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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cathy Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Teresa Pierce, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Joe Rafferty, Senate Chair JR SL
Representative Mike Sylvester, House Chair MS SL
Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing

DATE: February 4, 2021

SUBJ: Supplemental budget recommendations

The Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing on Monday, February 1st, reviewed the budget items pertaining to the agencies under our jurisdiction in the Governor’s proposed supplemental budget for FY21.

The 12 members presentⁱ at the February 1st meeting voted *unanimously* to recommend acceptance of the budget proposals pertaining to Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Labor.

Attached please find the "LBHS Part A Report-back Template" on which we have recorded the Committee vote on the individual budget initiatives.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with budget items related to the agencies under our jurisdiction. Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

ⁱ Rep. Prescott was absent at the time of the vote.

Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected actual expenses for indirect costs. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 444

One Time

Committee Vote:

12-0 IN

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$49,701)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$49,701)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The indirect cost plan for the Department of Labor is federally approved and split between General Fund and Other Special Revenue funds. The costs must be shared proportionate with the funding sources. With reduced General Fund personal services and increases in unemployment federal funding, the need for General Fund is expected to decline.

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected actual expenses for rent. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 446

One Time

Committee Vote:

12-0 IN

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$29,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$29,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired will no longer be located in the Rockland CareerCenter on a permanent basis and has reduced its space need in Presque Isle. Other department bureaus will see a rent increase, in effect shifting the cost to non-General Fund sources.

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing one vacant Rehabilitation Counselor I position and one vacant Orientation & Mobility Instructor for the Blind position. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 447

One Time

Committee Vote:

12-0 IN

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	(\$124,006)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$124,006)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This initiative will result in the workload for providing services to blind and visually impaired clients to be shifted to remaining staff.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Reduces funding by shifting operational expenses for the career center and apprenticeship programs to allowable federal funding sources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 457 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$18,730)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$18,730)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Costs for CareerCenter operations and for employer reimbursements of apprenticeship costs can be shifted to federal funds with minimal impact.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Reduces funding by allocating the costs for 5 positions to allowable federal funding sources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 458 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	(\$78,454)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$78,454)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Moves General Fund costs for five split-funded positions to 100% federal funds, which reduces capacity to staff reemployment services by roughly one FTE.

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing professional services expenses within available resources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 452 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$16,003)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$16,003)	\$0	\$0
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Justification:

This initiative may result in a reduction in hearings.

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing one vacant Office Specialist position through the end of the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2020-21. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 453 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	(\$27,255)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$27,255)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The impact of this initiative is mitigated by a change in business practice.

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Reduces funding by managing operational expenses within available resources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 449 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$14,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$14,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Department will manage All Other expenditures for compliance with the reduction.

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Reduces funding by allocating the costs for 2 positions to other allowable federal funding sources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 450 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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Personal Services	(\$83,984)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$83,984)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Moves the costs for two Occupational Safety Engineer positions to federal funds, which reduces the federal resources available for workplace safety inspections, consultations, and public sector enforcement.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect projected actual expenses for rent. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 455 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$54,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$54,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will no longer be located in the Rockland CareerCenter on a permanent basis. Other department bureaus will see a rent increase, in effect shifting the cost to non-General Fund sources.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Reduces funding by shifting operational expenses to allowable federal funding sources. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1.

Ref. #: 460 One Time Committee Vote: 12-0 IN AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	(\$34,841)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$34,841)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Costs will be shifted to a federal grant that was extended through fiscal year 2021-2022. This grant will not be available beginning in fiscal year 2022-2023.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	(\$529,974)	\$0	\$0
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