

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**LD 221: 2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE **WEEK 2****

The proposed budget may be viewed at:

<https://legislature.maine.gov/ros/9726>

Parts A and P contains all Departments and their associated programs (each in alphabetical order) with program initiatives changing baseline appropriations and allocations. Part B (which is not part of the public hearings) contains approved reclassifications and range changes. Language contains the proposed language.

Please Note: Committees will not be receiving testimony at the State House complex and will be conducting meetings electronically. Submit written testimony electronically at <https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>, or send written testimony to Appropriations and Financial Affairs 100 SHS, Augusta, Maine 04333-0100. **To register to provide oral testimony over the electronic platform or via a toll-free phone number, sign up online at <https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>.** To provide oral testimony, register no later than 30 minutes prior to the posted start time of the meeting; acceptance of registration received after that time will be at the discretion of the committee chairs. Committee meetings may be heard at www.mainelegislature.org or viewed at www.youtube.com/mainestatelegislature

Special Note to Departments and Agencies: If you are presenting a program and associated initiatives on behalf of a Department or Agency please call the clerk at 287-1635 to sign up to testify. When you call make sure that you tell the clerk that you are a department or agency presenter and be prepared to give your email address and the names and email addresses of any staff you would like to appear with you. Check the full schedule (all three weeks) for your department or agency because some departments are assigned to more than one Policy Committee (hearing block) and require separate signups and separate testimony.

Persons with special needs wishing to participate in a Legislative hearing who require accommodations should notify the Legislative Information Office as soon as possible: 207-287-1692, FAX 207-287-1580, lio@legislature.maine.gov.

10:00 AM Monday, February 22, 2021 (EDU)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Charter School Commission, State
Maine Charter School Commission

Education, State Board of
State Board of Education

Education, Department of
Adult Education

Charter School Program
Child Development Services
Commission To End Student Hunger
Community Schools Program
Criminal History Record Check Fund
Digital Literacy Fund
Education in Unorganized Territory
Facilities, Safety and Transportation
FHM – School Breakfast Program
Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services
General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)
Higher Education and Educator Support Services
Leadership Team
Learning Systems Team
Learning Through Technology
Maine Commission for Community Service
Maine HIV Prevention Education Program
National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund
National Board Certification Scholarship Fund
Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund
Retired Teacher Group Life Insurance
Retired Teacher Health Insurance
School and Student Supports
School Finance and Operations
Special Services Team
Teacher Retirement
<i>Language Part "C" Establishes the Total Cost of Education K-12 for FY20, the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage and mil rate and changes the EPS model for one year</i>
<i>Language Part "EE" Changes the title of Director, Legislative Affairs within the Department of Education</i>
<i>Language Part "FF" Changes the titles of two director positions within the Dept. of Education redesignates another.</i>
<i>Language Part "GG" Adds Chief of Operations as a major policy-influencing position within the Dept. of Education</i>
<i>Language Part "HH" Removes the Education in the Unorganized Territory account within the Dept of Education from the list of General Fund carrying accounts</i>
<i>Language Part "II" Removes the appointment of the Director of Early Childhood Special Education</i>
<i>Language Part "JJ" Allows salary supplement payments for national board-certified teachers to be prorated based on the amount of revenue received for this purpose.</i>
1:00 PM Tuesday, February 23, 2021 (EDU)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:
CULTURAL AGENCIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION
Cultural Affairs Council, Maine State
New Century Program Fund
State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration
Arts Commission, Maine
Arts – Administration
Arts – General Grants Program
Arts – Sponsored Program
Historic Preservation Commission, Maine
Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Fund
Historic Preservation Commission
Historic Preservation Revolving Fund
Historical Society, Maine
Historical Society

Humanities Council, Maine
Humanities Council
Library, Maine State
Administration – Library
Blind and Visually Impaired News Access Fund
Maine Public Library Fund
Maine State Library
Statewide Library Information System
Museum, Maine State
Maine State Museum
Maine State Museum - Operating Fund
Research and Collection – Museum
Public Broadcasting Corporation, Maine
Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation
Community College System, Board of Trustees of the Maine
Live Fire Services Training Facilities Fund
Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees
Maritime Academy, Maine
Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino
Maritime Academy – Operations
Maine Maritime Academy - Schooner Bowdoin
University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the
Casco Bay Estuary Project – University of Southern Maine
Debt Service – University of Maine System
Educational & General Activities – UMS
Maine Economic Improvement Fund
University of Maine Scholarship Fund
<i>Language Part "PPP" Changes the limits on borrowing by the University of Maine System to exclude specified types of debt.</i>
10:00 AM Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (EUT)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:
ConnectMaine Authority
ConnectMaine Fund
<i>Language Part "AA" Clarifies the 10 cent ConnectMaine surcharge</i>
Economic and Community Development, Department of
Office of Broadband Development
Efficiency Maine Trust
Efficiency Maine Trust
Executive Department
Governor's Energy Office
Public Advocate
Public Utilities Commission
Emergency Services Communication Bureau
Oversight and Evaluation Fund
Public Utilities – Administrative Division

Telecommunications Relay Services Council
Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund
1:00 PM Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (IDEA)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business
Centers for Innovation
Centers for Innovation
Development Foundation, Maine
Development Foundation
Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education
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Economic and Community Development, Department of
Administration – Economic and Community Development
Applied Technology Development Center System
Business Development
Communities for Maine’s Future Fund
Community Development Block Grant Program
International Commerce
Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program
Maine Coworking Development Program
Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund
Maine Economic Growth Council
Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission
Maine State Film Office
Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund
Office of Innovation
Office of Tourism
Renewable Energy Resources Fund
<i>Language Part "OOO" Adds to the business sectors included in the definition of targeted technologies for the purpose of research and development</i>
Finance Authority of Maine
Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund
FHM – Dental Education
FHM – Health Education Centers
Foreign Credential & Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund
Small Enterprise Growth Fund
Student Financial Assistance Programs
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
Administrative Services – Professional and Financial Regulation
Engineers – State Board of Licensure for Professional
Licensing and Enforcement
Manufactured Housing Board
1:00 PM Thursday, February 25, 2021 (LBHS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor & Housing
Housing Authority, Maine State
Home Modification Certification Program
Housing Authority – State
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA
Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program
Shelter Operating Subsidy

Labor, Department of
Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards
Administration – Labor
Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
Employment Security Services
Employment Services Activity
Labor Relations Board
Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations
Regulation and Enforcement
Rehabilitation Services
Safety Education and Training Programs
State Workforce Board
Workforce Research
Retirement System, Maine Public Employees
Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund
<i>Language Part "KKK" Specifies additional job classifications in the Department of Public Safety eligible to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System</i>
<i>Language Part "LLL" Specifies job classifications in the Department of Public Safety in addition to state The State Fire Marshall and state fire marshal inspectors that are eligible to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System</i>
Treasurer of State, Office of
Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program
University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the
New Ventures Maine
Workers' Compensation Board
Administration – Workers' Compensation Board
Employment Rehabilitation Program
Workers' Compensation Board
3:30 PM Thursday, February 25, 2021 (TRA)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
<i>Language Part "N" Authorizes the DAFS to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police</i>
Public Safety, Department of
State Police
Traffic Safety-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
Turnpike Enforcement
Secretary of State, Department of
Administration – Motor Vehicles
Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund