AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY DEPT POWERS

LR: 2651 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Hickman of Winthrop An Act To End Hunger, Protect Small Farms and Homesteads and Promote Self-sufficiency for the People of the State
Comment:	This bill would: 1) direct the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work together to develop a plan to end hunger in the State by 2024; 2) establish a Bureau of Small Farms and Homesteads in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to help small farms and homesteads navigate state and federal laws, rules and regulations; and 3) exempt from certain state requirements food produced by small farms and homesteads in municipalities that have enacted local ordinances governing food safety.

Potential JR 217: LD 475

ANIMAL WELFARE CRUELTY

LR: 2471		Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Abuse	Create a Mandatory Registry of Persons Convicted of Animal
Comment:	This bill w abuse.	ould create a mandatory registry of persons convicted of animal
Potential JR	217:	LD 1289

LR: 2663	Sponsor: Representative Kaenrath of South Portland
Title:	An Act To Prohibit the Distribution of Live Animals as Prizes
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use or distribution of live animals as prizes.

FORESTRY PRACTICES

LR: 2518 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Landowners To Manage, Prepare and Sign Forestry
	Plans for Their Own Property
Comment:	This bill would allow a landowner to manage, prepare and sign the forestry plan for that landowner's property.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

HARNESS RACING COMMISSION

LR: 2568	Sponsor: Representative Marean of Hollis
Title:	An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funding for Harness Racing Purses
Comment:	This bill would protect the integrity of funding for harness racing purses.

PARKS AND LANDS BUREAU POWERS

LR: 2268	Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst
Title:	An Act To Require Signs and Lighting on Boat Ramps
Comment:	This bill would require signs and lighting on public boat ramps and private boat ramps with public access.

PESTICIDES

APPLICATION PROCESS

LR: 2305	Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle
Title:	An Act To Protect Maine's Lobster Fishery
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use of methoprene and resmethrin, 2 chemicals used for mosquito control, if the chemical would enter the waters of the Gulf of Maine.

PESTICIDES PEST MANAGEMENT

LR: 2355 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom An Act To Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides for 2 Years
Comment:	This bill would place a 2-year moratorium on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides.
LR: 2481 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin An Act To Further Ensure the Provision of Safe Medical Marijuana to Maine Patients
Comment:	This bill would allow the use of certain materials or pesticides in the cultivation of marijuana for medical use.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES AGRICULTURE

LR: 2625	Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title:	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Agricultural Development Fund
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to fund the agricultural development fund.

BOND ISSUES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2564 Title:		Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick athorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Technology and Grow the Maine Economy in Existing and Emerging
Comment:	promote innov	d authorize a General Fund bond issue to build infrastructure to vation, commercialization and job growth in the State's marine biotechnology sectors.
Closely Rel	ated CO:	LD 1223 Senator Cain, E
Closely Related CO:		LD 1492 Senator Katz, R
LR: 2644		Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth

- Title:An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for a Convention Center in
Portland
- Comment: This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds for a convention center in the City of Portland.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES ENERGY

LR: 2235	Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title:	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Encourage a Strong Job
	Market by Promoting Affordable Electricity

Comment: This bill would provide a bond issue in the amount of \$10,000,000 to be used to provide a one-to-one match to public and private sources to allow small power producers and cogenerators to sell electricity at cost to businesses, municipalities and individuals in order to provide low-cost electricity to these entities as an economic benefit to encourage a strong job market.

BOND ISSUES HEALTH

LR: 2417	Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title:	An Act To Improve Care for Maine's Senior Citizens through a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair Long-term Care Facilities
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$25,000,000, the proceeds of which would be used to establish a loan forgiveness or grant program for repairs at long-term care facilities.

BOND ISSUES MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2347 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds To Develop Lobster Processing Capacity in the State	
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to provide funds to develop lobster processing capacity in the State.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2353 Representative Cassidy, K		
LR: 2353	Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec	
Title:	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Develop Maine's Lobster Processing Industry	
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to develop the State's lobster processing industry.	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2347 Senator Jackson, T	

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

BOND ISSUES MARINE RESOURCES

LR: 2364	Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox
Title:	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair and Renovate the Rockland Fish Pier
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue to finance the repair and renovation of the Rockland Fish Pier.

BOND ISSUES

NATURAL	RESOURCES

LR: 2627	Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title:	An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund
Comment:	This bill would authorize a General Fund bond issue in the amount of \$2,100,000 to fund the safe drinking water revolving loan fund.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2596	Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Improve the Disability Benefits Process under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment:	This bill would make changes to the process of applying for disability benefits from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to improve the application process and enhance applicant rights.
Closely Rel	ated CO: LD 186 Representative Beck, H

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS

LR: 2291Sponsor: Representative Pringle of WindhamTitle:An Act To Eliminate Unfairness in the Payment of Retirement Benefits To
Divorced Spouses

Comment: This bill would allow a divorced spouse entitled to retirement benefits to be eligible for benefits at retirement age regardless of the date of retirement of the ex-spouse. This would change current policy, which determines the payment of retirement benefits to a divorced spouse as of the retirement date of the ex-spouse.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS

LR: 2303	Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Strengthen the Maine Public Employees Retirement System
Comment:	This bill would prevent workers in the private sector from receiving pensions from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

SPENDING

CULTURAL SERVICES

LR: 2317 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Crafts of Lisbon Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress To Replace a Statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection
Comment:	This bill would initiate the procedures to request the Federal Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace a statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection.
LR: 2515	Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland
Title:	An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network
Comment:	This bill would provide supplemental funding to the Maine Public Broadcasting Network to support the operational costs of the Maine Capitol Connection Service.

SPENDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LR: 2257	Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title:	An Act To Promote National Security and Workforce Development
Comment:	This bill would appropriate funds to the University of Maine System to support the New England consortium for digital design innovation in order to create defense sector manufacturing jobs in Maine.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING EDUCATION

LR: 2495	Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham
Title:	An Act To Fund the Maine HIV Education and Prevention Program within the Department of Education

Comment: This bill would provide \$150,000 to the Department of Education to provide training in HIV prevention education in order to partially make up for funding that has been lost in the last few years. This funding would make possible training for 165 health educators and special education teachers and 420 teachers and youth workers and training for student peer educators through student leadership conferences in 44 schools.

SPENDING

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2404 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin An Act To Support Homeless Shelters This bill would appropriate money for emergency shelters in the State to offset a reduction in federal funding.
LR: 2459 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec An Act To Preserve Maine's Long-term Care Facilities
Comment:	This bill would give "Appendix C" private nonmedical institutions a 2% cost -of-living increase in funding.
LR: 2513	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Fully Fund the Priority 1 and 2 Waiting List for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Comment:	This bill would fully fund the residential programs and day programs for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are on a waiting list.
Potential JR	217: LDs 29 and 30
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2634 Senator Lachowicz, C	

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LR: 2577 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Continue Maine's School-based Oral Health Program This bill would fund professional positions and continue the fluoride rinse program for children in kindergarten through 4th grade from the General Fund.	
LR: 2612	Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor	
Title:	An Act To Preserve Head Start and Child Care Services	
Comment:	This bill would provide \$2,000,000 to Head Start programs in fiscal year 2014-15 to replace cuts made in fiscal year 2013-14 and to match available federal block grants.	
Potential JR	217: LDs 517 and 1383	
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2385 Representative Berry, S	
LR: 2634	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec	
Title:	An Act To Fund Disability Services and Eliminate the Waiting List for Elderly, Disabled Residents	
Comment:	This bill would fund disability services and eliminate the waiting list for elderly, disabled residents.	
Potential JR	217: LDs 29 & 30	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2513 Representative Farnsworth, R		
LR: 2653	Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford	
Title:	An Act To Improve Education about and Awareness of Maine's Health Laws and Resources	
Comment:	This bill would allocate \$5,000,000 in funds the State will receive under the tobacco master settlement agreement to enhance enforcement of current tobacco prevention and control laws, improve public education about tobacco laws and restore funds to the Fund for a Healthy Maine.	
ENDING		

SPENDING JUDICIARY

LR: 2531	Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title:	An Act To Provide Funding for the Veterans Treatment Courts
Comment:	This bill would provide funding for the veterans treatment courts.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

SPENDING

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LR: 2580	Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title:	An Act To Fund the Maintenance of Veterans' Grave Sites

Comment: This bill would provide funding to municipalities for the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 421 that municipalities maintain the grave sites of veterans in public burying grounds.

SPENDING

NATURAL RESOURCES

LR: 2638	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title:	An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters by Increasing the Ability of the Department of Environmental Protection To Protect Those Waters
Comment:	This bill would appropriate funds to the Department of Environmental

Protection to increase the number of staff biologists and technicians to allow the department to better protect the quality of Maine's inland waters.

STATE FINANCES BUDGET PROCEDURES

LR: 2354	Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title:	An Act To Subject New Tax Expenditures to a Sunset Review
Comment:	This bill would require all newly enacted tax expenditures to be subject to a sunset review after 5 years to determine whether the tax expenditure is accomplishing the purpose for which it was enacted.

STATE FINANCES DEDICATED FUNDS

LR: 2385	Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title:	An Act To Improve Health Care and Disease Prevention Efforts in the Fund for a Healthy Maine
Comment:	This bill would provide additional funding for programs funded by the Fund for a Healthy Maine and for Head Start.
Potential JR	217: LDs 517 & 1383
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2612 Representative Frey, A	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CORRECTIONS BOARD

LR: 2302 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland An Act To Provide Enforcement Authority to the State Board of Corrections	
Comment:	This bill would provide authority to the State Board of Corrections to approve budgets for jail facilities, review management decisions concerning staffing and the use of overtime in jail facilities and withhold state funds to a jail facility that fails to comply with the board's decisions. It would also require the board to establish an essential programs and services formula for jail facilities and to review county jail management models in other states.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2374 Representative Wilson, C		
LR: 2370 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Authorize the State Board of Corrections To Share Federal Boarder Revenue with Counties	
Comment:	This bill would authorize the State Board of Corrections to share federal boarder revenue with the counties, which would be required to use it for debt service or operational costs.	
LR: 2374 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Grant the State Board of Corrections Authority To Approve Wages, Benefits and Budgets for Correctional Facilities	
Comment:	This bill would provide the State Board of Corrections the authority to approve the wages, benefits and budgets for correctional facilities.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2302 Senator Gerzofsky, S		
LR: 2570 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Long of Sherman An Act To Eliminate the State Board of Corrections	
Comment:	This bill would eliminate the State Board of Corrections.	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CORRECTIONS DEPT PROCEDURES

LR: 2360 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport An Act To Provide Mental Health Services in Appropriate Mental Health Settings
Comment:	This bill would repeal the new law that expands the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison in the Town of Warren, allows the transfer to that unit of persons in the county jails and persons awaiting psychiatric evaluations at the Riverview Psychiatric Center and allows involuntary medication for mental health purposes of persons in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison. This bill would remove funding for indigent legal services that was provided because of the involuntary medication provision. This bill would remove funding from the Department of Corrections for mental health services in the mental health unit at the Maine State Prison that was provided because of the transfer provisions. This bill would direct the mental health services funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide needed mental health services in appropriate mental health settings instead of in a correctional setting.

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2329 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Align Maine's Marijuana Laws with the Guidelines Governing Taxation and Regulation Issued by the Federal Government
Comment:	This bill would align Maine's marijuana laws with the guidelines governing taxation and regulation issued by the Federal Government.
LR: 2373	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Add a Category of Child Care Centers to the Safe Zones List
Comment:	This bill would add child care centers to the list of places that are designated as safe zones of a municipality.
LR: 2375	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Establish Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Medical Marijuana Laws
Comment:	This bill would establish criminal penalties for violations of the medical marijuana law that would equal the penalties charged for nonmedical marijuana violations.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

DRUG OFFENSES

LR: 2376 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta An Act To Control the Sale of Marijuana To Limit Addiction This bill would establish a process and system for allowing the cultivation and sale of marijuana by companies and nonprofit organizations as approved by the State, including a system to license retailers similar to the system for liquor agencies. All revenue is to be in an established dedicated fund for law enforcement, education and substance abuse prevention.
LR: 2446 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Enhance Drug Enforcement in Residential Neighborhoods This bill would require the court to consider during sentencing for a drug crime whether children were present when the crime was committed, whether the crime was committed in a residential neighborhood and the number of drug crimes committed at the same residence. It would clarify that a person who owns residential property and has knowledge of illegal drug trafficking occurring within that property is liable under existing accomplice laws.
	It would require a study to assess the current criminal justice system for drug crimes and propose a long-term plan to document the impact of illegal drug activity and respond to the crisis of illegal drugs in this State. The study would include an assessment of existing studies and data and provide authority for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out a bill relating to the study in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.
LR: 2553 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland An Act To Decriminalize, Tax and Regulate Cannabis for Responsible
Commerti	Adult Use
Comment:	This bill would decriminalize, tax and regulate cannabis for responsible adult use.
Potential JR	217: LD 1229

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMES

SEX OFFENSES

LR: 2263 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Improve the Maine Sex Offender Registry
Comment:	This bill would require sex offender registration by persons convicted of sex offenses in other countries.
LR: 2397 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot An Act To Criminalize Sexual Contact between Clergy and Their Congregants
Comment:	This bill would prohibit sexual contact between a cleric and a congregant of that cleric.

CRIMES

STALKING

LR: 2660	Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington
Title:	An Act To Enhance Maine's Stalking Law To Include Illegal Stalking of Groups or Members of an Organization
Comment:	This bill would make it a crime for a person to stalk a group of people or members of an organization. The penalty for the crime would be enhanced one classification if one or more of the targeted victims was 16 years of age or younger.

CRIMINAL HISTORIES CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

LR: 2514	Sponsor: Representative Volk of Scarborough
Title:	An Act To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking
Comment:	This bill would allow prostitution convictions to be expunged from a person's criminal record when that person was a victim of human trafficking.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

LR: 2494	Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Increase Safety for Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment:	This bill would require that some preconviction criminal investigation reports be released to high-risk response teams. This bill would also address the issue of abusers who, while being held over for judicial review

of bail, intimidate victims or witnesses.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE FEES AND SURCHARGES

LR: 2322	Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title:	An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs
Comment:	Current law requires forfeited bail to be paid into an account maintained by each prosecutorial district for the purpose of paying expenses related to extradition of fugitives from justice. The maximum amount that may be retained in that account is \$20,000. This bill would increase the amount that may be retained to \$40,000 and allow the funds to be used to pay for fees or expenses, including witness fees, incurred by the district attorney in a criminal prosecution.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AMBULANCE SERVICES

LR: 2400	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title:	An Act Concerning Patients' Choice for Emergency Care
Comment:	This bill would allow a person who calls 9-1-1 to choose the hospital to which the emergency responder takes the person. The bill would also make it clear that, if complications arise while the person is being transported to the hospital of choice, the responder is not liable.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

LR: 2626	Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title:	An Act To Address Preventable Deaths from Drug Overdose
Comment:	This bill would require all paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers and firefighters to receive training to administer naloxone and to carry at least 2 doses when on duty.

FIRE SAFETY FIRE DEPARTMENTS

LR: 2345 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Firefighter Absence for Emergency Response
Comment:	Current law prohibits an employer from discharging for absence an employee who is a volunteer firefighter and who responds to a fire in that capacity. The law does not pertain to a person who belongs to a municipal fire department. This bill would amend the definition of "firefighter" to include a member of a municipal fire department.

FIRE SAFETY FIREWORKS

LR: 2306 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Allow the Sale of Fireworks by Religious Organizations
Comment:	This bill would allow religious organizations to sell fireworks as a method of raising funds.
LR: 2349	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title:	Resolve, To Establish a Task Force To Examine the Establishment of Safeguards on the Use of Fireworks
Comment:	This resolve would establish a legislative task force to examine the establishment of safeguards on the use of fireworks.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2463 Representative McClellan, M

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY FIREWORKS

LR: 2463	Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond
Title:	An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Sales and Use of Fireworks
Comment:	This bill would establish restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks after examining various criteria, such as the level of fire danger in the area where the fireworks would be used and the presence of farm animals.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 168 Senator Johnson, C
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2349 Senator Jackson, T

JAILS

STATE FUNDING

LR: 2524 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Clarify County Jail Debt Financing
Comment:	This bill would allow a percentage of the revenue received by a county from the Federal Government for the boarding of federal prisoners to be applied to the retirement of jail debt in existence as of July 1, 2008.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2565 Senator Thomas, D
LR: 2565	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title:	An Act To Require Counties To Use Revenue from Boarding Federal Prisoners To Retire County Jail Debt in Existence before July 1, 2008
Comment:	This bill would require counties to use revenue from boarding federal prisoners to retire county jail debt in existence before July 1, 2008.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2524 Representative McCabe, J

OPERATING UNDER INFLUENCE PENALTIES

LR: 2529	Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston
Title:	An Act To Amend the Period of Time for the Calculation of a Prior Conviction for Operating under the Influence
Comment:	This bill would amend the period of time for calculating a prior conviction for operating under the influence from 10 years to 15 years.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PRISONERS MEDICAL CARE

LR: 2454	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland	
Title:	An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at Two Bridges County Jail	
Comment:	This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at Two Bridges County Jail in Wiscasset to treat persons under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections who have mental health challenges as well as violent persons in the State's mental health institutions. Under this bill, the Department of Corrections would be responsible for security in the unit, and the Department of Health and Human Services would be responsible for the mental health treatment of patients.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2562 Senator Gerzofsky, S		
LR: 2506	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland	
Title:	An Act Regarding the Involuntary Medication of an Inmate at a Correctional Facility	
Comment:	This bill would require, in addition to the court procedure provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, prior to administering medication to an inmate without that inmate's consent, a correctional facility obtain the consent of a treating physician, an attending nurse and the family of the inmate.	
LR: 2562	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland	
Title:	An Act To Create a Therapeutic Mental Health Unit at a County Jail Located within 40 Miles of the City of Augusta	
Comment:	This bill would create a therapeutic mental health unit at a county jail located within 40 miles of the City of Augusta to treat persons diagnosed with mental illness who are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections or the county sheriffs, as well as violent patients in the State's mental health institutions.	
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2454 Senator Gerzofsky, S

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

LR: 2484 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Senator Flood of Kennebec Resolve, To Study the Ability of Dispatchers To Transfer E-9-1-1 Calls to Emergency Responders in Another State This resolve would establish a commission to study the ability of E-9-1-1 dispatchers in this State to transfer emergency calls to emergency dispatchers in another state.
WEAPONS SALES	
LR: 2241	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information on Certain Firearms Forms
Comment:	This bill would ensure the confidentiality of forms regarding firearms purchases in the custody of state agencies or dealers.
LR: 2538 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Promote the Safe Sale and Use of Firearms
Comment:	This bill would promote the safe sale and use of firearms by establishing requirements for a firearm safety course by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, increasing the fine for providing a false name to a firearms dealer and requiring private sales of firearms to be subject to background checks. This bill would take effect only upon approval at referendum.
Potential JI	R 217: LDs 267 & 1240

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATORS SUPERINTENDENTS

LR: 2478	Sponsor: Representative Hubbell of Bar Harbor
Title:	An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in the Process Controlling the Transfer
	of a Student between School Administrative Units

Comment: This bill would clarify that a superintendent is required to specify why the transfer of a student from one school administrative unit to another is not in the student's best interests only if that is the reason the transfer was denied.

ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING

LR: 2572	Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Increase the Rate of Reimbursement for Providing Career Advising and Counseling Services to Adult Education Students
Comment:	This bill would increase the rate of reimbursement for career advising and counseling costs incurred by local adult education courses to the same rate of reimbursement for courses for traditional students.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

LR: 2436	Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Enhance Comprehensive Early College Programs
Comment:	This bill would provide up to \$1,000,000 for funding comprehensive early college programs for fiscal year 2014-15.

LR: 2472	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Require a High-validity Interest Test for a Person Applying for Admission to Certain Postsecondary Institutions
Comment:	This bill would require an applicant to an institution of higher education that receives state funding to take a high-validity interest test.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

LR: 2238 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Encourage Informed Choices in Planning for Higher Education and Future Careers
Comment:	This bill would require lenders to provide to student loan applicants information regarding career lifetime earnings based on Department of Labor data, the probability of job placement in Maine in the students' field of study, anticipated monthly cumulative student loan payments and the term of loans and available incentives, including the education opportunity tax credit.
LR: 2246	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Promote Higher Education
Comment:	This bill would allow the State to give a student loan to a person who is enrolled in the University of Maine System. The student would pay a percentage of the student's income, once the student is employed, over a 20- year period. There would be no tuition costs for the student.
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2252 Senator Katz, R
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2566 Representative Daughtry, M
LR: 2252	Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
LR: 2252 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Study the Establishment of a Pilot Program Based on Oregon's "Pay Forward, Pay Back" Model of Funding Public Postsecondary Education
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CULTURAL AGENCIES STATE MUSEUM

LR: 2636	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title:	An Act To Allow the Maine State Museum To Retain Revenues from Fees Imposed for Admission
Comment:	This bill would place all revenue generated by admission fees to the Maine State Museum in a dedicated account for use by the Maine State Museum.

EDUCATION DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2555 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco An Act To Eliminate Student Reimbursement Inequity for Special Purpose Schools
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Education to reimburse special purpose schools in the same manner as it reimburses public schools. Under this bill, reimbursement of special purpose schools would not be denied when a student is not in attendance.

EDUCATION DEPT POWERS

LR: 2532	Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth
Title:	Resolve, To Create the Civics Education Council
Comment:	This resolve would establish the Civics Education Council.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2227 Representative Peterson, M

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2380 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Gillway of Searsport An Act To Establish the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering
Comment:	This bill would establish in Regional School Unit 20 the Maine School of Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, which would offer courses in marine-related fields such as oceanography, ship building and navigation.

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS CHARTER SCHOOLS

LR: 2507 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin An Act To Improve the Funding Mechanism for Charter Schools
Comment:	This bill would fund charter schools based on the number of students attending the schools and using the essential programs and services formula.
Potential JR	217: LD 1057
LR: 2605	Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Approval Process for and the Operation of Virtual Public Charter Schools in the State
Comment:	This bill would revise the law governing the approval process for and the operation of virtual public charter schools in the State.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 481 Representative MacDonald, W

EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS PRIVATE SCHOOLS

LR: 2658 Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston
Title: An Act To Require Financial Audits of Special Purpose Private Schools
Comment: This bill would require that any special purpose private school receiving public funds have a financial audit. The bill would also require that the Department of Education base the determination of daily education rates and any other rate setting on the basis of audited financial information.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2603	Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title:	An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Grading System That Results in a Single Grade for Any Public School or Public Charter School in the State
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use of a grading system that results in a single grade for any public school or public charter school in the State.
Potential JR	217: LD 1540
Closely Rela	ted Legislator Req: LR 2604 Representative MacDonald, W

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS

LR: 2604	Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title:	An Act To Improve the Process for Grading Public Schools and Public Charter Schools in the State
Comment:	This bill would improve the process for grading public schools and public charter schools in the State.
Potential JR	217: LD 1540
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2603 Representative MacDonald, W

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUDGETS

LR: 2236	Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title:	An Act To Foster a Responsible School Budget Process
Comment:	This bill would provide that, in any year where the level of state subsidy for the general purpose aid for local schools program in the state budget is not finalized by March 15 for the upcoming fiscal year, the school administrative units in the State are not obligated to implement the budget approval and budget validation referendum requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 1485 and 1486 until such time as State Government enacts legislation that approves the state budget or authorizes the level of state subsidy to be provided to school administrative units in the State under the general purpose for local schools program.
LR: 2413	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Clarify the School Budget Development Process in Certain Charter Municipalities
Comment:	This bill would clarify that the school budget adoption laws do not preempt provisions in a municipal charter governing school budget development review and recommendation adopted prior to the budget meeting of the

municipal legislative body.

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SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ADJUSTMENTS

LR: 2343Sponsor: Representative Clark of EastonTitle:An Act To Ensure Fair Distribution of Funds within the Education Funding
Formula

Comment: This bill would restore to any school district money that was lost due to the extra money that was added to the funding formula through Public Law 2013, chapter 368. The bill would also require that a school cannot lose state funding dollars as a result of adding more money into the funding formula.

SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA STATE/LOCAL SHARE

LR: 2283	Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title:	An Act To Limit Local Contribution to School Construction
Comment:	This bill would limit local contribution to school construction to 10% of the basic school plan approved by the State. This 10% would not include items added to the plan by the local school board.
LR: 2430 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Kruger of Thomaston An Act To Amend the School Funding Formula
	C C
Comment:	This bill would amend the school funding formula to consider median family income as a factor in determining the allocation of state funding to local school districts. The bill would require a formula adjustment for any school district that has a combined median family income that is equal to or greater than 25% below the State's median family income.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C
LR: 2486	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Improve Educational Outcomes for Students in Poverty in Maine's Public Schools
Comment:	This bill would remove the provisions in current law that require the amount of a school administrative unit's state contribution to be reduced by the amount that school administrative unit receives in federal Title I funds. It also would allow the Department of Education to audit on a regular basis schools that received Title I funds to make sure these funds are being used in compliance with federal law.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 369 Senator Johnson, C

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SCHOOL PERSONNEL TRAINING

LR: 2433 Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield
 Title: An Act To Ensure the Safety During the School Day of Students Who Have Food Allergies
 Comment: This bill would require that teachers and school personnel receive training to recognize the symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the proper use epinephrine

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2221 Representative Peterson, M

pens and asthma inhalers.

SCHOOL POLICIES COMPUTERS

LR: 2225 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Expand Technology Access for Maine's Citizens through the Department of Education's Laptop Program
Comment:	This bill would repeal the provision of law requiring the Department of Education to dispose of Maine Learning Technology Initiative computers and peripheral equipment through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' surplus property program with the proceeds to be used for continued support of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. This bill would direct the Department of Education to recondition and refurbish the used computers and peripheral equipment to be distributed to MaineCare program members and other Maine residents based upon need and income eligibility.
LR: 2694 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and

- Title:An Act to Prohibit Providers of Cloud Computing Service to Primary and
Secondary Educational Institutions from Processing Student Data for
Commercial Purposes
- Comment: This bill would prohibit providers of cloud computing service to primary and secondary educational institutions from processing student data for commercial purposes.

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SCHOOL POLICIES CURRICULUM

LR: 2227 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Formulate and Implement a Citizenship Education Component for the Public School Curriculum	
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Education to formulate and implement a citizenship education component in the social studies curriculum for all public schools at the elementary school, middle school and high school levels.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2532 Representative Nelson, M		
LR: 2340 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot An Act To Strengthen Public Schools in Maine	
Comment:	This bill would enact measures designed to strengthen public schools in the State.	
LR: 2482 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Recognize Agricultural Work in Maine High Schools	
Comment:	This bill would prohibit a high school from suspending or taking disciplinary action against a student who takes time off from school to take part in 4-H activities at fairs. The bill would also allow schools to give the student school credit for the agricultural work done.	

SCHOOL POLICIES DRUG ENFORCEMENT

LR: 2646 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Sirocki of Scarborough An Act To Allow Secondary School Students To Carry Over-the-counter
111101	Medication
Comment:	This bill would allow a secondary school student to carry over-the-counter medication while at school or a school activity with the permission of that student's parent or guardian.

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SCHOOL POLICIES SECURITY

LR: 2431	Sponsor: Senator Plummer of Cumberland	
Title:	An Act To Allow Certain Employees of School Administrative Units To Become Part-time Law Enforcement Officers	
Comment:	This bill would allow a school administrative unit to invite a school employee who is qualified to carry a concealed handgun on school premises to become a part-time law enforcement officer. It would provide that the school administrative unit may enter into an agreement with a local law enforcement agency to commission a qualified school employee as a part- time law enforcement officer. Before becoming a part-time law enforcement officer, the school employee would have to successfully complete the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's training requirements for a part-time law enforcement officer.	
Potential JR 217: LD 1429		
LR: 2465 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston An Act Regarding School Emergency Drills	
Comment:	This bill would allow a school to comply with the number of emergency evacuation drills required annually by including lockdown drills.	
LR: 2599	Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland	
Title:	An Act To Ensure Student Safety and Privacy and To Protect Student Identity	
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the use of a student's name or state identification number by a school in e-mail in a manner that would allow someone to use that information for illegal purposes.	

SCHOOL PROGRAMS HEALTH CARE

LR: 2221	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title:	An Act To Establish Guidelines for the Stocking and Administration of Epinephrine in Schools
Comment:	This bill would establish guidelines for the stocking and administration of epinephrine autoinjectors in schools.
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2433 Representative Short, S

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS JOB TRAINING

LR: 2253 Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title: An Act To Authorize Public Safety Personnel and Members of the Military When Visiting Schools in Their Official Capacity To Wear Their Uniforms
Comment: This bill would require schools to allow personnel such as firefighters, police officers, park rangers, game wardens and members of the military to wear their uniforms when visiting schools in their official capacity.
Potential JR 217: LD 1503

SCHOOL PROGRAMS NUTRITION PROGRAMS

LR: 2336	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act Regarding Eligibility of Children under Guardianship for the School Lunch Program
Comment:	This bill would provide that the income of a child's guardian not be considered in determining eligibility for the school lunch program.
LR: 2670	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland

Title:	An Act To Create a Public-private Partnership To End Food Insecurity in
	the State

Comment: This bill would create a public-private partnership to implement in the State the country's best practices concerning food, to attain an increase in federal funds to feed eligible students and to create a partnership with food distributors and producers to provide more food to students.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT

LR: 2320	Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Ensure Equity in Teacher Retirement Costs for Private Academies
Comment:	This bill would require a private academy to pay 40% and the municipality in which the academy is located to pay 60% of teacher retirement costs.

TRUANTS AND DROPOUTS INTERVENTION

LR: 2466	Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Decrease the Rate of Truancy in Elementary and Secondary
	Schools

Comment: This bill would decrease the rate of truancy in elementary and secondary schools by promoting regular attendance and attainment of a high school diploma.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2383	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title:	An Act To Increase Transparency of Administrative Costs within the University of Maine System
Comment:	This bill would increase the ability of the public to determine the cost of administering the University of Maine System.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CONTAINERS - RETURNABLE PLASTIC BAGS

LR: 2292	Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham
Title:	An Act To Promote Recycling in Maine's Communities
Comment:	This bill would authorize a municipality to adopt an ordinance banning the use of plastic or paper bags not made of 100% recycled material. The bill would also authorize a municipality to tax the use of these bags.

DAMS LICENSING

LR: 2410 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Ensure the State's Authority in Issues Concerning Federal Relicensing of Dams Located in the State
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to inform the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental protection matters of all federal relicensing deadlines for dams located in the State and to present the committee with the department's plan to address each such deadline.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD POWERS

LR: 2487	Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner
Title:	An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection
Commente	-
Comment:	This bill would restore to the Board of Environmental Protection the responsibility to review and approve routine technical rules and enforcement actions proposed by the Department of Environmental
	Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT POWERS

- LR: 2665Sponsor: Senator Saviello of FranklinTitle:An Act Concerning the Establishment of Water Levels
- Comment: This bill would replace the requirement for an adjudicatory hearing by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Board of Environmental Protection on a request or petition for a water level regime or, if applicable, a minimum flow requirement with a requirement for a preliminary determination of jurisdiction by the board and a public meeting by the commissioner. This bill would also authorize the commissioner to dismiss without prejudice any petition that does not contain evidence of mediation or other substantial good faith efforts to resolve any disputes regarding current water level management practices or minimum flow requirements.

LAND USE SITE LOCATION

LR: 2426	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title:	An Act To Allow Site Permits To Be Amended To Require Them To Address Health Effects
Comment:	This bill would allow a site permit to be amended to address health effects that become known after the permit has been issued.

PROTECTED NATURAL RESOURCES SAND DUNES

LR: 2686	Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title:	An Act To Relieve the Impact of Erosion Caused by Facilities Installed by the United States Government
Comment:	This bill would allow a municipality to fill, construct, replace or rebuild a sand dune if the sand dune incurs erosion attributable to the construction, maintenance or extension of a facility built or owned by the United States Government or any of its departments or agencies.

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SURFACE WATER LAKES

LR: 2438 Title: Comment: Closely Rel	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Protect Maine Lakes This bill would protect Maine lakes. ated Legislator Req: LR 2468 Representative McClellan, M	
LR: 2450 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York An Act To Require Swimmers in Open Water To Be More Visible	
Comment:	This bill would require a person swimming in open water more than 100 feet from shore to be accompanied by a person in a watercraft or to carry a buoy to make that person more visible to watercraft. A person who did not meet this requirement would be subject to a fine and could not hold a watercraft owner who struck that person liable.	
LR: 2468 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond An Act To Leverage Expert, State-based Resources for Emergent Intervention and Long-term Comprehensive Resource Protection of Lakes	
Comment:	This bill would provide funding for programs to remove milfoil infestation from lakes over 10,000 acres in size. The source of the funding would be an increase in the fee for a milfoil sticker.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2438 Representative McCabe, J		
LR: 2527 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath An Act To Change the Name and Classification of New Meadows Lake This bill would change the name and classification of New Meadows Lake.	

TOXIC SUBSTANCES EMERGENCY PLANNING

LR: 2480	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Require an Earlier Implementation Date for Maine's Stewardship Program for Architectural Paint if Certain Conditions Are Met
Comment:	This bill would require an earlier implementation date for Maine's stewardship program for architectural paint if certain conditions are met.

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TOXIC SUBSTANCES RIGHT-TO-KNOW

LR: 2597	Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title:	An Act To Require Notification of the Potential Hazards of Coal Tar
	Sealant Products

Comment: This bill would require companies using coal tar sealants to seal driveways to notify their customers in writing of the potential hazards associated with coal tar sealants.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES TOXIC CHEMICALS

LR: 2488 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Grant of Gardiner An Act To Protect the Health of Maine's Citizens from Toxic Chemicals in Products
Comment:	This bill would designate penthalates as priority chemicals. The bill would require manufacturers or distributors with more than \$100,000,000 in gross annual sales to report their use of these chemicals in children's products sold in the State. The bill would amend the authority of the Board of Environmental Protection to regulate these chemicals. The bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to report to the Legislature and to implement law using its existing fee authority and with existing resources.

WATER QUALITY CLASSIFICATIONS

LR: 2601	Sponsor: Representative Stuckey of Portland
Title:	An Act To Reclassify the Lower Presumpscot River from Class C to Class B
Comment:	This bill would upgrade the water quality classification on the Presumpscot River from Saccarappa to the estuary from Class C to Class B.

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOLAR ENERGY

LR: 2618Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of SagadahocTitle:An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY WIND ENERGY

LR: 2398 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Youngblood of Penobscot An Act To Require the Primary Siting Authority for an Expedited Wind Energy Development Project To Make Findings Regarding the Energy- and Emissions-related Benefits of the Project	
Comment:	This bill would require the primary siting authority for an expedited wind energy development project to make additional findings regarding the manner and extent to which the development provides energy- and emissions -related benefits.	
LR: 2496	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport	
Title:	An Act To Provide for Economic and Technological Development by Increasing the Allowable Customer Charge in the Event of More than One Grant Being Awarded for Wind Energy Projects	
Comment:	This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to increase the allowable customer charge if the United States Department of Energy provides more than one grant for a wind energy project in the Gulf of Maine.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2624 Senator Cleveland, J		
LR: 2650	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland	
Title:	An Act To Amend the Maine Wind Energy Act	
Comment:	This bill would amend the Maine Wind Energy Act to clarify a definition, establish a decision-making basis, clarify energy- and emission-related benefits and confirm the Act's policy objectives.	

ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ELECTRIC UTILITIES DELIVERY

LR: 2606Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of SacoTitle:An Act To Encourage Distributed Generation in the State

Comment: This bill would allow utilities to deploy distributed generation in the State, including assisting customers with the costs of home solar installations, to address reliability concerns, to enhance grid performance and to reduce peak load demand. It would also revise the rules on net-metering to reduce the financial impact of distributed generation on the general body of utility customers.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES PLANNING

LR: 2348	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Preserve Certain Private and Special Rights in the Merger of
	Bangor Hydro Electric Company and Maine Public Service Company
Comment:	This bill would provide that any private and special rights previously granted to Maine Public Service Company or its predecessors are not lost as a result
	of the merger between the company and Bangor Hydro Electric Company if
	those rights were in existence at the time of the merger.

ELECTRIC UTILITIES RATES

LR: 2624	Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title:	An Act To Raise the Cap on Rate Impact for Offshore Wind Energy
Comment:	This bill would raise the cap on the permitted impact on electricity rates of off-shore wind energy development.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2496 Representative Fredette, K

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ELECTRIC UTILITIES TRANSMISSION LINES

LR: 2671	Sponsor: Representative Boland of Sanford
Title:	An Act To Facilitate Equitable Rebates for Improvements in the Reliability of Electric Power Transmission

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules to allocate benefits from electric ratepayer-supported investments to limit adverse effects of geomagnetically induced currents into transmission and distribution systems. This bill would also allow the commission to require the installation of equipment monitoring devices for the purpose of tracking changes in reliability of power flow.

ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS

LR: 2619	Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Protect Homeowners and Reduce Energy Costs
Comment:	This bill would require Maine to explore the development of a home energy labeling system that would disclose the energy performance of homes in the State.

GAS UTILITIES PROCEDURES

LR: 2334	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Require a Timely Response by a Gas Company to a Municipal Request for Service Expansion
Comment:	This bill would establish parameters to require a timely response by a gas company to a municipal request for service expansion.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2328	Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Conflict of Interest and Recusal with Respect to the Public Utilities Commission
Comment:	This bill would amend the law governing conflict of interest and recusal with respect to the Public Utilities Commission.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2424	Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title:	An Act To Authorize a Temporary Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission

Comment: This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a list of former commissioners to be called upon and a process for temporary appointment when a current commissioner is recused from a case.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION POWERS

LR: 2623	Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin
Title:	An Act To Assist Electric Utility Ratepayers
Comment:	This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop a program to permit electric ratepayers with high past-due bills to enter into a payment program to avoid disconnection if the current bill and a portion of the past-due bill are paid monthly.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

LR: 2418	Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth
Title:	An Act To Prevent the Misuse of E-9-1-1 Services
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the misuses of E-9-1-1 services by imposing a fine, after 2 warnings, for callers improperly calling E-9-1-1 for reasons other than an emergency.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

LR: 2523	Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
Title:	An Act To Encourage a Provider of Last Resort To Expand Broadband
Comment:	This bill would prohibit a provider of last resort service from receiving state universal fund support under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104 unless that provider has build-out targets for broadband in Maine that are equal to or greater than its build-out targets in New Hampshire. This bill would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement this requirement.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNIVERSAL SERVICE

LR: 2445Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of SacoTitle:An Act To Phase Out the State Universal Service Fund

Comment: This bill would direct the Public Utilities Commission to gradually decrease over 4 years the amounts collected for the state universal service fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104. After 4 years, the authorization to collect funds for a state universal service fund would be repealed.

Closely Related CO: LD 1479

UTILITY DISTRICTS CHARTER CHANGES

LR: 2378	Sponsor: Representative Kumiega, III of Deer Isle
Title:	An Act To Reduce the Number of Members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board
Comment:	This bill would reduce the number of members on the Stonington Sanitary District Board from 7 to 5.
LR: 2473	Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden

Title: An Act To Amend the Charter of the Anson and Madison Water DistrictComment: This bill would permit the trustees of the Anson and Madison Water District the option of requesting that the Town of Anson and the Town of Madison appoint a trustee to fill a vacancy rather than requiring them to hold a special election.

UTILITY DISTRICTS NEW

LR: 2319Sponsor: Representative Fredette of NewportTitle:An Act To Create the Newport Natural Gas DistrictComment:This bill would create the Newport Natural Gas District.

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UTILITY DISTRICTS REGULATION

LR: 2324	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title:	An Act To Enhance the Sustainability of the Corinna Water District
Comment:	This bill would enhance the sustainability of the Corinna Water District.
LR: 2421	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	An Act To Require Notification of the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies
Comment:	This bill would require the operators of a public water system to provide their customers with a notice if the water is fluoridated.
LR: 2444	Sponsor: Representative Hobbins of Saco
	Sponsor. Representative mobility of Saco
Title:	An Act To Ensure That Large Utility Reorganizations Advance the Economic Development and Information Access Goals of the State

WATER UTILITIES TRUSTEES

LR: 2437	Sponsor: Representative Dunphy of Embden
Title:	An Act To Amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act
Comment:	This bill would amend the Standard Water District Enabling Act to allow for a trustee recall provision. The bill would require a district to hold a referendum in the district in order to adopt the provision.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ABUSE AND NEGLECT

LR: 2315	Sponsor: Representative Bennett of Kennebunk
Title:	An Act To Amend Maine's Mandated Reporting of Abuse Laws
Comment:	This bill would prohibit an employer from requiring its employees or volunteers to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation by other employees or volunteers to the employer rather than to the Department of Health and Human Services.
LR: 2503	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Ensure That All Maine Children Are Protected from Abuse
Comment:	This bill would ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services has a process and authority to investigate alleged abuse and neglect that is perpetrated by any caregiver so that children are protected from abuse or neglect in schools, in residential settings or while receiving community support and services.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CHILD CARE

LR: 2419	Sponsor: Representative Duprey of Hampden
Title:	An Act To Protect Children in Home Day Care
Comment:	This bill would require home day care operators that receive state funds to comply with the same child-staff ratios and other rules as licensed child care centers.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COORDINATION OF SERVICES

LR: 2502	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Consolidate and Simplify Licensing and Program Requirements for Center-based Early Childhood Services for Children with Special Needs
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education to get together and establish a single licensing procedure and service plan for center-based early childhood services for children with special needs.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE

LR: 2389 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Support Maine Foster Children beyond the Age of 18
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan to advertise and promote the ability of foster children to remain in the foster care system beyond the age at which they would normally cease to be eligible.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 1047 Representative Berry, S
LR: 2452	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Extend Support to Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Who Are Completing Their Education
Comment:	This bill would extend health care coverage to persons aging out of foster care who are participating in an educational training program.
Potential JR	217: LD 487

DISABLED PERSONS ACCESSIBILITY

LR: 2352	Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title:	An Act To Require Doctors' Offices To Be Accessible by Persons with Disabilities
Comment:	This bill would establish a requirement that all physicians' offices be accessible by persons with disabilities.
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DISABLED PERSONS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

LR: 2220	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title:	Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability
Comment:	This bill would establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Independent Living and Disability.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD STAMPS SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

LR: 2492 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec Resolve, To Reduce Hunger and Increase Access to Healthy Foods by Participants in the Food Supplement Program
Comment:	This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a work group to consider strategies, educational opportunities and other initiatives to reduce food insecurity, promote healthy eating habits and improve access to fresh fruits and vegetables and local foods through farmers' markets and community-supported agriculture by recipients of benefits under the state-administered federal food supplement program known as SNAP. This resolve would require the commissioner to report the work group's findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2015.
Potential JR	217: LD 1411

LR: 2682 Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock Title: An Act To Assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients Comment: This bill would authorize a voluntary program through the Department of Health and Human Services that would allow Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients to choose to receive benefits paid weekly rather than monthly. It would require the department to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on this option after 2 years.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2325 Title:	An Ast To	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport Help Recipients of Welfare Benefits To Transfer from Welfare
The.	to Work	help kecipients of wenare benefits to transfer from wenare
Comment:	Temporary	ould require that all job-ready applicants for benefits under the Assistance for Needy Families program or for a diversion sing alternative aid must present documented proof of job s.
Potential JR	217:	LD 256

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2406		Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title:	Resolve, T Dependenc	o Establish the Task Force on Independence from Welfare
Comment:	This resolv dependence	ye would create a task force on independence from welfare y.
Potential JR	217:	LDs 1064 & 1538

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

LR: 2611	Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Require Immunization of Asylees
Comment:	This bill would require that asylum seekers must receive the same slate of vaccinations as students in Maine in order to qualify for municipal or state financial assistance.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2272 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General in the Department of Health and Human Services	
Comment:	This bill would create the office of Inspector General within the Department of Health and Human Services, specifically charged with detecting fraud and abuse within Department of Health and Human Services programs. The office would be based on similar offices that have been established in Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania.	
LR: 2359	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland	
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop Alternative Options for Transportation of MaineCare Recipients	
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to develop options for providing a system of providing nonemergency transportation for MaineCare recipients to and from medical appointments and to report on the options to the Legislature.	
Potential JR	217: LDs 650 & 710	
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2589	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To
	Educate the Public and Its Program Participants about Bisphenol A

Comment: This resolve would require the Department of Health and Human Services to update its website for accuracy and to prepare educational outreach materials to reach the most susceptible populations concerning bisphenol A.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES COMMUNITY-BASED

LR: 2500	Sponsor: Representative Sanborn of Gorham
	n Act To Eliminate Financial Inequality in the Provision of Community- ased Behavioral Health Services

Comment: This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to require that all community-based health services bill at community-based rates and would prohibit community-based health services from billing at the hospital rate.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERY

LR: 2330 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt	
Comment:	This bill would enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt.	
Potential JR	LD 1066	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2357 Speaker Eves, M		
LR: 2331 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland An Act To Clarify the Law Governing Public Disclosure of Health Care	
Comment:	Prices This bill would clarify the recently enacted law requiring the public	
Comment.	disclosure of health care prices.	

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERY

LR: 2357	Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick
Title:	An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People
Comment:	This bill would expand federally funded health care to low-income Maine people, effective the first day of the quarter in which the state plan amendment is approved.
Potential JR	LD 1066
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2330 Senator Jackson, T
LR: 2447 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Reduce Nuisance Marijuana Growing
Comment:	This bill would reduce runsance medical marijuana growing by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules for medical marijuana cultivation and processing for registered caregivers and dispensaries that set standards for air filtration, ventilation, noise, odor, disposal of water, plant cultivation and processing waste. The bill would propose that the rules, which would be major substantive rules, would apply in municipalities and in the unorganized territories and that a violation of the rules would be a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$1,000 could be imposed.
LR: 2491 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act Relating to Nursing Home and Hospice Patients and Medical Marijuana Use
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to allow nursing home and hospice patients with a prescription for medical marijuana to use their prescriptions in a facility. This bill would allow them to use nonsmoked forms of medical marijuana such as vaporized, edibles, tinctures and salves without restrictions put in place by Department of Health and Human Services rules.

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES DELIVERY

LR: 2510 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Sanderson of Chelsea An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries
Comment:	This bill woud allow registered medical marijuana dispensaries to sell and purchase excess marijuana from other registered dispensaries.
LR: 2588	Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title:	An Act To Clarify Provisions of the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act
Comment:	This bill would amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to clarify that access to a registered dispensary's cultivation facility by government officials acting within the scope of employment or government duties is allowed.
LR: 2600	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Amend the Requirements Regarding Self-identification by Health Care Practitioners
Comment:	This bill would limit to outpatient settings the requirement that a health care practitioner display that practitioner's license. The bill would also allow mental health and behavioral health practitioners to cease wearing an identification badge after the first visit with a patient.
LR: 2664	Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title:	An Act To Facilitate the Detection of Breast Cancer
Comment:	This bill would facilitate the detection of breast cancer in cases of dense
	breast tissue.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES HOME HEALTH CARE

LR: 2501	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Promote and Sustain Home Care Services for Seniors Offered by the County Extension Services
Comment:	This bill would provide funding from the Department of Health and Human Services budget to promote and sustain home care services provided to seniors by the county extension services.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH CARE SERVICES LONG TERM CARE

LR: 2224	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title:	An Act To Establish a Program Providing for Adaptive Equipment Accounts for Persons Receiving Long-term Care Services
Comment:	

consumers of in-home long-term care services. Under the program, a consumer who elects to receive services at a value less than the value of the services the consumer is eligible for may designate the remaining funds for deposit into an account for future use to purchase adaptive equipment or make adaptive renovations to the home of the consumer. This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt routine technical rules to implement the program by January 1, 2015.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES PHARMACIES

LR: 2366 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville An Act Concerning Disclosure Requirements by Pharmacy Benefits Managers
Comment:	This bill would establish disclosure requirements on the use of a maximum allowable cost pricing index by pharmacy benefits managers and transfers oversight authority to the Maine Board of Pharmacy.
LR: 2367 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense Sterile and Nonsterile Compounds
Comment:	This bill would allow pharmacists to dispense sterile and nonsterile compounds when prescribed by a physician.
LR: 2613	Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title:	An Act To Increase Safety for Children by Requiring the Labeling of Inhalers
Comment:	This bill would direct pharmacists to print an additional prescription sticker for customers to apply on the inhaler when the inhaler box is opened at home.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH CARE SERVICES PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

LR: 2554 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Pringle of Windham Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Advance the Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs To Protect Health Care Personnel
Comment:	This resolve would require the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to adopt a standard for the handling of antineoplastic drugs, as defined, in health care facilities regardless of the setting. This resolve would require the standard to be consistent with and not exceed specific recommendations adopted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health for preventing occupational exposures to those drugs in health care settings.
LR: 2567 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth An Act To Require a Prescription for Any Medication Containing Pseudoephedrine

Comment: This bill would prohibit all dispensing of any medication that contains pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

HOMELESS PERSONS ACCESS TO SERVICES

LR: 2569	Sponsor: Representative Briggs of Mexico
Title:	Resolve, To Require State Government To Work in Concert To Further Maine's Plan To End and Prevent Homelessness
Comment:	This resolve would require all relevent agencies of State Government to work with the Maine State Housing Authority, the Statewide Homeless Council and regional homeless councils to fully implement Maine's plan to end and prevent homelessness.

MEDICAID MAINECARE

LR: 2293	Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox
Title:	An Act To Strengthen the Process of Notifying MaineCare Applicants of the MaineCare Estate Recovery Program
Comment:	This bill would require a separate disclosure form to be presented to and signed by MaineCare applicants concerning the MaineCare estate recovery program.

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MAINECARE

LR: 2338 Title: Comment: Potential JR	Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham An Act To Increase Reimbursement for Quality Child Care This bill would provide for reimbursement to quality child care providers at a rate 10% higher than the rate for other providers. 217: LD 1383
LR: 2342 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McElwee of Caribou An Act To Enhance Insurance Coverage for Telemedicine Services
Comment:	This bill would allow registered nurses and behavioral health specialists to be reimbursed for provided telemedicine services via MaineCare similar to the way in which medical doctors, physician assistants and family medical practitioners are reimbursed.
LR: 2432 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Short of Pittsfield An Act To Require Reimbursement under MaineCare for Hearing Aids
Comment:	This bill would expand MaineCare coverage to require reimbursement for the purchase of hearing aids.
LR: 2453 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec An Act To Replace Current MaineCare-funded Nonemergency Transportation Services with a More Reliable and Efficient System of Transportation Services To Better Meet the Needs of the Elderly and Other MaineCare-eligible Clients
Comment:	This bill would replace current MaineCare-funded nonemergency transportation services with a more reliable and efficient system of transportation services. This bill would adopt the approach that is used in Vermont.
Potential JR	217: LDs 650 & 710
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2359 Representative Farnsworth, R
LR: 2574 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Improve the Use of Dental Services by MaineCare-eligible Children
Comment:	This bill would increase case management services to MaineCare-eligible children in need of dental care to help them obtain appropriate and timely dental care.

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MAINECARE

LR: 2582 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook An Act To Create Greater Cost Efficiency and Promote Better Health Outcomes by Integrating Improved Access to Dental Care for Adults in MaineCare's Care Management and Coordination Initiatives
Comment:	This bill would, beginning July 1, 2014, provide for limited MaineCare coverage for preventative and restorative oral health treatment for members who are referred by care managers or members of a team of health care professionals approved by the Department of Health and Human Services.
LR: 2590	Sponsor: Representative Gattine of Westbrook
Title:	An Act To Increase Program Integrity in the MaineCare Program and Increase State Recoveries under the Federal False Claims Act
Comment:	This bill would increase the amount the State can recover for MaineCare fraudulent claims and amend state laws to better enforce the federal False Claims Act.
LR: 2607	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Preserve Access to Nursing Home Care by Correcting Chronic Shortfalls in MaineCare Reimbursement
Comment:	This bill would provide for an increase in MaineCare payments to nursing homes to address a chronic shortfall between audited MaineCare allowable costs and payments for those costs, while allowing the aggregate increase to include pay for performance and enhanced payments for facilities serving a high percentage of MaineCare-covered residents.
LR: 2667 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Jorgensen of Portland An Act To Improve Access to Home-based Care
Comment:	This bill would provide for a 10% increase in home-based health care rates paid under MaineCare.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CIVIL COMMITMENTS

LR: 2581	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Involuntary Commitment
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws regarding involuntary commitment when an inpatient psychiatric bed is medically necessary but unavailable.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY

LR: 2335 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act To Encourage Communication Regarding Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness
Comment:	This bill is a concept draft that would permit medical professionals to discuss with a close relative or next friend the treatment of a person who suffers from mental illness.
LR: 2534 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Dorney of Norridgewock An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services and Increase Public Safety
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to combine all of its emergency crisis lines into one access number to be staffed by trained personnel around the clock.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2371	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Feasibility Study for Expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a feasibility study for a 50-bed expansion of Riverview Psychiatric Center and report to the next Legislature with legislation.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS

LR: 2614	Sponsor: Representative Frey of Bangor
Title:	An Act To Utilize the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center To Manage Need
	for Inpatient Hospitalization

Comment: This bill would require the use of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to address bed shortage and population management issues at the Riverview Psychiatric Center.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING

LR: 2512	Sponsor: Representative Farnsworth of Portland
Title:	An Act To Improve Hospital-based Acute Behavior Health Treatment
Comment:	This bill would exempt mental health hospitals from having to have a plan in place before any intensive behavior treatment program may be implemented.

