensure or certification to research barriers to obtaining licensure and certification, including existing deficiencies in reciprocity provisions.

This resolve directs each board to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by January 15, 2020 with its findings and any proposed changes to its rules and procedures. The joint standing committee is directed to review and suggest alterations to the licensing and certification boards, which may promulgate rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation related to any report under this section to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 570 An Act To Create an Airplane Mechanic Education Program ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARDONE B GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to develop a program to train and educate individuals for a career in aircraft mechanics and maintenance.

LD 624 An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Textbooks for Low-income College Students ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill allows the Finance Authority of Maine, which administers the Maine State Grant Program, to award postsecondary students an additional \$500 grant per year over the current minimum \$1,000 grant. The \$500 is to be used for the cost of textbooks required for courses in which the student is enrolled. Awardees must meet the same need and residency criteria as is required by the standard Maine State Grant Program.

LD 647 An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLOUTIER K LIBBY N	OTP-AM ONTP	H-556

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This bill does the following.

1. It establishes and provides funding for the Welcome Center Initiative to establish welcome centers within the adult education programs of participating school administrative units in municipalities or regions of the State that have immigrant populations or that have industries that are experiencing a shortage of trained workers. The purpose of welcome centers is to educate, provide career planning, case management and vocational training for foreign-trained workers, including foreign-trained professionals, and match workers with employers.
2. It provides ongoing funding for the New Mainers Resource Center in Portland.
3. It directs the Department of Education to establish a welcome center under the Welcome Center Initiative within the City of Lewiston's adult education program to attract, educate and retain in employment foreign-trained workers, patterned after the New Mainers Resource Center in Portland, and provides funding for that purpose.
4. It directs and provides funding for the Department of Education's office of adult education and family literacy to administer a two-year program to prepare immigrants for identified workforce needs of employers in the State, with the goal of accelerating entry into livable wage employment and enhancing employer retention of immigrants. The program will offer vocation-specific English language acquisition with training in specific vocational areas at the workplace. Program awards are to be established through a statewide competitive grant process.

The office is required to prepare a report describing the number of grants awarded, the training and services provided by the grant recipients, aggregate demographic information about participants and employers and an evaluation of programs and services most effective in carrying out the purposes of the program. The report must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by November 4, 2021. The committee may report out a bill based upon the report in the 130th Legislature.

5. It directs and provides funding for the Department of Education office of adult education and family literacy to establish a two-year local community planning support program to assist communities within the State to provide a planning process for communities to provide English language acquisition and training in vocational skills, identify employers or areas that would benefit from immigrant residency or employment and cultivate community support to integrate immigrants into the communities and local workforce.

The office is required to establish a grant process to carry out the purposes of the program and to prepare a report describing the grantees, grants amounts and an evaluation of the outcomes and effectiveness of the grant on the target communities. The report must be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 5, 2020. The committee may report out a bill based upon the report in the 130th Legislature.

6. It directs and provides funding for the Department of Education office of adult education and family literacy to develop and implement a grant process to provide funding on a competitive basis for English language acquisition to adult education programs in communities experiencing an increase in immigrant populations or demand to reduce the waiting list for English language acquisition classes and to increase the level of English language acquisition instruction.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-556)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment does the following.

1. It makes it clear that the coordinator of a welcome center may secure funding both to support ongoing operations of the welcome center and to expand capacity.

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2. It removes the requirement that vocation-specific training and English language classes offered under the workforce training program be offered at the workplace and replaces it with language stating that the employers are to provide the time and space for classes on site, but whenever this is not feasible, employers are to provide at no cost to the employees supports such as transportation and incentives to prioritize, encourage and facilitate employee contribution.
3. It provides additional detail regarding the employees eligible for the workforce training and English language acquisition program. To be eligible, employees must be participating potential, newly hired or incumbent employees. It adds descriptions of incumbent and potential employees.
4. It further describes the program elements of the local community planning support program, which may include, but are not limited to, provision of English language acquisition classes, vocational skills training, launch of a welcome center, identification of employers and cooperating partners and cultivation of community support.
5. It adjusts the appropriation for the welcome centers to provide less funding in the first year and more in the second.
6. It makes grammatical and technical changes to the bill.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 671 Resolve, To Require Professional Licensure for Home Inspectors

RESOLVE 61

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KESSLER C CHIPMAN B	ONTP OTP-AM	H-223

This bill requires that all property inspectors be licensed by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation by January 1, 2021. The bill also directs the department to adopt rules to establish standards and procedures for licensure.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-223)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment replaces the bill, which requires licensure of home inspectors, with a resolve that requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review assessment of the proposal for licensing of home inspectors. The amendment requires the commissioner to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and allows the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve Law 2019, chapter 61 requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review assessment of the proposal for licensing of home inspectors. Its requires the commissioner to submit a report by January 10, 2020 with any necessary legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and allows the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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LD 679 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners

PUBLIC 101

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANLEY S	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-144
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This bill allows the State Board of Funeral Service to issue a permanent license to engage in the funeral service profession and operate a funeral establishment to an applicant who holds an active license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and does the following.

1. It repeals the temporary licensure process for an individual with an out-of-state license to practice funeral service and replaces it with a new process by which the board may issue a license to practice funeral service to an applicant who holds an active unrestricted license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine, as long as the licensee has not been subjected to disciplinary action in the prior state.
2. It requires the State Board of Funeral Service to adopt routine technical rules to implement the section describing the issuance of a license to an out-of-state licensee, and specifically requires that rules define what constitutes substantially similar license requirements.
3. It changes the continuing education requirements to allow for six, rather than eight hours to be conducted remotely, and removes the requirement that all continuing education programs be approved by the board.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 101 does the following.

1. It repeals the temporary licensure process for an individual with an out-of-state license to practice funeral service and replaces it with a new process by which the board may issue a license to practice funeral service to an applicant who holds an active unrestricted license to practice funeral service in another state, the license requirements of which are substantially similar to the license requirements in Maine, as long as the licensee has not been subjected to disciplinary action in the prior state.
2. It requires the State Board of Funeral Service to adopt routine technical rules to implement the section describing the issuance of a license to an out-of-state licensee, and specifically requires that rules define what constitutes substantially similar license requirements.
3. It changes the continuing education requirements to allow for six, rather than eight hours to be conducted remotely, and removes the requirement that all continuing education programs be approved by the board.

LD 681 An Act To Amend the Maine Dental Education Loan Program

PUBLIC 102

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MASTRACCIO A	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-145
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This bill amends the Maine Dental Education Loan Program in the following ways.

1. It redefines “underserved population area” to mean “an area in the State that is a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved area or that contains a medically underserved population as defined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration”
2. It increases the maximum loan amounts available under the program from \$20,000 a year for a period of up to four years to \$25,000 a year for a period of up to four years, beginning January 1, 2020.
3. It eliminates the advisory committee on dental education.
4. It enables the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to consult key stakeholders in administering the program and evaluating its effectiveness.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 102 does the following.

1. It redefines “underserved population area” to mean “an area in the State that is a dental health professional shortage area or medically underserved area or that contains a medically underserved population as defined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration”.
2. It increases the maximum loan amounts available under the program from \$20,000 a year for a period of up to four years to \$25,000 a year for a period of up to four years, beginning January 1, 2020.
3. It eliminates the advisory committee on dental education.
4. It enables the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to consult key stakeholders in administering the program and evaluating its effectiveness.

LD 686 An Act To Ease Record-keeping Requirements for Auctioneers

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

CUDDY S
HERBIG E

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill provides that an auctioneer is not required to record the serial numbers of paper money that is subject to purchase. It retains the provision in current law that an auctioneer record a brief description of property the auctioneer purchases. It also allows an auctioneer to keep certain records regarding the purchase of used personal property in electronic form.

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**LD 742 Resolve, To Examine How To Retain Reservation Booking Commissions
in the State ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLUME L	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13090-C, to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating a state-operated online reservation service in order to retain reservation booking commissions in the State. The resolve also directs the Office of Tourism to report the study findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business no later than January 15, 2020, and authorizes the joint standing committee to submit a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 768 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Research the Economic
Disparities of Racial and Ethnic Populations ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TALBOT ROSS R LIBBY N	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Research the Economic Disparities of Racial and Ethnic Populations. The Commission is comprised of 13 members, including the following:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the two parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. A representative of a community development organization appointed by the President of the Senate;
4. A representative of an economic policy organization appointed by the Speaker of the House;
5. The administrator of the Maine District Office of the federal Small Business Administration, or the administrator's designee;
6. Two members of the public engaged in working with communities of color in business development, one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom is appointed by the Speaker of the House;
7. The president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, or the president's designee; and
8. A representative of the Native American community.

This resolve tasks the Commission with researching income levels of and opportunities available to historically disadvantaged racial and ethnic populations in the state and with examining data regarding business ownership, household assets, debts and income, housing, employment and access to inherited wealth, capital and benefits. The Commission is also tasked with consideration of proposals to diversity business ownership. It also provides that

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notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council shall provide staffing to the Commission. This resolve requires the Commission to submit a report with findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 769 Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Credentialing Skilled Individuals with Foreign Credentials ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D SANBORN H	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials in the State. The working group consists of eight to ten members representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Governor and the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The content of this resolve was incorporated in LD 1841, which was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and enacted as Resolve 2019, chapter 79.

LD 771 An Act Regarding the Cancellation of Subscription Services PUBLIC 175

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM	H-143 S-99 HERBIG E

This bill requires a business that makes an automatic renewal subscription offer of an online magazine, journal or periodical, online media player, mobile app, social networking service or Internet game service to present a consumer in this State with an easily accessible disclosure of the methods that consumer may use to cancel the subscription, which must include online cancellation.

This bill applies only to agreements entered into or renewed after January 1, 2020 and does not apply to an entity that provides the host platform on the website of an Internet game service.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-143)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment does the following.

1. It strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the provisions of the bill to a different chapter of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10.
2. It adds online software to the list of services falling under the bill's provisions.
3. It adds definitions for "online software," "extended automatic subscription renewal" and "seller."

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4. It adds a requirement that if a phone number is provided for the purposes of cancellation of the subscription, the phone number must be toll-free and must be prominently displayed in the disclosure.
5. It adds a requirement for prior notice of renewal for extended automatic subscription renewals.
6. It adds language exempting sellers from actions brought under the Unfair Trade Practices Act if the seller's failure to comply was the result of an error and the seller compensates the consumer.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-99)

This amendment replaces the requirement that a seller of an extended automatic subscription renewal provide for cancellation in the same manner used to purchase the subscription with a requirement that the seller provide for online cancellation of the subscription by any means of communicating information over a computer network.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 175 does the following.

1. It requires a business that makes an automatic renewal subscription renewal offer of an online magazine, journal or periodical, online media player, mobile app, social networking service, Internet game service, or online software to present the customer with an easily accessible disclosure of the methods that the consumer may use to cancel the subscription. It requires the seller to provide for online cancellation of the subscription by any means of communicating information over a computer network. If a phone number is provided for the purposes of cancellation, the number must be toll-free and prominently displayed in the disclosure.
2. It requires a business that makes an extended automatic subscription renewal, which is defined as an automatic subscription renewal with a specified subscription term of 12 months or more, in which the subscription automatically renews for a specified term of more than one month unless the consumer cancels the subscription, to notify the consumer in advance of the renewal. It requires that notice be provided to the consumer no less than 30 days and no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic subscription renewal. It requires that the seller provide for online cancellation of the subscription by any means of communicating information over a computer network and requires clear and conspicuous notice of the terms and procedures for cancellation.
3. It provides that noncompliance is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.
4. It provides that an action may not be brought under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act if a violation is the result of an error and the seller provides a full refund or credit for all amounts billed to or paid by the consumer from the date of the subscription renewal until the date of the termination of the subscription or the date of the subsequent notice of renewal, whichever occurs first.
5. It applies only to agreements entered into or renewed after January 1, 2020 and does not apply to an entity that provides the host platform on the website of an Internet game service.

LD 772 An Act To Encourage Continued Learning

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
DAUGHTRY M

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to encourage continued learning by Maine residents, including, but not limited to, creating incentives and implementing strategies to enable so-called stranded learners who have some college credit but no degree to complete degree and certificate programs and graduate from college.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 799 An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JORGENSEN E GRATWICK G	OTP-AM ONTP	H-558

This bill amends the nursing education loan repayment program as follows.

1. It extends eligibility to apply to individuals who are currently enrolled in master's or doctoral degree programs;
2. It specifies that applicants must indicate an intention to work as full-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State, and increases the required commitment from three to five years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program; and
3. It increases the maximum amount of loans eligible for repayment under the program from \$4,500 to \$30,000 for a master's degree, and from \$6,000 to \$60,000 for a doctoral degree.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-558)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and creates a new loan repayment program, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, for health care providers who agree to live and work in the State for a minimum of five years. Under the program, the authority will pay up to \$30,000 per year and the lesser of \$150,000 in aggregate and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The amendment establishes a fund for the program, sets parameters for the administration of the program and establishes an advisory committee to guide the work of the Finance Authority of Maine in administering the program. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 813 Resolve, To Encourage Relocation of Working Professionals ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J FECTEAU R	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to design and implement a one-year pilot program to encourage remote workers to relocate to Maine. The pilot program, the New Remote Worker Grant Program, will award grants of up to \$2,500 per qualifying individual and up to \$125,000 in total funds for qualifying expenses. The resolve directs the department to, by February 1, 2021, report back to the joint standing

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committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor and housing matters and gives these committees authority to report out legislation based on the department's report.

LD 814 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Research and Innovation led by the University of Maine System CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E HUBBELL B		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill would provide funding and enact measures based on recommendations of the President of the University of Maine at Machias in a strategic plan chartered by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and due to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System in March 2019. The bill would strengthen research and economic development efforts across the University of Maine System to support Maine industries and workforce development and to foster business formation and expansion, specifically in the seven research and development sectors designated in statute: advanced technology for agriculture and forestry; aquaculture and marine technology; biotechnology; composite materials technology; environmental technology; information technology; and precision manufacturing technology.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 862 An Act To Limit the Amount of Money That May Be Retained on Construction Contracts Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D LIBBY N	ONTP OTP	

This bill limits the amount of money that may be retained under a construction contract, pending the completion of contractor or subcontractor performance, to 5% of the contract price. The limit applies only to private contracts and not to contracts entered into by governmental entities and only to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the legislation.

LD 872 An Act To Forgive Education Debt for Certain Health Care Professionals Who Work in the State ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A	ONTP	

This bill creates the Health Care Professional Education Loan Repayment Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to repay the education debt of certain health care professionals who agree to live and work in the State for a minimum of five years. Under the program, the authority will pay 20% of the education debt or \$25,000, whichever is lower, for each year of participation in the program up to a total of \$125,000 for a health care professional who is not employed in a federally designated health professional shortage area and 20% of the education debt or \$30,000, whichever is lower, for each year of participation in the program up to a total of \$150,000 for a health care professional who is employed in a federally designated health professional shortage area.

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The program is contingent on funding from the proceeds from the renewal of the contract for the operations of the State's wholesale spirits business.

LD 875 An Act To Require Warranty Coverage for Damage to Manufactured Homes during Transportation and Handling ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K	ONTP	

This bill requires that warranties for manufactured homes include covering damage to a manufactured home during transportation or handling, for which the dealer is required to take corrective action. This bill also requires a dealer of manufactured housing to place an amount equal to 10% of the purchase price in escrow that may not be released to the dealer until both the dealer and consumer execute a release subsequent to the installation and final inspection of the manufactured housing.

LD 890 An Act To Expand Workforce Access by Creating Apprenticeship Programs To Increase Access to Licensure in Certain Occupations ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KEIM L DAUGHTRY M	ONTP	

This bill expands access to the workforce by allowing individuals to fulfill licensing requirements through participation in apprenticeship programs, thus allowing participants to earn a paycheck at the same time as they acquire hands-on training and experience. Under this bill:

1. The licensing boards for the occupations that are included in this expanded apprenticeship program will grant licenses to applicants who meet criteria established by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation;
2. The criteria established may include, without limitation:
 - A. Successful completion of the 8th grade;
 - B. Completion of an apprenticeship that is approved by the Department of Labor or the United States Department of Labor or in accordance with any applicable state or federal law. For purposes of this bill, "apprenticeship" is defined as a program that meets the federal guidelines set out in 29 United States Code, Section 50 and 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 29; and
 - C. Successful completion of any necessary examination, as determined by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. The passing score on an examination for a participant in the expanded apprenticeship model may not exceed the passing score that is otherwise required under the rules adopted by the applicable licensing board. If the rules adopted by the applicable licensing board do not otherwise require successful completion of an examination, an examination may not be required for participation in the expanded apprenticeship program; and
3. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is required to adopt rules necessary to implement the expanded apprenticeship program, including limitations on the length of and the numbers of hours required by each authorized apprenticeship.

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The content of this resolve was incorporated in LD 1768, which was reported out of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and enacted and Public Law 2019, chapter 373.

LD 895 An Act To Promote Economic Development through Research and Development **Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE M TIPPING R		

This bill provides ongoing funds to the Maine Economic Improvement Fund within the University of Maine System to support research and development.

LD 896 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J CAIAZZO C	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, in conjunction with the Department of Labor, to study the development of a voluntary licensing system for general contractors for home improvement and construction. The department is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by December 4, 2019, and the committee is authorized to submit a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 897 An Act To Restore Funding for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT M DOORE D	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill provides ongoing funds of \$50,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 for the Capital Riverfront Improvement District.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)

This amendment which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 902 Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Proposal To License Certain Mechanical Trades ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUDDY S BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an independent assessment pursuant to the sunrise review requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes of the proposal to license certain mechanical trades and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

LD 904 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Operators of Cranes RESOLVE 75

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUDDY S BELLOWS S	OTP-AM ONTP	H-465

This bill requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an assessment pursuant to the sunrise review requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the licensing of heavy equipment operators. This bill requires the commissioner to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and allows the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-465)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment limits the scope of the sunrise review by the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to licensing operators of cranes that:

1. Are used in construction, demolition or excavation work;
2. Are used at construction sites of projects that involve work on structures over an established height; and
3. Have lifting capacity that reaches or exceeds set limits.

The amendment requires that in conducting the sunrise review, the Commissioner consider the following:

1. A requirement that an applicant for licensure as an operator of a crane possess an active, unrestricted Maine driver's license and a certification of medical fitness;
2. A requirement for a written and practical examination that incorporates national certifications and federal or national industry guidelines; and
3. A pathway to licensure that recognizes licensure in another US state or territory.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 75 directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review regarding the licensing of operators of cranes that:

1. Are used in construction, demolition or excavation work;
2. Are used at construction sites of projects that involve work on structures over an established height; and
3. Have lifting capacity that reaches or exceeds set limits.

In conducting the sunrise review, the Commissioner must consider the following:

1. A requirement that an applicant for licensure as an operator of a crane possess an active, unrestricted Maine driver’s license and a certification of medical fitness;
2. A requirement for a written and practical examination that incorporates national certifications and federal or national industry guidelines; and
3. A pathway to licensure that recognizes licensure in another U.S. state or territory.

This law requires that the commissioner submit a report by January 10, 2020 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is authorized to submit legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 909 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Establish a Blockchain Technology Working Group ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WADSWORTH N	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish a working group to develop a master plan for fostering the expansion of the blockchain technology industry in the State and recommend policies and investments to make the State a leader in blockchain technology. Blockchain technology, used in the creation of Bitcoin and other digital currencies, consists of a list of digital records linked together using cryptography that is resistant to modification of the data in the records, creating an open, distributed ledger that records a transaction between two or more parties efficiently and in a verifiable and permanent manner. This resolve directs the commissioner to submit the master plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters by December 2, 2020 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

LD 1051 An Act To Create the Maine Family First Employer Program CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E GIDEON S		

This bill creates the Maine Family First Employer Program under the Department of Labor to award employers that

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create family-friendly workplaces by providing, for all full-time employees, advancement and leadership opportunities; the same pay rates for similar work; stipends or assistance for child care; paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child and medical care for employees or family members of employees; flexible work accommodations for other family obligations; and health insurance and retirement plan options. The awards are presented by the Governor and come with a logo that a designated employer may use for promotional purposes.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1056 An Act To Update and Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act

PUBLIC 160

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R HERBIG E	OTP-AM	H-224

This bill does the following.

1. It amends the Finance Authority of Maine Act by removing various references to bond financing for major business expansion projects and eliminating that financing.
2. It reallocates the bonding authority for securing the Finance Authority of Maine's capital reserve funds supporting other programs.
3. It removes definitions pertaining to the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund, which was repealed in 2013. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)**

This amendment increases the maximum amount of insurance the Finance Authority of Maine may provide to related entities from \$7,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 160 does the following.

1. It amends the Finance Authority of Maine Act by removing various references to bond financing for major business expansion projects and eliminating that financing.
2. It reallocates the bonding authority for securing the Finance Authority of Maine's capital reserve funds supporting other programs.
3. It removes definitions pertaining to the Clean Fuel Vehicle Fund, which was repealed in 2013.
4. It increases the maximum amount of insurance the Finance Authority of Maine may provide to related entities from \$7,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

LD 1087 An Act To Keep Maine Businesses Competitive

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	ONTP	

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to keep Maine businesses competitive.

LD 1136 An Act To Provide Snow Sports Safety Information to Consumers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO A GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires a ski area operator to annually create a safety plan for the ski area and make that plan accessible to the public. It also requires ski area operators to report on skiing accidents from the previous year and make those reports accessible to the public.

**LD 1160 An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State PUBLIC 166
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHARPE B CARSON B	OTP-AM	H-258

This bill transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-258)

This amendment retains language in the current statute allowing for funds to be deposited with and maintained by other state agencies. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 166 transfers the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund from the Finance Authority of Maine to the Treasurer of State, requires funds to be deposited with and maintained by the Treasurer or other state agency and allows the Treasurer of State to make disbursements from the fund only upon written direction of the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board. This bill also provides funds to establish the fund in the Office of the Treasurer of State.

Public Law, 2019, chapter 166 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2019.

LD 1193 Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need To Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E KINNEY M		

This resolve directs the Maine Community College System to evaluate the unmet need and capacity for expanding workforce training options in Waldo County with the goal of providing additional capacity for training in industries with identified employee shortages. The Maine Community College System is required to submit a report with

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suggested legislation by December 4, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

**LD 1217 An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account
Program**

PUBLIC 239

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E JORGENSEN E	OTP-AM	S-167

This bill amends the family development account program in the following ways.

1. It transfers administration of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.
2. It allows the University of Maine System to consult key stakeholders such as program participants, community development organizations and financial institutions, as well as organizations representing the interests of low-income persons in the State, as part of administering the program and assessing its effectiveness.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)

This amendment:

1. Adds a definition of "eligible person";
2. Modifies the definition of "account holder";
3. Adds language allowing the University of Maine System to solicit proposals from community development organizations on a schedule established by the system;
4. Allows, instead of requires, the system to adopt rules;
5. Allows, instead of requires, enforcement of the penalty for unauthorized withdrawals;
6. Changes the makeup of the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts from 12 members to 10 members and changes the descriptions of members; and
7. Adds a section describing the transition of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 239 does the following.

1. It transfers administration of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine System.
2. It allows the University of Maine System to consult key stakeholders such as program participants, community development organizations and financial institutions, as well as organizations representing the interests of

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low-income persons in the State, as part of administering the program and assessing its effectiveness.

3. It adds a definition of "eligible person".
4. It modifies the definition of "account holder".
5. It adds language allowing the University of Maine System to solicit proposals from community development organizations on a schedule established by the system.
6. It allows, instead of requires, the system to adopt rules.
7. It allows, instead of requires, enforcement of the penalty for unauthorized withdrawals.
8. It changes the makeup of the Advisory Committee on Family Development Accounts from 12 members to 10 members and changes the descriptions of members.
9. It adds a section describing the transition of the program from the Finance Authority of Maine to the University of Maine system.

LD 1240 An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians

PUBLIC 261

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANDY J HERBIG E	OTP-AM	H-257 H-336 HANDY J

This bill allows the Electricians' Examining Board to accept satisfactory evidence of completion of a career and technical electrical education program approved pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8306-B as a secondary student when issuing a journeyman-in-training electrician license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-257)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment amends the requirements for licensure as a journeyman electrician to credit graduates of a secondary school career and technical electrical education program approved pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8306-B with 1,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and makes it clear that such graduates are eligible to sit for the journeyman examination.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-336)

This amendment clarifies the language in Committee Amendment "A" regarding the requirements for licensure as a journeyman electrician. Under this amendment, graduates of a secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8306-B are credited with 1,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and are eligible to sit for the journeyman examination. This amendment specifically provides that the 1,000 hours credited may not be applied to any other pathway to licensure.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 261 credits graduates of a secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 8306-B with 1,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and allows graduates to sit for the journeyman examination. It provides that the 1,000 hours credited may not be applied to any other pathway to licensure.

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LD 1290 An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops

PUBLIC 296

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRINGTON M	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-415
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This bill requires pawnbrokers to, within 10 days of a pawn transaction, submit a report of the transaction to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. The transaction report must include:

1. The name and address of the pawnbroker;
2. The date and time of the transaction;
3. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying number on the written proof of identification required of the consumer or seller; and
4. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or purchase price given for the item.

This bill makes a violation of the reporting requirements a Class E crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-415)

This amendment removes the criminal provision included in the bill, removes the requirement for reporting to a law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and provides an effective date of July 1, 2020.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 296 requires pawnbrokers to, within 10 days of a pawn transaction, submit a report of the transaction to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. The transaction report must include:

1. The name and address of the pawnbroker;
2. The date and time of the transaction;
3. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying number on the written proof of identification required of the consumer or seller; and
4. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or purchase price given for the item.

This law takes effect July 1, 2020.

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LD 1334 An Act To Rename the Maine International Trade Center the Maine Trade Center and To Establish within the Center International and Domestic Export Branches **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY S DILL J	ONTP	

This bill changes the name of the Maine International Trade Center to the Maine Trade Center and directs the center to establish international and domestic export branches within the center.

LD 1342 An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute **HELD BY GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-467 S-341 BREEN C

This bill establishes the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute to collect and analyze information related to workforce training, research and development, student debt and economic advancement in the State, to make policy recommendations to the Legislature and to conduct targeted research for the Legislature.

The bill directs the Legislature, through the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters, to contract with the University of Maine System to establish a steering committee to direct the work of the Institute. The steering committee consists of one member from each of the following:

1. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;
2. The Department of Education;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The University of Maine System;
5. The Maine Education Association;
6. The Maine Municipal Association;
7. The Department of Economic and Community Development; and
8. The State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006.

The bill establishes a two-year term for committee members and directs the committee to meet at least four times per year. The analysis, recommendations and research gathered shall be maintained by the institute at the University of Maine System and be available for use by any interested group or individual.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to reallocate the language establishing the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A to Title 5. This amendment changes the membership of the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute Steering Committee to consist of the following:

1. One member from each of the following:
 - A. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters;
 - B. The University of Maine System;
 - C. The Maine Municipal Association;
 - D. The Department of Economic and Community Development;
 - E. The State Workforce Board, established under Title 26, section 2006;
 - F. The Department of Labor;
 - G. A statewide organization representing business interests in the State;
 - H. A state-based organization involved in workforce and business policy and development;
 - I. An independent college in the State;
 - J. The Maine Community College System;
 - K. A regional economic development organization serving one or more of the following: Aroostook County, Franklin County, Oxford County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County and Washington County;
and
 - L. A statewide organization responsible for business attraction and expansion;
2. The State Economist, who serves ex officio;
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine or the chief executive officer's designee, who serves ex officio;
4. An individual involved in adult education;
5. An individual involved in career and technical education;
6. An individual employed in the public sector; and
7. An individual employed in the private sector.

This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-341)

This amendment removes the requirement that the Legislature contract with the University of Maine System for the establishment and maintenance of the institute and removes the appropriation of associated funding. The amendment also revises the process of appointing steering committee members such that appointments are made by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House rather than by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters.

LD 1368	An Act To Require Postsecondary Institutions To Meet the Expected Family Contribution without Additional Loan Burdens for Students	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT E POULIOT M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to require postsecondary institutions to meet the expected family contribution without additional loan burdens on students. The expected family contribution is an index number that postsecondary institutions use to determine how much financial aid a student would receive annually if the student were to attend that postsecondary institution. Included in financial aid packages are federal Stafford loans, which are fixed-rate student loans originated by the Federal Government. This bill is designed to limit exposure of a student's loan burden to federal Stafford loans only.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-559)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment replaces the bill. It prohibits a postsecondary institution from billing or otherwise holding an in-state undergraduate student responsible for any amount of the cost of attendance at that postsecondary institution that exceeds the student's expected family contribution, with the exception of federal Stafford loans.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1440	An Act To Create Transparency in Tax Increment Financing and Credit Enhancement Agreement Proposals	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SYLVESTER M	ONTP	

This bill makes non propriety the following information regarding applicants for tax increment financing and credit enhancement agreement proposals:

1. The name of the applicant, including the business principal; and
2. The amount of assistance being requested.

This bill removes this information from the list of information that must be released after provision of assistance, unless the information has not already been released.

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LD 1445 An Act To Provide Debt-free Educational Opportunities for Maine Residents

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS H MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill establishes the Debt-free Educational Opportunities for Maine Residents program. The bill requires, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, the Finance Authority of Maine to provide eligible Maine residents a grant in the amount of the cost of tuition and other expenses related to the cost of attendance at an eligible school, including the cost of room and board, books, supplies and fees, charged to a student enrolled in courses leading to completion of an eligible program of study on at least a part-time basis at a public institution of higher education in the State in which the student is enrolled, less all other gift aid. An eligible program of study means a curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree, associate degree or certificate. An eligible full-time or part-time student may receive a grant for one academic year and may receive grants for the equivalent of a four-year baccalaureate program at the eligible school the student is attending.

LD 1481 An Act To Establish the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P DAVIS P		

This bill does the following:

1. Establishes the Big Moose Mountain Regional Development Authority as a public municipal corporation with associated rights and responsibilities, including the ability to sue and be sued; adopt bylaws and rules; exercise the general powers of corporations; exercise the power of eminent domain; impose rules relating to the use of the property; charge and collect fees; contract with the federal government, the state and other public and private entities; borrow money; apply for loans, grants and other forms of assistance; provide funds for the maintenance, construction and operation of facilities; and take other lawful actions;
2. Establishes a board of trustees comprised of 10 voting members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the Legislative committee having jurisdiction over economic development matters and to confirmation by the Senate;
3. Allows the authority to acquire, sell, or leased in order to accomplish the purposes of the bill;
4. Allows the authority to form special utility districts and provide municipal utility services within its jurisdiction;
5. Allows the authority to issue bonds after providing public notice;
6. Allows the authority to ask the State to issue bond to finance the undertaking of any authorized activity. Such bonds must be authorized by the Legislature in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Maine;
7. Requires the authority to submit an annual report with specified information to the Governor, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters no later than 120 days after the close of the authority’s fiscal year; and

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8. Requires the authority to report the status of the establishment of the authority to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business during the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1502 An Act To Expand Access to the Workforce through Apprenticeships ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN B HIGGINS N	ONTP	

This bill establishes an alternative path to licensure through apprenticeship for certain professions. The bill requires that, beginning January 1, 2020, the appropriate licensing authority grant to a person that has successfully completed eighth grade, passed any required examinations and completed an approved apprenticeship a license to practice as:

1. An auctioneer;
2. A dietetic technician;
3. A veterinary technician;
4. A pharmacy technician;
5. A basic emergency medical technician;
6. A well driller, geothermal heat exchange well driller, geothermal heat exchange well pump installer or pump installer;
7. An athletic trainer;
8. A cosmetologist, barber, limited barber, nail technician or aesthetician;
9. A massage therapist or massage practitioner; and
10. A limited interpreter, limited transliterator, limited deaf interpreter, certified interpreter, certified deaf interpreter or certified transliterator.

LD 1506 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Facilitate the Creation of a Strategic Economic Plan Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUBBELL B DOW D		

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This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to facilitate the creation of a 10-year strategic economic plan that recommends breakthrough strategies for increased economic prosperity for all citizens of the State in all regions, ultimately measured by increased household income, a growing workforce and sustainable business development.

This resolve directs the department to provide a report on the strategic plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business by December 31, 2019. The joint standing committees are authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 1519 An Act Concerning the Establishment of Benefit Corporations

PUBLIC 328

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E FECTEAU R	OTP ONTP	

This bill creates a statutory framework that allows a corporation to elect to become a benefit corporation by explicitly stating in its articles of incorporation that it has a purpose of creating general public benefit and allows such a corporation to state in its articles of incorporation one or more specific public benefit purposes, which are other than maximizing shareholder value. "General public benefit" means a material positive impact on society and the environment, taken as a whole, assessed against a third-party standard, from the business and operations of the benefit corporation. A specific public benefit can be providing goods and services to underserved individuals and communities, the promotion of economic opportunities, protecting the environment, improving human health or other particular benefits to society or the environment.

A benefit corporation may be subject to a benefit enforcement proceeding for failing to pursue or create general public benefit or a specific public benefit as set forth in its articles of incorporation, or for a violation of any obligation, duty or standard of conduct imposed. A benefit corporation must make its annual benefit report available publicly.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 328 creates a statutory framework that allows a corporation to elect to become a benefit corporation by explicitly stating in its articles of incorporation that it has a purpose of creating general public benefit and allows such a corporation to state in its articles of incorporation one or more specific public benefit purposes, which are other than maximizing shareholder value. "General public benefit" means a material positive impact on society and the environment, taken as a whole, assessed against a third-party standard, from the business and operations of the benefit corporation. A specific public benefit can be providing goods and services to underserved individuals and communities, the promotion of economic opportunities, protecting the environment, improving human health or other particular benefits to society or the environment.

A benefit corporation may be subject to a benefit enforcement proceeding for failing to pursue or create general public benefit or a specific public benefit as set forth in its articles of incorporation, or for a violation of any obligation, duty or standard of conduct imposed. A benefit corporation must make its annual benefit report available publicly.

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LD 1530 An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BABBIDGE C CLAXTON N	ONTP	

This bill provides an income tax credit of up to \$1,000 for individuals for certain student loan payments made during the tax year if the individuals were first employed in Maine on or after January 1, 2020. The credit is equal to the lesser of 50% of the loan payments actually made and 50% of income tax liability in the first year in which the credit is claimed declining to 10% of income tax liability in the fifth and final year in which the credit is claimed. The credit may not exceed 50% of the individual's outstanding student loan debt and may not be claimed if the individual claims the credit for educational opportunity.

LD 1584 An Act To Attract, Build and Retain an Early Childhood Education Workforce through Increased Training, Education and Career Pathways CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FECTEAU R POULIOT M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-464

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor jointly to develop and implement an early childhood educators workforce support program to recruit and retain early childhood educators working with children up to five years of age. Components of the program include:

1. Increasing opportunities for course work in early education by:
 - A. Expanding the number of career and technical education centers at which early childhood education programs are available;
 - B. Supporting early childhood education courses with funding and course material purchases; and
 - C. Creating articulation agreements with the Maine Community College System for credit transfers for work related to early childhood education and enrollment in courses in furtherance of the issuance of a postsecondary degree;
2. Offering comprehensive scholarships that allow individuals providing child care services who agree to work for at least one year following graduation with an approved employer to attain early childhood education credentials and take classes leading to associate or bachelor's degrees.
3. Expanding the number of Department of Labor registered apprenticeships available in early childhood child care; and
4. Establishing a system of salary supplements, based on education level, experience and other factors, for providers of child care and early childhood educators working with children up to five years of age.

This bill also provides funding to carry out the program.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-464)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. This amendment does the following.

1. It adds a requirement for the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to collect and review early childhood educator workforce data and, on a biennial basis, conduct a review of the adequacy of the pathways to early childhood education careers.
2. It clarifies the definition of institution of higher education as referenced in the section of the bill requiring development of apprenticeship programs.
3. It requires the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor to collaborate with local adult education providers of school administrative units, apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education programs, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to create articulation agreements between these entities for the transfer of credits for course work related to early childhood education and to facilitate enrollment in courses that lead to the issuance of a postsecondary degree by a degree-granting institution.
4. It requires the commissioners to collaborate with these same entities to provide support for individuals, including immigrants and other populations lacking experience in Maine's workforce, who require foundational skills development to enter and succeed in early childhood education courses, including but not limited to English as a second language, literacy, numeracy and employability skills.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1601 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Educators for Maine Program

PUBLIC 303

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MILLETT R	OTP-AM	H-417

This bill amends the laws governing the Educators for Maine Program by:

1. Expanding the definition of graduating high school senior to include students who complete home instruction programs;
2. Expanding the definition of return service to include service at a publicly supported secondary school and special education facility;
3. Adding service in an underserved geographic areas as an eligibility criterion, and adding a definition of underserved geographic areas;
4. Removing the maximum loan amounts of \$2,000 per year and \$8,000 in total in favor of a minimum annual award of \$3,000 per year for undergraduate study and \$2,000 per year for post-baccalaureate certification.
5. Establishing a maximum award period of eight semesters for undergraduate and four semesters for

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post-baccalaureate students.

6. Removing the provision whereby the Governor announces selected recipients annually;
7. Removing the preference for loans to undergraduate students enrolled in a course of study related to underserved subject areas; and

Increasing from 5 to 10 years the amount of time a recipient has to complete the return service requirement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-417)

This amendment removes the word "completes" as it references home instruction programs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 303 amends the laws governing the Educators for Maine Program by:

1. Expanding the definition of graduating high school senior to include students who graduate from a home instruction program;
2. Expanding the definition of return service to include service at a publicly supported secondary school and special education facility;
3. Adding service in an underserved geographic areas as an eligibility criterion, and adding a definition of underserved geographic areas;
4. Removing the maximum loan amounts of \$2,000 per year and \$8,000 in total in favor of a minimum annual award of \$3,000 per year for undergraduate study and \$2,000 per year for post-baccalaureate certification;
5. Establishing a maximum award period of eight semesters for undergraduate and four semesters for post-baccalaureate students;
6. Removing the provision whereby the Governor announces selected recipients annually;
7. Removing the preference for loans to undergraduate students enrolled in a course of study related to underserved subject areas; and
8. Increasing from five to ten years the amount of time a recipient has to complete the return service requirement.

LD 1629 An Act Regarding Future Evaluations of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program

PUBLIC 305

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This bill strikes a provision regarding the Pine Tree Development Zone program that establishes the specific date of January 15, 2021 by which the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability must complete a review of the program. This provision is unnecessary as current law already provides that the Government Oversight Committee establish a schedule for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to conduct reviews of tax expenditure programs based on priority and the grouping of programs with similar goals.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public law 2019, chapter 305 strikes a provision regarding the Pine Tree Development Zone program that establishes the specific date of January 15, 2021 by which the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability must complete a review of the program. This provision is unnecessary as current law already provides that the Government Oversight Committee establish a schedule for the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to conduct reviews of tax expenditure programs based on priority and the grouping of programs with similar goals.

**LD 1640 An Act To Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping
Requirements**

PUBLIC 279

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E CUDDY S	OTP	

This bill exempts auctioneers from the requirement to record the date of purchase, the seller's name and address and a brief description of the property, including any identification numbers, before completing the purchase of any used personal property.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 279 exempts auctioneers from the requirement to record the date of purchase, the seller's name and address and a brief description of the property, including any identification numbers, before completing the purchase of any used personal property.

LD 1685 An Act To Facilitate Entry of Immigrants into the Workforce

PUBLIC 447

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLOUTIER K LIBBY N	OTP-AM	H-416

This bill establishes and provides funding for the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program, to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. Under the program, the authority may provide interest-free loans to foreign-educated or foreign-trained, experienced immigrants who need assistance while awaiting federal employment authorization to pay the costs of certain actions and activities that will improve their work-readiness once they receive their work permits.

To be eligible for assistance, individuals must have filed an application or petition with federal immigration authorities that entitles the individual to request a work permit, but have not yet received or been denied a work permit.

Funds are awarded directly to the individual pursuant to a contract established by the authority providing that the awardee use the funds only for eligible costs, that the awardee repay the loan in compliance with the terms and conditions established by the authority, that the awardee retain recipients for eligible expenditures, that breach of contract may require immediate loan repayment and other terms and conditions established by the authority.

Loans may not exceed \$700, though this limit may be adjusted at least biannually to reflect inflation or cost of living or other adjustments.

Loans must be repaid within 18 months of disbursement and no earlier than 60 days after the individual has obtained a work permit and 30 days after employment is obtained, though extensions may be granted and may

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include up to a 5% administrative fee.

The bill provides that the authority may adopt routine technical rules to carry out the program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-416)

This amendment clarifies language regarding applications for work permits, making it clear that individuals with pending applications for work permits are eligible for the program, and makes technical edits to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 447 establishes and provides funding for the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program, to be administered by the Finance Authority of Maine. Under the program, the authority may provide interest-free loans to foreign-educated or foreign-trained, experienced immigrants who need assistance while awaiting federal employment authorization to pay the costs of certain actions and activities that will improve their work-readiness once they receive their work permits.

To be eligible for assistance, individuals must have filed an application or petition with federal immigration authorities that entitles the individual to request a work permit, but have not yet received or been denied a work permit.

Funds are awarded directly to the individual pursuant to a contract established by the authority providing that the awardee use the funds only for eligible costs, that the awardee repay the loan in compliance with the terms and conditions established by the authority, that the awardee retain recipients for eligible expenditures, that breach of contract may require immediate loan repayment and other terms and conditions established by the authority.

Loans may not exceed \$700, though this limit may be adjusted at least biannually to reflect inflation or cost of living or other adjustments.

Loans must be repaid within 18 months of disbursement and no earlier than 60 days after the individual has obtained a work permit and 30 days after employment is obtained, though extensions may be granted and may include up to a 5% administrative fee.

The law provides that the authority may adopt routine technical rules to carry out the program.

LD 1690 An Act To Certify and Promote Products That Are Made in Maine

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

JACKSON T

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to create a "Maine Made" certification depicted by a seal or a stamp placed upon products produced in the State and used or marketed worldwide to promote the products. The certification would be used in conjunction with or in substitution for the current Maine Made America's Best program administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, office of business development and innovation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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LD 1746 An Act To Amend the Licensing Laws of Certain Professions and Occupations

PUBLIC 503

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-303 S-316 HERBIG E

The bill makes the following changes to the licensing laws of certain professions and occupations.

1. It provides authority for the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to reduce license fees by order.
2. It adds failure by a licensee to provide treatment records to a patient within a reasonable time when requested by the patient in writing as a new ground for discipline.
3. It increases from one to two the number of helper electricians that may be supervised by a master, journeyman or limited electrician at any one time and corrects an error in hours of work experience required for a journeyman-in-training to apply for a master electrician license.
4. It repeals current license requirements for real estate appraisers and replaces them with less stringent license requirements adopted by rule by the federally authorized appraiser qualifications board.
5. It authorizes the issuance of licenses to speech-language pathology assistant applicants who have a degree higher than an associate degree and exempts temporary licensees, speech-language pathology assistants and trainee licensees from continuing education requirements at the time of license renewal.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-303)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment does the following.

1. It removes the increase from one to two of the number of helper electricians that a journeyman, master and limited electrician may supervise, retaining the limit at one.
2. It changes the language that allows an office, board or commission to discipline a licensee for failure to provide treatment records in a reasonable amount of time to instead reference the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711 and Title 22, section 1711-B.
3. It amends Title 22, section 1711 and Title 22, section 1711-B to reference the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 regarding access to patient records.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-304)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

This amendment does the following.

1. It changes the language that allows an office, board or commission to discipline a licensee for failure to provide

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treatment records in a reasonable amount of time to instead reference the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711 and Title 22, section 1711-B.

2. It amends Title 22, section 1711 and Title 22, section 1711-B to reference the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 regarding access to patient records.

This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" (H-626)

This amendment removes the authority, as proposed in the bill, for the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to reduce license fees by order.

This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-316)

This amendment removes the authority, as proposed in the bill, for the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to reduce license fees by order.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 503 does the following.

1. It adds failure by a licensee to provide treatment records in accordance with the requirements of Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1711 or Title 22, section 1711-B a new ground for discipline by a licensing board.
2. It amends Title 22, section 1711 and Title 22, section 1711-B to reference the requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 regarding access to patient records.
3. It increases from one to two the number of helper electricians that may be supervised by a master, journeyman or limited electrician at any one time and corrects an error in hours of work experience required for a journeyman-in-training to apply for a master electrician license.
4. It repeals current license requirements for real estate appraisers and replaces them with less stringent license requirements adopted by rule by the federally authorized appraiser qualifications board.
5. It authorizes the issuance of licenses to speech-language pathology assistant applicants who have a degree higher than an associate degree and exempts temporary licensees, speech-language pathology assistants and trainee licensees from continuing education requirements at the time of license renewal.

**LD 1751 An Act To Amend and Clarify the Laws Concerning American Sign
Language Interpreters**

PUBLIC 284

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FECTEAU R	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-418
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This bill amends the laws governing American Sign Language interpreters to do the following:

1. Add definitions of “accredited”, “American Sign Language proficiency interview,” “Director”; and “National

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Interpreter certification knowledge exam”;

2. Establish a new conditional license category and add a definition of “conditional license”;
3. Remove the transliterator license category;
4. Remove the requirement for a high school diploma;
5. Clarify that licensure is required for video-based interpreting in which one or more participants are physically located in the State;
6. Establish a maximum fee of \$100 for an initial license fee for applicants who are deaf;
7. Add language regarding placing a licensee on inactive status; and
8. Clarify continuing education requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-418)

This amendment removes the provision describing the treatment of inactive licenses. This language is duplicative of existing statute.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 284 amends the laws governing American Sign Language interpreters to do the following:

1. Add definitions of “accredited”, “American Sign Language proficiency interview”, “Director”, and “National interpreter certification knowledge exam”;
2. Establish a new conditional license category and add a definition of “conditional license”;
4. Remove the transliterator license category;
5. Remove the requirement for a high school diploma;
6. Clarify that licensure is required for video-based interpreting in which one or more participants are physically located in the State;
7. Establish a maximum fee of \$100 for an initial license fee for applicants who are deaf; and
8. Clarify continuing education requirements.

LD 1754 An Act To Amend the Geologist and Soil Scientist Licensing Laws

PUBLIC 285

Sponsor(s)
HIGGINS N

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill establishes a new pathway to licensure for persons who seek to become licensed soil scientists. The new pathway allows individuals with an associate degree in soil science or another natural resources field to qualify with specific documented work experience to take required state and national exams. Current law requires a four-year undergraduate degree in soil science. The bill also allows applicants for geologist and soil scientist licenses to take

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certain required examinations prior to completing all work experience requirements. The bill also updates licensing terminology and deletes outdated provisions.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 285 establishes a new pathway to licensure for persons who seek to become licensed soil scientists. The new pathway allows individuals with an associate degree in soil science or another natural resources field to qualify with specific documented work experience to take required state and national exams. Current law requires a four-year undergraduate degree in soil science. The law also allows applicants for geologist and soil scientist licenses to take certain required examinations prior to completing all work experience requirements. The law also updates licensing terminology and deletes outdated provisions.

LD 1768 An Act To Amend the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Laws

PUBLIC 373

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M	OTP-AM	H-533

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing barbering and cosmetology.

1. It eliminates the demonstrator license.
2. It eliminates the barber license and renames the "limited barbering" license the "barber hair styling" license.
3. It clarifies provisions regarding establishment owners and booth owners by creating level one establishments and level two establishments and providing that leased space is considered an establishment.
4. It replaces references to "shop" with "establishment."
5. It clarifies that the cosmetology scope of practice includes shaving.
6. It exempts certain cosmetology-associated activities from licensure requirements.
7. It allows the practice of cosmetology, barber hair styling, aesthetics and nail technology on inmates of institutions of the Department of Corrections.
8. It changes the seven-day reporting requirement for the change of ownership or location of an establishment to a 10-day reporting requirement for consistency with general reporting requirements of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003-G. Where applicable, the bill adds the word "calendar" to other reporting requirements. The bill eliminates the necessity of submitting a new application and fee for an establishment location change and makes a location change of a level one establishment or level two establishment a reporting requirement. The new location is still subject to meeting all current laws and rules and inspection requirements.
9. It repeals provisions regarding the age and minimum education requirements for initial practice licenses.
10. It clarifies reporting requirements for trainees for a change in employer or qualified supervisor and also clarifies the number of trainees per establishment that may be trained at one time.
11. It authorizes the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to issue a license to a person who holds a valid license in another jurisdiction of the United States.

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12. Current law requires that a student enrolling in a course of study be at least 16 years of age. The bill adjusts the minimum school enrollment age to 15 years of age with the stipulation that the student turns 16 years of age at some point during the student's course of study.

13. It exempts career and technical education centers that do not collect student tuition for a course of study from surety bond and financial audit requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-533)

This amendment creates a hair designer license with limited practice to performing hair and chemical services. It also eliminates the requirement for a special event services permit.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 373 makes the following changes to the laws governing barber and cosmetology licensing.

1. It eliminates the demonstrator license.
2. It eliminates the barber license and renames the "limited barbering" license the "barber hair styling" license.
3. It clarifies provisions regarding establishment owners and booth owners by creating level one establishments and level two establishments and providing that leased space is considered an establishment.
4. It replaces references to "shop" with "establishment."
5. It clarifies that the cosmetology scope of practice includes shaving.
6. It exempts certain cosmetology-associated activities from licensure requirements.
7. It creates a new hair designer license type.
8. It allows the practice of cosmetology, barber hair styling, aesthetics and nail technology on inmates of institutions of the Department of Corrections.
9. It changes the seven-day reporting requirement for the change of ownership or location of an establishment to a 10-day reporting requirement for consistency with general reporting requirements of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8003-G. Where applicable, the law adds the word "calendar" to other reporting requirements. The law eliminates the necessity of submitting a new application and fee for an establishment location change and makes a location change of a level one establishment or level two establishment a reporting requirement. The new location is still subject to meeting all current laws and rules and inspection requirements.
10. It repeals provisions regarding the age and minimum education requirements for initial practice licenses.
11. It clarifies reporting requirements for trainees for a change in employer or qualified supervisor and also clarifies the number of trainees per establishment that may be trained at one time.
12. It authorizes the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to issue a license to a person who holds a valid license in another jurisdiction of the United States.
13. Current law requires that a student enrolling in a course of study be at least 16 years of age. The law adjusts the minimum school enrollment age to 15 years of age with the stipulation that the student turns 16 years of age at some

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point during the student's course of study.

14. It exempts career and technical education centers that do not collect student tuition for a course of study from surety bond and financial audit requirements.

15. It eliminates the requirement for a special event services permit.

LD 1791 An Act To Amend Licensure for Professional Engineers

PUBLIC 375

Sponsor(s)

STETKIS J

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill makes changes to the laws governing licensure for professional engineers and certification for engineer-interns. The bill:

1. Changes the term "technology accreditation commission" to "engineering technology education commission" to reflect current usage;
2. Clarifies language regarding the use of professional engineers in public works projects;
3. Repeals the temporary licensing provisions for nonresidents;
4. Clarifies and updates references to the building standards and eliminates references to standards that have been superseded;
5. Increases the maximum penalty for violations to \$10,000;
6. Clarifies that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers may refuse to renew a license for failure to pay a required fee or for failure to meet continuing education requirements, which the bill renames professional development requirements;
7. Allows the board to maintain its roster of active licensed professional engineers on its publicly accessible website;
8. Changes the term "certificate of record" to "active national council record" to reflect current usage of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying;
9. Clarifies and updates language regarding education requirements and examinations;
10. Identifies the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying engineering education standard as the standard used by the board when accepting engineering and engineering technology credits from a program not approved by the accreditation board;
11. Eliminates language regarding examinations on fundamental engineering subjects and amends language on passing examination grades and the number of times an examination may be taken by an applicant; and
12. Clarifies language regarding reinstatement of a license after revocation.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public law 2019, chapter 375 amends the laws governing licensure for professional engineers and certification for engineer-interns. The law:

1. Changes the term "technology accreditation commission" to "engineering technology education commission" to reflect current usage;
2. Clarifies language regarding the use of professional engineers in public works projects;
3. Repeals the temporary licensing provisions for nonresidents;
4. Clarifies and updates references to the building standards and eliminates references to standards that have been superseded;
5. Increases the maximum penalty for violations to \$10,000;
6. Clarifies that the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers may refuse to renew a license for failure to pay a required fee or for failure to meet continuing education requirements, which the law renames professional development requirements;
7. Allows the board to maintain its roster of active licensed professional engineers on its publicly accessible website;
8. Changes the term "certificate of record" to "active national council record" to reflect current usage of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying;
9. Clarifies and updates language regarding education requirements and examinations;
10. Identifies the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying engineering education standard as the standard used by the board when accepting engineering and engineering technology credits from a program not approved by the accreditation board;
11. Eliminates language regarding examinations on fundamental engineering subjects and amends language on passing examination grades and the number of times an examination may be taken by an applicant; and
12. Clarifies language regarding reinstatement of a license after revocation.

**LD 1810 An Act To Amend the Jurisdiction of Certain Reviews Conducted
Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act**

PUBLIC 378

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This bill changes the responsibility for reviews pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act of boards responsible for the licensing of health care professions from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing of health care professions matters.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 378 changes the responsibility for reviews pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act of boards responsible for the licensing of health care professions from the joint standing committee of the

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Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over professional licensing of health care professions matters.

LD 1821 Resolve, To Address the Population Shortage in Rural Maine

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART T		

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to work with the Northern Border Regional Commission in the establishment of a program to recruit working families to relocate to rural areas of the State.

This resolve was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 1833 An Act Establishing a Review Process for Measures with a Potential Economic Impact and Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Develop a Strategic Economic Plan

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill establishes a process in statute by which the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business reviews all legislative measures with potential economic impact. The bill authorizes the committee to report out legislation regarding this provision in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. This provision is repealed 90 days following the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

The bill also directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a strategic plan to recommend strategies for increased economic prosperity in the State. The bill establishes goals for the plan and directs the department to include an analysis of gaps in funding and policy in the plan. The bill requires that the department establish a steering committee and a work team to guide the development of the plan. The bill requires the department to report on the plan to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and provides the committee permission to report out related legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 1835 An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

PUBLIC 356 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM	S-271

This bill requires the State Tax Assessor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or at the direction of the Governor, to transfer anticipated funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund prior to the July 31, 2019 payment date.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-271)

This amendment changes the final payment date for which funds may be advanced to July 31, 2020 from July 31, 2019. The amendment adds language clarifying that, upon approval, the assessor is required to both deposit funds into the contingent account and pay those funds into the fund. The amendment also requires approval by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services for early transfers and payments recommended by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. The amendment adds language clarifying that any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2020, or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2021. The amendment repeals the temporary provision on August 1, 2021.

Enacted Law Summary

Public law 2019, chapter 356 requires the State Tax Assessor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or at the direction of the Governor, to transfer anticipated funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund prior to the July 31, 2020 payment date. It states that upon approval, the assessor is required to both deposit funds into the contingent account and pay those funds into the fund. It requires approval by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services for early transfers and payments recommended by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. It states that any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2020, or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2021.

Public law 2019, chapter 356 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2019.

LD 1841 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Barriers to Credentialing

RESOLVE 79

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with licenses in other states. The working group consists of eight to ten persons representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions in the State for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with out-of-state licenses. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. In the event the working group or the commissioner requires additional time to complete the work, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may extend the reporting deadline.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 79 directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to create a working

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group to study credentialing skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with licenses in other states. The working group consists of eight to ten persons representing licensing boards and professional organizations served by the licensing boards in professions in the State for which there is a need for and an opportunity to credential skilled individuals with foreign credentials and those with out-of-state licenses. The working group is required to submit its report along with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation. The commissioner is required to submit the report with any recommendations and suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is permitted to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. In the event the working group or the commissioner requires additional time to complete the work, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may extend the reporting deadline.

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LD 50 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Improve the Development of a Long-range Strategic Plan for Economic Improvement in the State ONTP

LD 288 Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Create a Statewide Economic Development Plan Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 1506 Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Facilitate the Creation of a Strategic Economic Plan Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

LD 1833 An Act Establishing a Review Process for Measures with a Potential Economic Impact and Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Develop a Strategic Economic Plan Died on Adjournment

Economic Development - Research

Not Enacted

LD 814 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Economy through Research and Innovation led by the University of Maine System CARRIED OVER

LD 909 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development To Establish a Blockchain Technology Working Group ONTP

LD 1342 An Act To Establish the Maine Workforce, Research, Development and Student Achievement Institute HELD BY GOVERNOR

Educational Loans and Debt Repayment

Enacted

LD 440 An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program PUBLIC 510

LD 681 An Act To Amend the Maine Dental Education Loan Program PUBLIC 102

LD 1601 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Educators for Maine Program PUBLIC 303

Not Enacted

LD 3	An Act To Enhance and Increase the Availability of Mental Health Providers in Maine	ONTP
LD 183	An Act To Increase the Number of Teachers in Maine	ONTP
LD 397	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Building Contractors, Insulation Installers and Energy Auditors	ONTP
LD 461	An Act To Improve the Affordability of Higher Education	ONTP
LD 509	An Act To Increase the Minimum Grant Amount under the Maine State Grant Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 624	An Act To Facilitate the Purchase of Textbooks for Low-income College Students	ONTP
LD 799	An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 872	An Act To Forgive Education Debt for Certain Health Care Professionals Who Work in the State	ONTP
LD 1368	An Act To Require Postsecondary Institutions To Meet the Expected Family Contribution without Additional Loan Burdens for Students	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1445	An Act To Provide Debt-free Educational Opportunities for Maine Residents	ONTP

Family Development Accounts

Enacted

LD 1217	An Act To Clarify the Oversight of the Family Development Account Program	PUBLIC 239
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Government Oversight Act

Enacted

LD 1810	An Act To Amend the Jurisdiction of Certain Reviews Conducted Pursuant to the State Government Evaluation Act	PUBLIC 378
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Miscellaneous

Enacted

LD 1056	An Act To Update and Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act	PUBLIC 160
LD 1160	An Act To Transfer the Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund to the Office of the Treasurer of State	PUBLIC 166 EMERGENCY
LD 1685	An Act To Facilitate Entry of Immigrants into the Workforce	PUBLIC 447
LD 1835	An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund	PUBLIC 356 EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

LD 1821	Resolve, To Address the Population Shortage in Rural Maine	CARRIED OVER
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Occupational and Professional Regulation

Enacted

LD 671	Resolve, To Require Professional Licensure for Home Inspectors	RESOLVE 61
LD 679	An Act Regarding the Licensing of Funeral Practitioners	PUBLIC 101
LD 904	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Operators of Cranes	RESOLVE 75
LD 1240	An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians	PUBLIC 261
LD 1640	An Act To Exempt Auctioneers from Certain Record-keeping Requirements	PUBLIC 279
LD 1746	An Act To Amend the Licensing Laws of Certain Professions and Occupations	PUBLIC 503
LD 1751	An Act To Amend and Clarify the Laws Concerning American Sign Language Interpreters	PUBLIC 284
LD 1754	An Act To Amend the Geologist and Soil Scientist Licensing Laws	PUBLIC 285

LD 1768	An Act To Amend the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Laws	PUBLIC 373
LD 1791	An Act To Amend Licensure for Professional Engineers	PUBLIC 375
LD 1841	Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group To Study Barriers to Credentialing	RESOLVE 79

Not Enacted

LD 106	An Act To Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act Relating to Alternative Therapy or Collaborative Treatment	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 486	An Act To Improve Efficiencies in Cosmetology Licensing	ONTP
LD 532	Resolve, Directing Professional Licensing and Certification Boards To Study the Barriers To Obtaining Professional Licensure and Certification	ONTP
LD 686	An Act To Ease Record-keeping Requirements for Auctioneers	ONTP
LD 769	Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Create a Working Group to Study Credentialing Skilled Individuals with Foreign Credentials	ONTP
LD 890	An Act To Expand Workforce Access by Creating Apprenticeship Programs To Increase Access to Licensure in Certain Occupations	ONTP
LD 896	Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Study a Voluntary Licensing System for General Contractors for Home Improvement and Construction	ONTP
LD 902	Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Proposal To License Certain Mechanical Trades	ONTP

Pine Tree Development Zone

Enacted

LD 1629	An Act Regarding Future Evaluations of the Pine Tree Development Zone Program	PUBLIC 305
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Recreation and Tourism

Not Enacted

LD 105	An Act To Establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310
LD 371	An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund	ONTP
LD 742	Resolve, To Examine How To Retain Reservation Booking Commissions in the State	ONTP

Tax Credits

Not Enacted

LD 349	An Act To Extend the Refundability of the Educational Opportunity Tax Credit to Students in the Behavioral Health Field	ONTP
LD 1530	An Act To Expand Incentives To Live and Work in Maine through a Tax Credit for Certain Student Loans	ONTP

Tax Increment Financing

Not Enacted

LD 1440	An Act To Create Transparency in Tax Increment Financing and Credit Enhancement Agreement Proposals	ONTP
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Workforce Development

Enacted

LD 138	An Act Regarding the Maine Coworking Development Fund	PUBLIC 507
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Not Enacted

LD 386	An Act To Establish a Comprehensive Wildlife Biology Internship Program	ONTP
LD 570	An Act To Create an Airplane Mechanic Education Program	ONTP
LD 647	An Act To Attract, Educate and Retain New State Residents To Strengthen the Workforce	CARRIED OVER

LD 768	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Research the Economic Disparities of Racial and Ethnic Populations	ONTP
LD 772	An Act To Encourage Continued Learning	CARRIED OVER
LD 813	Resolve, To Encourage Relocation of Working Professionals	ONTP
LD 1193	Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System To Evaluate the Need to Expand Workforce Training Options in Waldo County	CARRIED OVER
LD 1584	An Act To Attract, Build and Retain an Early Childhood Education Workforce through Increased Training, Education and Career Pathways	CARRIED OVER