PUBLIC HEALTH RESTAURANTS

LR: 2237	Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title:	An Act To Allow Local Health Inspectors To Inspect Restaurants and Other Licensed Establishments
Comment:	This bill would require the state health inspection program in the Department of Health and Human Services to include a program to train local health inspectors to perform limited inspections of restaurants and other licensed establishments for health and safety violations. Local health officers who have completed this training would have the authority to order the immediate and temporary closing of an establishment when health and safety violations pose an imminent threat to the public.
Potential JR	217: LR 846

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

LR: 2394 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York An Act To Increase Treatment for and Education Regarding Alcohol Abuse
Comment:	This bill would require 5% of the money from the State's wholesale liquor contract to fund treatment for and education regarding alcohol abuse.
LR: 2684	Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Prevent Overdoses in Maine
Comment:	This bill would exempt from criminal and civil liability a person who seeks medical assistance for a drug or alcohol overdose. This bill would also exempt from liability a health care professional who prescribes, possesses or administers a drug to block the effects of an opioid overdose.
Potential JR	217: LDs 1044 & 1046

TEMPORARY ASSIST TO NEEDY FAMILIES PENALTIES

LR: 2497	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title:	An Act To Improve Participation in the ASPIRE-TANF Program
Comment:	This bill would eliminate one of the exceptions in the law of the ASPIRE- TANF program that prohibits sanctioning in the program.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL PRACTICES LOANS

LR: 2628	Sponsor: Representative Powers of Naples
Title:	An Act To Stop Predatory Lending Practices by Payday Lenders
Comment:	This bill would stop predatory lending practices by payday lenders.

FINANCIAL PRACTICES MORTGAGES

LR: 2412 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Priest of Brunswick An Act To Amend the Power of Sale Foreclosure Law To Make Real Estate Titles More Marketable
Comment:	This bill would revise the power of sale mortgage foreclosure law in order to clarify the law, improve notice to interested parties and ensure the marketability of title.
Closely Rela	ated CO: LD 1389 Representative Crockett, J
LR: 2662 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland An Act To Protect Homeowners Facing Foreclosure
Comment:	This bill would provide a homeowner whose home has been foreclosed the option of settling the debt at any point of the foreclosure process, including

option of settling the debt at any point of the foreclosure process, including the window of time between when the foreclosure is complete and the date the person must vacate the home.

INSURANCE HEALTH

LR: 2269	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title:	An Act To Prohibit a Requirement for Annual Authorizations for Insurance Coverage for Phenylketonuria and Allied Disorders
Comment:	This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring annual authorization from a physician for coverage for phenylketonuria and allied disorders.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

INSURANCE HEALTH

LR: 2307 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta An Act To Provide Reimbursement of Health Care Insurance Costs for New Businesses This bill would reimburse new businesses for the cost of health care insurance provided to the employees of those businesses.
LR: 2395 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McGowan of York An Act To Strengthen Access Requirements and Review Standards for Health Insurance Plans
Comment:	This bill would amend the reasonable access requirements in the health insurance laws to restrict the ability of health plans to establish narrow networks of providers. The bill would also strengthen the standards for review of health plans and requests to discontinue existing plans and establish new plans.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2423 Senator Hill, D
LR: 2402 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Rankin of Hiram An Act To Require Health Insurers To Provide Coverage for Human Leukocyte Antigen Testing To Establish Bone Marrow Donor Transplant Suitability
Comment:	This bill would require that health insurance policies provide coverage for human leukocyte antigen testing that is necessary to establish bone marrow transplant donor suitability.
LR: 2420 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth An Act To Exempt Epinephrine Autoinjectors from the Prior Authorization Requirement
Comment:	This bill would prohibit insurance companies from requiring prior authorization for epinephrine autoinjectors, also known as "EpiPens."

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

INSURANCE MOTOR VEHICLE

LR: 2629	Sponsor: Representative Chase of Wells
Title:	An Act To Restrict Direct Repair Programs between Auto Insurance
	Companies and Auto Body Repair Businesses

Comment: This bill would restrict auto insurance companies from using any auto repair facility with which the insurance company has a direct repair program for the purpose of estimating the cost of a repair.

INSURANCE PRACTICES INSURANCE PRODUCERS

LR: 2508	Sponsor: Senator Whittemore of Somerset
Title:	An Act To Clarify Licensing Requirements for Limited Insurance Producers Sales
Comment:	This bill would allow an insurance company or insurance producer to pay a commission or service fee to an unlicensed agent of a rental car company that holds a limited insurance producer license as long as there is one employee at the location for that rental car company who also holds a limited insurance producer license.

INSURANCE PRACTICES PROVIDERS

LR: 2423	Sponsor: Senator Hill of York
Title:	An Act To Amend the Provider Profiling Program Law
Comment:	This bill would require an insurance carrier that has a provider profiling program to apply the requirements of the program to narrow networks.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2395 Representative McGowan, P

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE

LR: 2457	Sponsor: Representative DeChant of Bath
Title:	An Act To Ensure Fairness in the Application of the Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Laws
Comment:	This bill would require an insurance carrier that reduces or offsets an
	injured worker's incapacity benefits by the amount of unemployment
	benefits received for the same period of incapacity to reimburse the
	Unemployment Compensation Fund the full amount of the offset. The
	employer of the injured employee would have its experience rating
	adjusted to reflect that reimbursement.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

FISH

PROTECTION

LR: 2434 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Protect Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout Spawning Habitat from Motorized Recreational Gold Prospecting
Comment:	This bill would close specific stream segments that contain Atlantic salmon and brook trout to motorized gold prospecting.
LR: 2578 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Maintain the Togue Stocking Program in Millimagassett Lake
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to continue the togue stocking of Millimagassett Lake.

FISHING

REGULATIONS

LR: 2321	Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro
Title:	An Act To Allow Fishing Closer to the Fish Ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro
Comment:	This bill would reduce the distance from the fish ladder on Webber Pond in Vassalboro within which fishing is prohibited from 150 feet to 25 feet. This change would allow a person to fish from the town dock.

HUNTING BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2280	Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Crossbow Hunting
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws governing crossbow hunting that were changed last session in Public Law 2013, chapter 236.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING

BOW AND ARROW

LR: 2361	Sponsor: Representative Harvell of Farmington	
Title:	An Act To Repeal the Prohibition on the Use of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	
Comment:	This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S	
LR: 2390 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Wood of Sabattus An Act To Reduce the Restrictions Imposed on Persons Using Crossbows and Bows and Arrows near Residences and Other Buildings	
Comment:	This bill would amend current law that prohibits a person from using a crossbow or bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling to reduce the distance to 75 yards and exempt a person target shooting on that person's property.	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2361 Representative Harvell, L	
Closely Rel	Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2443 Representative Shaw, M	
LR: 2443	Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish	
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Discharge of a Bow and Arrow near a Dwelling or Building	
Comment:	This bill would repeal the prohibition on the use of a bow and arrow within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner.	
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Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2390 Representative Wood, S	
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LR: 2469Sponsor: Senator Cushing of PenobscotTitle:An Act To Allow the Use of Slingshots in Small Game HuntingComment:This bill would legalize slingshots as weapons for hunting small game.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

HUNTING SAFETY

LR: 2341 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Promote Religious Freedom	
Comment:	This bill would allow a person that belongs to a religion that does not allow that person to wear bright colored clothing, and that lives in a home without power or technology, to be able to wear a red vest and hat instead of a fluorescent orange vest when hunting on that person's own property.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2474 Senator Sherman, R		
LR: 2474 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook An Act To Provide an Exemption for Religious Purposes to the Requirement That Hunters Wear Hunter Orange Clothing	
Comment:	This bill would provide an exemption to the requirement that hunters wear hunter orange clothing for persons whose religion prohibits wearing that color.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2341 Representative Clark, T		

HUNTING SEASON

LR: 2356	Sponsor: Representative Jones of Freedom
Title:	An Act To Create an Annual Flintlock Hunting Season
Comment:	This bill would create a one-week hunting season for flintlock users.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DEPT POWERS

LR: 2240	Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title:	An Act To Expand Marketing at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Comment:	This bill would implement the recommendations of a marketing group established to study how to better market the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

RECREATION PARKS

LR: 2649	Sponsor: Representative Hamann of South Portland
Title:	An Act To Provide State Park Access to Maine Veterans
Comment:	This bill would provide free access to state parks, including overnight camping, for all veterans. Currently only those veterans who are disabled receive such free access.

RECREATION PROPERTY ACCESS

LR: 2519 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison An Act To Allow Swim Areas To Be Designated by Associations Owning Frontage on Inland Waters
Comment:	This bill would allow an association of homeowners that owns shoreland property on inland waters to designate a private swim area for that association.
LR: 2621 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville An Act To Encourage Access to Maine's Rivers and Lakes for Fishing
Comment:	This bill would encourage reasonable access to Maine waterways by providing access to hydroelectric property, taking into account reasonable safety concerns and limiting the liability of hydroelectric companies that provide such access.

RECREATION WATERCRAFT

LR: 2528	Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To
	Amend Its Rules Pertaining to Paddle Boarding
Comment:	This resolve would require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to amend its rules pertaining to paddle boarding.

JUDICIARY

ACTIONS FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER

LR: 2467	Sponsor: Representative Libby of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Conform Residential Lease Laws to Commercial Lease Laws
Comment:	This bill would require a residential tenant in a forcible entry and detainer action to meet the same requirements for appeal that a commercial tenant is required to meet.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT POWERS

LR: 2294 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway An Act Relating to Investigation of Criminal Cases That Are Not Solved after 5 Years	
Comment:	This bill would require the Attorney General to reopen unsolved criminal cases after 5 years and allow other police agencies to review them, and give the family of a victim in such a case the right to ask an agency to take over the case.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2396 Representative Stanley, S		
LR: 2396	Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway	
Title:	An Act To Create a Cold Case Homicide Department in the Department of the Attorney General	
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2294 Representative Stanley, S

CIVIL PROCEDURE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

LR: 2505 Sponsor: Representative Timberlake of Turner
Title: An Act To Reform Certain Remedies and Procedures in Civil Actions
Comment: This bill would require the Supreme Judicial Court to adopt rules to expedite certain proceedings, lower certain costs of litigation, permit the intermediate appeal of certain controlling questions of law and change provisions regarding an award of attorneys' fees.

JUDICIARY

CIVIL PROCEDURE SETTLEMENTS

LR: 2687	Sponsor: Representative Gifford of Lincoln
Title:	An Act To Require a Company To Disclose the Amount of and Reason for a Settlement Entered into with an Individual
Comment:	This bill would require a company that enters into a settlement agreement to disclose the amount and reason for the settlement.

COURTS DRUG COURT

LR: 2391	Sponsor: Representative Dion of Portland
Title:	Resolve, To Ensure the Continued Effectiveness of Maine's Drug Courts
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Supreme Judicial Court to review and improve the operation of the State's drug court, focusing on current treatment, alternative sentencing and post-release best practices.

COURTS JURORS

LR: 2351		Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title:	An Act To Impro	ove Compensation for Jurors
Comment:	This bill would i	ncrease the payment to jurors to \$75.
Closely Rela	ated CO:	LD 1424 Representative Brooks, J

DOMESTIC RELATIONS CHILD SUPPORT

LR: 2608	Sponsor: Representative Mitchell of Penobscot Nation
Title:	An Act To Streamline Enforcement of Child Support Orders Issued by the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court and Penobscot Nation Division of Child
	Support Enforcement
Comment:	This bill would direct the Secretary of State to suspend the Maine driver's license of a Penobscot Nation member who fails to abide by the conditions of a Penobscot Nation child support order.

JUDICIARY

DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVORCE

LR: 2693Sponsor: Senator Katz of KennebecTitle:An Act To Review the Laws Relating to the Award of Spousal Support in
Divorce Actions

Comment: This bill would repeal a recently enacted amendment to Maine's laws regarding the award of spousal support in divorce actions as they relate to cohabitation. This bill would also direct the Family Law Advisory Commission to review laws regarding the modification of spousal support orders and cohabitation in order to develop legislation to be reported to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS MARRIAGE

LR: 2517	Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco
Title:	An Act To Allow Active Members of the Military Service To File an Intent
	to Marry in Any Municipality
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Comment: This bill would allow an active member of the United States Armed Forces or the Maine National Guard who is a resident of Maine to file notice of intent to marry in any municipality.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS PARENTAL RIGHTS

LR: 2654	Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title:	An Act Relating to the Rights of Parents Who Deliver a Child to a Safe Haven Provider
Comment:	This bill would place a limit on the amount of time in which a parent can reclaim a child after surrender under the "safe haven" law.

FREEDOM OF ACCESS EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

LR: 2248	Sponsor: Representative Shaw of Standish
Title:	An Act To Enhance Freedom of Access
Comment:	This bill would permit the Public Access Ombudsman in the Attorney General's Office to attend executive sessions of agencies and boards under the Freedom of Access Act. The ombudsman would be required to keep information from the executive sessions confidential.

JUDICIARY

FREEDOM OF ACCESS PUBLIC RECORDS

LR: 2461	Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title:	An Act To Ensure That Meritorious Freedom of Access Act Requests
	Receive Appropriate Attention

Comment: This bill would help public entities fulfill public records requests by reducing the number of frivolous and vexatious requests through limiting the number of requests allowed per person and other remedies, and would give authority to the Public Access Ombudsman to intervene.

FREEDOM OF ACCESS RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY

LR: 2266	Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title:	An Act To Amend the Freedom of Access Law
Comment:	This bill would exempt from the Freedom of Access Law any identifying information related to persons making claims for proceeds from the Maine State Lottery.

LR: 2490	Sponsor: Representative Beavers of South Berwick
Title:	An Act To Encourage and Protect Innovation in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Seafood Processing
Comment:	This bill would define as confidential information, not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, data submitted to the Department of Marine Resources that documents research and protocols used in aquaculture or seafood processing.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

LR: 2222	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title:	Resolve, To Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good
Comment:	This bill would create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Law and the Public Good.

JUDICIARY

HUMAN RIGHTS FREE SPEECH

LR: 2522 Sponsor: Representative Russell of Portland
Title: An Act To Expand the Breadth of Protected Speech in the State
Comment: This bill would expand the breadth of protected speech in the State. Under this bill, which is based on laws in California, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Nevada, petition activity, speech and conduct in connection with an issue of public concern would be afforded the same protections currently

granted to speech in connection with an issue under consideration by a governmental body.

HUMAN RIGHTS HOUSING

LR: 2365	Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act To Include Marital Status
Comment:	This bill would add marital status to the freedom from discrimination provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act regarding fair housing.

PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

LR: 2401	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title:	An Act To Provide an Exemption from Estate Recovery for the Estate of a Person Who Purchased at Least 3 Years of Long-term Care Insurance Coverage
Comment:	This bill would provide a \$250,000 exemption from estate recovery for the estate of a person who purchased at least 3 years of long-term care insurance coverage.

REAL ESTATE COOPERATIVES

LR: 2344	Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra
Title:	An Act Regarding the Formation of Resident-owned Communities and Trailer Park Cooperatives
Comment:	This bill would establish laws and rules regarding the formation of resident -owned communities and trailer park cooperatives.

JUDICIARY

REAL ESTATE EASEMENTS

LR: 2441	Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title:	An Act To Protect Conservation Easements on the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River from Expansion to the Federal Government
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the State from expanding conservation easements to the Federal Government on the east and west branches of the Penobscot River.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

LR: 2337 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Malaby of Hancock An Act Regarding "Paper Roads" Established before 1998 This bill would extinguish property rights in certain "paper roads" created before 1998 and never developed.
LR: 2571 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Clark of Easton An Act To Allow the Placement of Cameras and Electronic Surveillance Equipment on Private Property without Written Permission of the Landowner
Comment:	This bill would repeal the prohibition against placing a camera or other surveillance equipment on private property without the written permission of the landowner.

TORTS IMMUNITY

LR: 2592	Sponsor: Senator Gerzofsky of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Increase Legal Protection for Public Safety Personnel
Comment:	This bill would provide extra measures in the laws to protect public safety personnel from frivolous lawsuits.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS PRACTICES BILLING

LR: 2610	Sponsor: Senator Mazurek of Knox
Title:	An Act To Protect Maine Consumers from Abusive and Deceptive Debt Collection
Comment:	This bill would incorporate into Maine law certain regulations adopted by New York State to better protect Maine consumers from abusive and deceptive debt collection.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

PATENTS

LR: 2273 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick An Act To Protect Maine Businesses from Illegitimate Patent Assertions
Comment:	This bill would prohibit bad faith assertions of patent infringement.
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2647 Senator Haskell, A
LR: 2647 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland An Act To Prohibit Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement
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BUSINESS PRACTICES REGULATIONS

LR: 2640	Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
Comment:	This bill would add a prohibition to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act on posting paid reviews online, whether negative or positive.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

LR: 2223 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford An Act To Encourage Small Business and Guarantee Property Rights by Prohibiting Restrictions on a Homeowner's Ability To Operate a Business in a Residential Area
Comment:	This bill would require that municipalities' comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances allow home offices and businesses and small-scale, noncommercial agricultural activities, such as cultivating agricultural products, keeping poultry and small livestock, maintaining bees and producing maple syrup in residential areas.
LR: 2499	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Retain Call Centers in Maine
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to create a list of call centers in Maine that close. If any call center that received grant money from the United States closes and moves out of the country, the grant money the call center received will be called back.
LR: 2641	Sponsor: Senator Millett of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Promote Maine Startups and Improve Maine's Economy
Comment:	This bill would create the Startup ME program, which would be modeled on a New York law concerning tax initiatives for new businesses starting up in college and university communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOB OPPORTUNITY ZONES

LR: 2439	Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Designation of Pine Tree Development Zones
Comment:	This bill would extend the period for certification of a qualified business in the Tier 2 Pine Tree Development Zones to match that provided for businesses in all other Pine Tree Development Zones.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

LR: 2691 Sponsor: Senator Woodbury of Cumberland Title: An Act To Promote Maine Prosperity This bill would enact a comprehensive package of statutory changes Comment: designed to promote prosperity in the State, subject to approval by the citizens at referendum in November 2014. Some of the proposed changes would include expanding Medicaid coverage beginning January 1, 2015; enacting comprehensive tax reform effective January 1, 2016; incremental increases in the minimum wage; a prohibition on the collection of union dues from certain workers; reducing automobile excise tax rates; increasing the gasoline tax; adjusting the laws governing pensions for state retirees; requiring the inclusion of a "global education budget" in the Governor's budget proposal; providing a needs-based grant to students attending an institution of higher learning in the State; eliminating the higher cost of tuition paid by out-of-state students at public universities and colleges in the State; public funding of pre-kindergarten; increasing the funding to the Maine Technology Institute and the small business assistance programs within the Finance authority of Maine; and increasing the cap on seed capital investment incentives.

Potential JR 217: LDs 611, 831, 1066, 1275 & 1496

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES TERMINATION

LR: 2274	Sponsor: Representative Daughtry of Brunswick
Title:	An Act To Assist Victims of Domestic Violence
Comment:	This bill would prohibit an employer from firing an employee because the employee is a victim of domestic violence.
LR: 2409	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title:	An Act To Protect under State Law the Employment and Reemployment
	Rights of Military Service Members Returning to the Civilian Workforce in the State
Comment:	This bill would protect the employment and reemployment of military service members returning to the civilian workforce in the State. In the event of a dispute, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management would conduct hearings and issue a decision.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

LR: 2449	Sponsor: Senator Langley of Hancock
Title:	An Act To Require the Department of Labor To Provide Specific
	Information to Employers Regarding Their Unemployment Insurance Activity
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Labor, when it issues an employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific

employer the annual notice of contribution rate, to provide specific information about that employer's unemployment account activity for the prior year.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PROCEDURES

LR: 2245	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Amend the Definition of "Employer" in the Laws Relating to
	Unemployment Compensation
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Comment: This bill would amend the definition of "employer" in the laws relating to unemployment compensation.

FINANCE AUTHORITY PROGRAMS

LR: 2429 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Prohibit the FInance Authority of Maine from Issuing College Loans to Students Who Do Not Meet Admission Requirements
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the Finance Authority of Maine from issuing a student loan to a person who fails to meet the admission requirements for the postsecondary institution that person is attending on a probationary status.
LR: 2509	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title:	An Act To Expand the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program
Comment:	This bill would raise the maximum amount of a tax credit claim from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in the Maine New Markets Capital Investment Program.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING AFFORDABLE

LR: 2234 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

HOUSING CONDOMINIUMS

LR: 2451	Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title:	An Act To Require Owners of Condominiums To Comply with the Laws
	Regarding Treatment of Bedbug Infestations
Comment:	This bill would require shareholders in condominium associations to comply with the laws regarding bedbug infestations.

HOUSING RENTAL

LR: 2470	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Allow Tenants To Remain in a Building for a Limited Time after That Building Has Been Declared Uninhabitable
Comment:	This bill would provide tenants a minimum of 72 hours to find a new place to live if the property occupied by those tenants is determined uninhabitable by the local code enforcement office or the State Fire Marshal.
HOUSING AUTHORITIES STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

LR: 2372	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta
Title:	Resolve, To Direct the Maine State Housing Authority To Finance the
	Construction Costs or Renovations for a Veterans' Home or Homeless Shelter
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Maine State Housing Authority to finance the construction costs or renovations for a veterans' home or homeless shelter.

INDUSTRIES CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2609	Sponsor: Representative Gideon of Freeport
Title:	An Act To Update Parts of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code
Comment:	This bill would amend a number of items in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to comply with federal standards.

JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

LR: 2403	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Create a Program To Provide Training for Workers
Comment:	This bill would create a program that would provide new training for workers.

LABOR DEPT POWERS

LR: 2639	Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc
Title:	An Act To Maintain and Expand Employment Opportunities in the State
Comment:	This bill would expand and improve the Maine Apprenticeship Program, provide adequate staffing at the Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Services and create a stakeholder group to research and propose a comprehensive layoff aversion strategy for the State.

LABOR RELATIONS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

LR: 2489	Sponsor: Representative Lockman of Amherst
Title:	An Act To Protect "Fair Share" Workers from Unauthorized Withholding of Agency Fees
Comment:	This bill would repeal the law that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent without authorization from the employee.

Potential JR 217: LD 786

LICENSING

COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

LR: 2598	Sponsor: Representative Dickerson of Rockland
Title:	Resolve, To Require the Review of Laws and Rules Governing
	Cosmetology-related Licenses

Comment: This resolve would require a substantive review of the requirements and procedures for obtaining a license as a massage therapist or aesthetician or in some other cosmetology-related profession. The purpose of the review would be to find ways to reduce requirements to make it easier to work in those areas.

LICENSING NURSES

LR: 2493	Sponsor: Senator Cain of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Amend the Requirements for Licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
Comment:	This bill would describe the requirements for licensure for advanced practice registered nurses.

LICENSING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

LR: 2295 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Plante of Berwick An Act To License and Regulate Persons Providing Physical Therapy for
	Animals
Comment:	This bill would license and regulate the practice of physical therapy for animals.

LICENSING REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

LR: 2464	Sponsor: Senator Cushing of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Conform Licensing Requirements for Real Estate Appraisers with Federal Law
Comment:	This bill would require real estate appraisers to be fingerprinted in order to be licensed by the State.

LIENS MECHANICS

LR: 2309	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Allow the Creation of a Mechanics Lien by Electricians
Comment:	This bill would allow an electrician to create a mechanics lien against property on which the electrician performed work for which the electrician was not paid.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING MOBILE HOMES

LR: 2393	Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais
Title:	An Act To Improve the Process for Determining whether a Mobile Home Is Abandoned
Comment:	The bill would create a process to allow a municipality or a court to determine that a mobile home has been abandoned.

TOURISM OFFICE PROMOTION

LR: 2661	Sponsor: Senator Valentino of York
Title:	An Act To Establish the Greenlight Maine Program
Comment:	This bill would establish a program administered by the Maine State Film Office within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to support filmmakers within the capacity of the program through incubation, funding, distribution and production including refundable tax credits.

WORKERS COMPENSATION BENEFITS

LR: 2485	Sponsor: Representative Beck of Waterville
Title:	An Act To Amend the Insurance Laws Regarding Pilot Projects
Comment:	This bill would direct the Superintendent of Insurance to adopt rules to enable employers to provide employees with health care benefits covering workplace injuries and illness and other health care benefits in comprehensive pilot projects.

WORKERS COMPENSATION PROCEDURES

LR: 2289	Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford
Title:	An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws as They Pertain to Employee Representation
Comment:	This bill would allow an injured worker to have a union representative or a representative of the worker's choice attend a required examination by a company physician.

MARINE RESOURCES

AQUACULTURE LICENSING

LR: 2587	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	An Act To Permit Wet Storage Sites for Cultured Marine Organisms
Comment:	This bill would change existing guidelines for wet storage of marine organisms to improve the process for applicants for aquaculture leases and allow for public comment consistent with the impact on other stakeholders.

LOBSTERS LICENSING

LR: 2602	Sponsor: Representative MacDonald of Boothbay
Title:	An Act To Improve the Process for Student Access to Commercial Lobster Licenses
Comment:	This bill would improve the process for student access to commercial lobster licenses.

LOBSTERS MANAGEMENT ZONES

LR: 2479	Sponsor: Representative Hub	bell of Bar Harbor
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Fishing for Lobsto Zones	er across Different
	Eones	
Comment:	This bill would allow present lobster license holders to fi	sh across zone
	poundaries according to the current rules but disallow ne	w license holders
	from fishing in adjacent zones that maintain limited entry	у.
Potential JR	LD 810	

LOBSTERS TRAPS

LR: 2637 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade An Act To Increase the Size of Biodegradable Escape Panels on Lobster Traps
Comment:	This bill would increase the minimum size of biodegradable escape panels or "ghost panels" on lobster traps constructed after the effective date of the bill.

MARINE RESOURCES

MARINE POLLUTION ACIDIFICATION

LR: 2511	Sponsor: Representative Devin of Newcastle
Title:	Resolve, Establishing a Commission To Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and Its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Maine Coast

Comment: This resolve would establish a study commission to ensure effective coordination of the programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification and to provide policies and response tools to respond to the adverse impacts on commercially important shellfish fisheries and Maine's shellfish aquaculture industry. The study commission would report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2648 Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washingt	ton
Title: An Act To Allow Retired Department of Marine Resources Patrol Officer To Qualify for Any 2 Marine Fisheries Licenses under Moratorium or Limited Entry	ers

Comment: This bill would allow a retired Department of Marine Resources patrol officer to be eligible for any 2 marine fisheries licenses under moratorium or limited entry without the officer's having to apprentice or wait in a rotation.

MARINE RESOURCES DEPT RULES

LR: 2267	Sponsor: Representative Bear of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
Title:	An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Radiation-poisoned Seafood to Maine's Tribal Members
Comment:	This bill would prohibit the sale of radiation-poisoned seafood to Maine's tribal members.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS

LR: 2369 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc An Act To Clarify Apportionment Laws for County Commissioner Districts in Sagadahoc County
Comment:	This bill would clarify county commissioner district numbers in Sagadahoc County to avoid confusion.
LR: 2416	Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title:	An Act To Change the Terms of the County Commissioners for Androscoggin County
Comment:	This bill would change the terms of office for the county commissioners for Androscoggin County.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING

LR: 2244	Sponsor: Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville
Title:	An Act Regarding the County Commissioner Districts for Piscataquis
	County
Comment:	This bill would change the Piscataquis County Commissioner Districts that were changed in the recent redistricting.

LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES

LR: 2440 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Brooks of Winterport Resolve, To Authorize a Pilot Project Designed To Ensure the Preservation and Accessibility of Oral Testimony Presented at Legislative Public Hearings
Comment:	This resolve would authorize a pilot project designed to ensure the preservation and accessibility of oral testimony presented at legislative public hearings. Under this resolve, the public testimony before one joint standing committee would be recorded and made accessible to the public.

Potential JR 217: LD 339

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPALITIES BOUNDARIES

LR: 2681	Sponsor: Senator Katz of Kennebec
Title:	An Act To Incorporate the Bayville Village Corporation
Comment:	This bill amends the metes and bounds of the Village of Bayville.

MUNICIPALITIES CEMETERIES

LR: 2251	Sponsor: Representative Hayes of Buckfield
Title:	An Act Regarding Municipal Obligations with Respect to Veterans' Graves in Public Burial Grounds
Comment:	This bill would provide that when a municipality receives a complaint about the condition of a veteran's grave in a public burial ground, the municipality must correct the condition.

MUNICIPALITIES SECESSION

LR: 2298 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Theriault of Madawaska An Act To Allow Richard and Ann Cayer To Secede from the Town of Madawaska
Comment:	This bill would allow the secession from the Town of Madawaska of property owned by Richard and Ann Cayer.

STATE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS LEGISLATURE

LR: 2286	Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford
Title:	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide the Indian Representatives a Vote in the Maine Legislature
Comment:	This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to allow representatives of the Indian tribes in Maine to vote in the House of Representatives.

STATE GOVERNMENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION

fees from the private sector.

LR: 2323	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Require That State Agencies Share Information Required by Multiple State Agencies for Multiple Purposes To Reduce Burdensome Collection Costs
Comment:	This bill would require that a state agency collect required information from another state agency that has the information instead of requiring a submission from the private sector entity involved, to reduce collection of

STATE GOVERNMENT AUDIT

LR: 2277	Sponsor: Representative Graham of North Yarmouth
Title:	An Act To Improve Accountability of State Agencies
Comment:	This bill would require state agencies to report to appropriate committees
	of the Legislature regarding problems indentified in the annual state audit.

STATE GOVERNMENT LAND CONVEYANCES

LR: 2377 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Wilson of Augusta Resolve, To Direct the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Assist Homeless Veterans with the Construction of a Homeless Veterans Shelter
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to sell specific property in Augusta in order for a homeless veterans shelter to be established.
LR: 2448 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Johnson of Greenville Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey the Chesuncook Community Church Building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church
Comment:	This resolve would authorize the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey the Chesuncook Community Church building in Chesuncook to the Greenville Union Church.

STATE GOVERNMENT STATE COMMEMORATIONS

LR: 2297	Sponsor: Senator Johnson of Lincoln
Title:	An Act To Change the Statutory References to the State Holiday "Patriot's
	Day" to "Patriots' Day"
Comment:	This bill would make a grammatical change to the statutes establishing and

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STATE GOVERNMENT STATE EMBLEMS

LR: 2316	Sponsor: Representative Cassidy of Lubec
Title:	An Act To Designate the Lobster Roll the State Sandwich
Comment:	This bill would designate the lobster roll as the State sandwich.

STATE GOVERNMENT STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2362 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Reduce Restrictions on Candidacy for Elective Office for Officers or Employees in Classified and Unclassified State Service
Comment:	This bill would amend state election law concerning candidacy for elective office for classified and unclassified state workers to reflect a recent change in federal law.
LR: 2382	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Fund Merit and Longevity Pay for Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees Pursuant to a Collective Bargaining Agreement
Comment:	This bill would fund merit pay increases and longevity pay for executive, judicial and legislative branch employees as negotiated in a current collective bargaining agreement.

STATE GOVERNMENT STATE PERSONNEL

LR: 2425Sponsor: Representative Keschl of BelgradeTitle:An Act To Require Comparable Positions in State Government To Be Paid
Comparably

Comment: This bill would require comparable positions in State Government, whether in the same branch of government or in different branches, to receive comparable pay. The determination of whether positions are comparable would be made by a panel of human resource directors from each branch of State Government.

TAXATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROCESS TO RAISE TAXES

LR: 2428	Sponsor: Representative Keschl of Belgrade
Title:	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To
	Require a 2/3 Vote of the Legislature to Increase or Decrease a Tax
Comment:	This resolution would amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote

of the Legislature to increase or decrease a tax.

INCOME TAX CREDITS

LR: 2339 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Maker of Calais An Act To Provide a Refundable Income Tax Credit for Adoption This bill would provide a refundable income tax credit for adoption.
LR: 2408	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title:	An Act To Establish an Education and Skills Training Tax Credit for Veterans
Comment:	This bill would provide a tax credit up to \$2,400 to veterans who pursue education and skills training.
LR: 2668	Sponsor: Senator Craven of Androscoggin
Title:	An Act To Clarify the Provisions of a Historic Preservation Tax Credit
Comment:	This bill would clarify that the term "project" in the historic preservation tax credit refers to an individual project, not an entire building, and that a single building may house several rehabilitation projects.

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2275	Sponsor: Representative Kinney of Limington
Title:	An Act To Remove the Cap on Itemized Deductions under the Income Tax
Comment:	This bill would repeal the cap on itemized deductions under the income tax.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2533 Representative Nelson, M Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J

TAXATION

INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

LR: 2533 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Nelson of Falmouth An Act To Allow the Carry-over of Excess Donations
Comment:	This bill would allow a person to carry over from one tax year to the next any excess charitable donations.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2617 Senator Boyle, J
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2275 Representative Kinney, J
LR: 2617	Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland
LR: 2617 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Boyle of Cumberland An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits
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Title: Comment:	An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofits This bill would exclude contributions to nonprofit organizations in

INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS

LR: 2259	Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title:	An Act To Exempt Certain Disabled Veterans from the State Income Tax
Comment:	This bill would exempt disabled veterans with a disability of 50% or greater from the state income tax.

INCOME TAX PROVISIONS REVISED

LR: 2242 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York An Act To Prevent Double Taxation of Retirement Benefits from Other States
Comment:	This bill would prevent double taxation by providing that retirement benefits of teachers earned in another state are not subject to income tax in Maine if taxes were paid on contributions to the retirement plan in the other state.

TAXATION

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES EXCISE TAX

LR: 2260	Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title:	An Act To Exempt from Excise Tax Vehicles Owned by Disabled Veterans
Comment:	This bill would exempt from excise tax vehicles that are owned by disabled veterans.

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES LODGING AND MEALS TAX

LR: 2261	Sponsor: Representative Doak of Columbia Falls
Title:	An Act To Repeal the Lodging Tax on Assisted Living Facilities for Maine's Elderly
Comment:	This bill would repeal the lodging tax on assisted living facilities for Maine's elderly.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2455 Representative Weaver, W

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

LR: 2620	Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Taxes Required Following the Sale of Real Property
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws governing the taxes required following the sale of real property.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT OWNERS

LR: 2579	Sponsor: Representative Harlow of Portland
Title:	An Act To Help Joint Owners of Property Remain in Their Homes by
	Providing a Property Tax Exemption
Comment [.]	This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a

Comment: This bill would provide a property tax exemption to one joint owner of a residence when the other joint owner is placed in a long-term residential care facility permanently or receives home care.

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

LR: 2498	Sponsor: Senator Jackson of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Make Maine Mills More Competitive
Comment:	This bill would remove the tax on forest land of any owner who sends the
	wood from that person's land to be processed at a United States mill.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

LR: 2407 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Fowle of Vassalboro An Act To Extend the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to Veterans Who Served in Iraq or Afghanistan
Comment:	This bill would extend to veterans who served in Iraq or Afghanistan the property tax exemption currently available for certain other veterans.
LR: 2520	Sponsor: Representative Villa of Harrison
Title:	An Act To Provide a One Hundred Percent Exemption from Property Tax to Disabled Veterans
Comment:	This bill would provide to disabled veterans a 100% exemption from property tax, regardless of degree of disablility.

PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2258 Title:	Sponsor: Speaker Eves of North Berwick An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Maine Residents
Comment:	This bill would provide property tax relief to Maine residents by using surplus General Fund revenue to increase the maximum amount of the property tax fairness credit.
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2278 Representative Parry, W
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS CREDIT

LR: 2278 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Parry of Arundel An Act To Restore Property Tax Fairness to Seniors
Comment:	This bill would increase the maximum benefit under the property tax fairness credit to \$1,600 for persons 65 years of age or older.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2563 Senator Dutremble, D
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LR: 2563	Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
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PROPERTY TAX MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX PROG

LR: 2247			Sponsor: Senator Thibodeau of Waldo
Title:	An Act To	Restore the Circuit	breaker Program
Comment:	This bill wo	ould restore the Cir	cuitbreaker Program.
Closely Rela	ated CO:	LD 816	Representative Powers, C

PROPERTY TAX PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

LR: 2504	Sponsor: Representative Crockett of Bethel
Title:	An Act Regarding the Tax Treatment of a Change in the Title of a Motor Vehicle Involving Spouses When One Spouse Is on a Military Deployment
Comment:	This bill would ensure that there are not negative tax consequences for a member of the United State Armed Forces serving on a deployment when there is a change in title of a motor vehicle involving the spouse of that service member.

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS REVISED

August 1, 2013.

LR: 2516	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Reflect the Replacement of the Circuitbreaker Program in Poverty Abatement Law
Comment:	The bill would amend the Maine Revised Statutes to remove substantive references to the Circuitbreaker Program, which was discontinued as of

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

LR: 2399	Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford
Title:	An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief for Residents Who Are Senior Citizens
Comment:	This bill would increase the sales and use tax by 1% and use the additional revenue to reduce the property tax burden on low-income and middle-income residents 70 years of age and older.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2659 Representative Casavant, A
LR: 2405	Sponsor: Senator Haskell of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption
Comment:	This bill would amend the reporting requirements for the Business Equipment Tax Exemption program concerning confidential information.
LR: 2442	Sponsor: Representative Stanley of Medway
Title:	An Act To Restore Full Funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program
Comment:	This bill would restore full funding to the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement program for the filing period that begins August 1, 2014.
LR: 2593 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief to Seniors Residing in Maine
Comment:	This bill would provide property tax relief to eligible senior citizens who are Maine residents by freezing their property taxes at the level they were when they became eligible for property tax relief. The State would reimburse municipalities for 50% of their lost revenue.

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

LR: 2659	Sponsor: Representative Casavant of Biddeford
Title:	An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief To Persons over 70 Years of Age
Comment:	This bill would use a percentage of gaming revenue to fund property tax relief for low-income residents over 70 years of age.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2399 Representative Casavant, A

PROPERTY TAX TREE GROWTH TAX

LR: 2311	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Require the Transfer of a Tree Growth Management Plan at the
	Time the Property is Transferred
Comment:	This bill would require that when a property enrolled in the tree growth tax program is transferred the tree growth management plan be also transferred.

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES COLLECTION

LR: 2281 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Welsh of Rockport An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Collection of Minor Amounts of Property Taxes
Comment:	Under current law, a municipality may choose to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid personal property taxes that it determines are too small or too burdensome to collect economically. This bill would expand application of this provision to unpaid real property taxes the municipality determines to be too small or burdensome to collect economically.

TAXATION

PROPERTY TAX PROCEDURES MUNICIPALITIES

LR: 2249 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Reinstate Legislative Approval for Local Property Tax Assistance Programs
Comment:	
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2388 Representative Chase, K
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2271 Representative Moriarty, S
LR: 2271 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Moriarty of Cumberland An Act To Restore the Authority of a Municipality To Provide Municipal Property Tax Assistance
Comment:	This bill would restore authority of a municipality to provide municipal property tax assistance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 907-A.
Closely Rela	ated Legislator Req: LR 2573 Representative Chenette, J
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TAXATION

REVENUE SERVICES BUREAU ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2475	Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title:	Resolve, To Study the Effectiveness of Maine Revenue Services Regional Offices
Comment [.]	This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional

Comment: This resolve would require a study of the effectiveness of the regional offices of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services.

REVENUE SHARING DISTRIBUTION

LR: 2301	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset
Title:	An Act To Replace the Municipal Revenue Sharing Programs with an Increased and Fully Funded Homestead Exemption
Comment:	This bill would replace the municipal revenue sharing programs with a homestead exemption of \$25,000 that is fully funded by the State.

REVENUE SHARING FUNDING

LR: 2296	Sponsor: Representative Evangelos of Friendship
Title:	An Act To Provide Priority Funding for State-municipal Revenue Sharing
Comment:	Current law establishes a list of priorities for the distribution of any unappropriated surplus of the General Fund; the 4th priority includes transfers to the Maine Budget Stablization Fund and the Retirement Allowance Fund. This bill would require the State Controller, before making the transfers required by the 4th priority, to use the balance of any unappropriated surplus to make up any shortfall in the funding of state- municipal revenue sharing to reach the 5% level specified in law.
LR: 2530	Sponsor: Representative Rotundo of Lewiston
Title:	An Act To Restore Revenue Sharing Funds
Comment:	This bill would reduce the municipal revenue sharing transfer from the Local Government Fund to the General Fund scheduled for FY 2013-14 by

the amount of the FY 2012-13 revenue sharing transfer.

TAXATION

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT ITEMS

LR: 2455 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York An Act To Repeal the Tax Imposed on Private Nonmedical Institution Services
Comment:	This bill would exempt from sales tax services provided to residents of private nonmedical institutions.
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2261 Representative Doak, P
LR: 2666 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Burns of Washington An Act To Exempt Fuel Used in Off-road Commercial and Construction
	Equipment from Fuel Taxes
Comment:	This bill would exempt from fuel taxes fuel for equipment used in private or commercial wood harvesting; construction equipment, such as excavators, bulldozers and loaders; and other related equipment used exclusively in off- road projects. This bill would follow the current exemption of taxes on fuel used in lobster and other marine fisheries.

SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPT PURCHASERS

LR: 2381	Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton
Title:	An Act To Provide Sales Tax Exempt Status to Wildlife Restoration and Rehabilitation Facilities
Comment:	This bill would provide an exemption from paying sales and use tax to wildlife restoration and rehabilitation facilities, including fish hatcheries.

SALES AND USE TAX ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2346	Sponsor: Representative Berry of Bowdoinham
Title:	An Act To Clarify the Implementation of the Sales Tax Imposed on
	Newspapers and Periodicals
Comment:	This bill would clarify the implementation of the sales tax on newspapers and periodicals, and would establish a sunset on the application of the tax.
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Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2350 Senator Thomas, D

TAXATION

SALES AND USE TAX ITEMS TAXED

LR: 2655	Sponsor: Representative Turner of Burlington
Title:	An Act To Repeal the Law Requiring Certain Businesses To Collect Sales Tax
Comment:	This bill would repeal the requirement enacted by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in Public Law 2013, chapter 200 that certain businesses that have affiliates in this State or agreements with others for the referral of potential customers collect sales tax.

SALES AND USE TAX

RATE

LR: 2262	Sponsor: Representative Fredette of Newport
Title:	An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Increase for 2014 and 2015
Comment:	This bill would amend for the years 2014 and 2015 the sales tax increase that was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

TAX ASSESSMENT VALUATION

LR: 2299	Sponsor: Representative Cooper of Yarmouth
Title:	An Act To Allow a Municipality To Assess the Value of Real Property as of the Date of the Destruction of That Real Property
Comment:	Current law requires a municipality to assess real property based on the status of that real property on April 1st. This bill would allow a municipality to assess the value of real property as of the date of the destruction of buildings on that real property if the buildings destroyed are valued at \$500,000 or more.

TRANSPORTATION

BICYCLES EQUIPMENT

LR: 2622	Sponsor: Senator Sherman of Aroostook
Title:	An Act To Increase the Safety of Bicyclists
Comment:	This bill would require a bicyclist on a state road to use a rearview mirror, either attached to the bicycle or the bicyclist's helmet.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES FIRE

LR: 2310	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin
Title:	An Act To Allow Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters To Be Authorized Emergency Vehicles
Comment:	This bill would include in the definition of "authorized emergency vehicles" vehicles used by volunteer firefighters.

MOTOR VEHICLES FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

LR: 2591	Sponsor: Senator Dutremble of York
Title:	An Act To Increase Penalties for Operating without Insurance
Comment:	This bill would increase the financial penalties for operating without insurance for the first, 2nd and subsequent violations.

MOTOR VEHICLES NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2250	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Establish a License Plate for Franco-Americans
Comment:	This bill would establish a specialty license plate for Franco-Americans.

LR: 2255	Sponsor: Senator Mason of Androscoggin
Title:	An Act To Establish a Maine Bicentennial License Plate
Comment:	This bill would authorize the process for establishing a specialty license
	plate recognizing the bicentennial of the State of Maine.

TRANSPORTATION

MOTOR VEHICLES NUMBER PLATES

LR: 2645	Sponsor: Representative Beaulieu of Auburn
Title:	An Act To Establish a Gold Star Mother License Plate
Comment:	This bill would establish a gold star mother license plate.

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION

LR: 2456	Sponsor: Representative Weaver of York
Title:	An Act To Require an Emergency Contact Phone Number To Be Included on Vehicle Registrations
Comment:	This bill would require the owner of a vehicle, when registering that vehicle, to provide an emergency contact phone number.

MOTOR VEHICLES SEAT BELTS

LR: 2358	Sponsor: Representative Davis, Sr. of Sangerville
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Governing Exemptions for the Use of Safety Belts
Comment:	This bill would allow the Secretary of State to issue an identification card, in addition to the window placard already authorized by law, to identify a driver or passenger who is exempt from the requirement to wear a safety belt.

MOTOR VEHICLES TIRES

LR: 2656	Sponsor: Representative Cray of Palmyra
Title:	An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Use of Flotation Tires by Farmers
Comment:	This bill would amend the law regarding where farmers may use flotation tires.

TRANSPORTATION

MOTORCYCLES PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

LR: 2284		Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford
Title:	An Act To H Headgear an	Require a Person Operating a Motorcycle To Wear Protective ad Eye Gear
Comment:	This bill wo protective e	uld require the operator of a motorcycle to wear a helmet and ye gear.
Potential JR	217:	LD 66

OPERATORS LICENSES AUTOMOBILE

LR: 2462	Sponsor: Representative McClellan of Raymond
Title:	An Act To Allow a Person with Special Needs To Obtain a Provisional Driver's License
Comment:	This bill would allow a person with special needs to obtain a provisional driver's license from the local law enforcement agency.

OPERATORS LICENSES DRIVER EDUCATION

LR: 2525	Sponsor: Representative Peoples of Westbrook
Title:	An Act To Amend a Provision in the Law Concerning Instruction Permits
Comment:	This bill would add a definition for the section of law on instruction permits for the purpose of that section.

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2435	Sponsor: Representative Verow of Brewer
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove from Consideration One of the Proposed Routes for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Transportation to remove from consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 connector project in the Brewer, Holden and Eddington area the alternative designated 2B-2.

TRANSPORTATION

ROADS

CONSTRUCTION

LR: 2652	Sponsor: Representative Wallace of Dexter
Title:	An Act To Improve the Safety of Construction Projects Occurring near a Public Road
Comment:	This bill would require any construction, excavation or paving project

occurring within 10 feet of a public road to be permitted by the Department of Transportation and require that appropriate safety measures be taken at that site, such as providing for flaggers and warning signs.

ROADS

DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

LR: 2392 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle Resolve, To Place Signs on U.S. Route 1 Regarding the Location of the Planets of the World's Largest Mock Solar System
Comment:	This resolve would require the Department of Transportation to place signs along U.S. Route 1 indicating the location of each of the planets in the mock solar system in Presque Isle.
LR: 2476 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Chenette of Saco Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Thornton Academy
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Department of Transportation to place signs on Interstate 95 directing motorists to Thornton Academy.
LR: 2685 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Cleveland of Androscoggin Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Provide Directional Information for Poland at Exit 63
Comment:	This resolve would direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to provide directional information for Poland at exit 63.

TRANSPORTATION

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS CELL PHONE USE

LR: 2285	Sponsor: Representative Beaudoin of Biddeford
Title:	An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Cellular Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle
Comment:	This bill would prohibit, without any exceptions, a person from using a handheld cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle.
Potential JR	217: LD 68

TRANSPORTATION DEPT PLANNING

LR: 2526	Sponsor: Representative Werts of Auburn
Title:	An Act To Ensure Coordination between the Department of Transportation and Local Businesses
Comment:	This bill would require the Department of Transportation to modify and coordinate with a municipality and local businesses before starting a project.

TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS PLANNING

LR: 2387	Sponsor: Representative Rochelo of Biddeford
Title:	An Act To Improve the Quality of Transportation in Southern Maine by
	Establishing a Biddeford and Saco Transportation District
Comment:	This bill would establish the Biddeford and Saco Transportation District.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AGENCY STORES

LR: 2300	Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title:	An Act To Assist Small Businesses in Rural Areas
Comment:	This bill would allow a town with a population of 1,000 to 2,000 to have a
	liquor store in addition to the one currently allowed by law.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEER

LR: 2243 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Marks of Pittston An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Beer Festivals	
Comment:	This bill would permit beer brewers to dispense their own products at beer festivals.	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K		
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J	
LR: 2642	Sponsor: Representative Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth	
Title:	An Act To Improve Regulations Concerning Craft and Microbreweries for Offsite Events	
Comment:	This bill would improve regulations concerning craft and microbreweries for offsite events and festivals.	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2483 President Alfond, J	

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

LR: 2415	Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth
Title:	An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Administration of the Liquor
	Laws
Comment:	This bill would make changes to the laws governing the administration of the liquor laws by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LIQUOR

LR: 2414 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Luchini of Ellsworth An Act To Correct Errors in the Laws Governing Liquor Enforcement
Comment:	This bill would correct errors in the laws governing the enforcement of the liquor laws.
LR: 2575 Title:	Sponsor: Representative Carey of Lewiston An Act To Allow a Producer or Wholesaler of Alcohol To Donate Alcohol to a Nonprofit Organization

Comment: This bill would allow a producer or wholesaler of alcohol to donate alcohol to a nonprofit organization.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LIQUOR REVENUES

LR: 2669	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland
Title:	An Act To Permit the Sharing of Liquor License Revenue
Comment:	This bill would allow athletic centers with liquor licenses and a capacity of 3,000 or more to share revenue with professional athletic sports teams that do not have their own liquor licenses.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TASTINGS

LR: 2483 Title:	Sponsor: President Alfond of Cumberland An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Special Food and Beverage Taste- testing Event Licenses
Comment:	This bill would amend the laws governing licensing of special taste-testing events, including: allowing a brewery or winery similarly licensed in another state to qualify for a license; increasing the number of licensed events that may be obtained by a manufacturer or wholesaler per year from 5 to 10; and allowing additional persons the ability to provide samples at such events.

Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2243 Representative Marks, T Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2642 Representative Monaghan-Derrig, K

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

DEFENSE AND VETERANS SERVICES DEPT ADMINISTRATION

LR: 2635	Sponsor: Senator Patrick of Oxford
Title:	Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance
	Fund
Comment:	This resolve would require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
	Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and
	Legal Affairs regarding the administration of the Coordinated Veterans
	Assistance Fund.

ELECTIONS

ABSENT VOTING

LR: 2576	Sponsor: Senator Gratwick of Penobscot
Title:	An Act To Restore Early Voting and Strengthen Maine Voting Rights
Comment:	This bill would eliminate the restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots after the 3rd day before an election.
Potential JR	217: LDs 53 & 54

ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2254 Title:	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan An Act To Clarify the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Agency Relationships		
Comment:	This bill would clarify the Maine Clean Election Act to establish a presumption that a candidate's treasurer is an agent of the candidate.		
Closely Rel	Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T		
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A		
LR: 2256 Title: Comment:	Sponsor: Representative Willette of Mapleton An Act To Clarify What Constitutes an Agent of a Political Candidate This bill would clarify what constitutes an agent of a political candidate.		
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2384 Senator Saviello, T Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J			

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCE

LR: 2368 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Thomas of Somerset An Act To Require Disclosure of Spending or Contributions Exceeding \$250 To Influence Elections	
Comment:	This bill would require the disclosure of contributions or expenditures greater than \$250 during a 90-day period to influence an election.	
LR: 2384	Sponsor: Senator Saviello of Franklin	
Title:	An Act To Clarify What Constitutes a Contribution to a Candidate	
Comment:	This bill would amend the law with respect to expenditures made on behalf of a candidate by a person affiliated with the candidate's campaign to clarify that any expenditure made by a person who holds a position with a campaign, regardless of whether the person is paid or the actual duties the person performs, or by any person who receives compensation or reimbursement from the campaign is considered a contribution to the candidate.	
Closely Rel	ated Legislator Req: LR 2256 Representative Willette, A	
Closely Related Legislator Req: LR 2254 Representative McCabe, J		
LR: 2477	Sponsor: Representative Saucier of Presque Isle	
Title:	An Act To Restore Confidence in Maine Campaign Finance Laws	
Comment:	This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental	

Comment: This bill would remove the authority of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to adjudicate campaign finance complaints and replace that authority with a process similar to that in Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. It would also create a process by which any person or entity could submit a request for an investigation to the commission staff; but only the staff would have standing to file an actual complaint.

ELECTIONS VOTING PROCEDURES

LR: 2226	Sponsor: Representative Peterson of Rumford
Title:	Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens
Comment:	This resolve would establish the Commission To Study Ways To Improve Voting Opportunities for All Maine Citizens.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

GAMBLING

GAMES OF CHANCE

LR: 2521	Sponsor: Representative McCabe of Skowhegan
Title:	An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws Statewide
Comment:	This bill would streamline gaming laws statewide and direct more of the
	State's revenue from gaming to property tax relief.
Potential JR	217: LD 1558

GAMBLING HARNESS RACING

LR: 2460 Title:	Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York An Act To Ensure the Preservation of Commercial Tracks That Do Not Have Gaming Licensure
Comment:	This bill would reduce the number of days that a commercial track without gaming licenses is required to race to the fewest number of race days any commercial track with a gaming license is required to race. Under this bill, a commercial track without a gaming license would be treated for stipend purposes as having raced the number of days it would be required to race if it had a gaming license.

LANDLORD AND TENANT HABITABILITY

LR: 2308	Sponsor: Representative Pouliot of Augusta
Title:	An Act To Change the Amount of Time a Landlord Has To Address Issues Causing Uninhabitability
Comment:	This bill would change the amount of time a landlord has to address issues causing uninhabitability.

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL GUARD DISABILITY

LR: 2411	Sponsor: Senator Tuttle of York
Title:	Resolve, Directing the Maine Army National Guard To Petition the Federal
	Government To Recognize Soldiers Who Trained in Gagetown, New Brunswick as Being Disabled Due to that Training
	Divinswick as being Disabled Due to that Training
Comment:	This resolve would require the Maine Army National Guard to petition the
	Federal Government to recognize certain soldiers who trained in
	Gagetown, New Brunswick during the period from 1981 to 1986 as being

disabled due to that training and the use of Agent Orange.

TORT CLAIMS

CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

LR: 2270	Sponsor: Senator Lachowicz of Kennebec
Title:	Resolve, To Direct the State To Hold an Appeals Hearing for Donald
	Martin for Wrongful Termination of Employment
Comment [.]	This bill would require the proper state agency to hold an appeals hearing

Comment: This bill would require the proper state agency to hold an appeals hearing for Donald Martin concerning wrongful termination of employment.

Total number of bills screened: 393