

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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LD 221: 2022-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE **WEEK 3 Revised 2/24/21**

One revision is to Monday's hearing in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. It notes that testimony from the Department of Public Safety regarding the State Police Program is also scheduled to be presented at the February 25th hearing in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. Members of the public may give oral testimony or submit testimony for either or both hearings.

Other revisions modify the description of Language Part "FFF" within the Judiciary hearing block; remove programs listed under the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry that were previously consolidated with other programs within the department and are not listed separately in the proposed budget; reflect the renaming of a program within the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry; and remove a spurious reference to a language part that does not apply.

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) as it is published 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. Please submit your testimony at least 2 hours prior to the start of your hearing block.

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, March 1, 2021 (JUD)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

Attorney General, Department of
Administration – Attorney General
Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
Civil Rights
District Attorneys Salaries
FHM – Attorney General
Human Services Division
Victims' Compensation Board
Human Rights Commission, Maine
Human Rights Commission – Regulation
Indian Tribal-State Commission, Maine
Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission
Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services
<i>Language Part "FFF" amends the statute governing the rule making authority of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services</i>
Judicial Department
Courts – Supreme, Superior and District
Judicial - Debt Service
<i>Language Part "KK" Eliminates the requirement that a public guardian or public conservator furnish a bond</i>
<i>Language Part "III" Increases the salaries of judges and justices of the state courts by 3% in each year of the biennium</i>
Pine Tree Legal Assistance
Legal Assistance
1:00 PM Monday, March 1, 2021 (CJPS)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:
Corrections, Department of
Administration – Corrections
Adult Community Corrections
Bolduc Correctional Facility
Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements – Corrections
Correctional Center
Correctional Medical Services Fund
Corrections Food
Corrections Industries
County Jail Operations Fund
Departmentwide – Overtime
Downeast Correctional Facility
Justice – Planning, Projects & Statistics
Juvenile Community Corrections
Long Creek Youth Development Center
Mountain View Youth Development Center
Office of Victim Services
Parole Board
State Prison
<i>Language Part "BB" Authorizes the Dept. of Corrections to transfer certain funds between accounts within the same fund to pay for overtime expenses</i>
<i>Language Part "CC" Authorizes the transfer of positions and available balances within the Dept. of Corrections during specified periods of the biennium.</i>
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
Administration – Maine Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Response Operations
Stream Gaging Cooperative Program

Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine
Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
Public Safety, Department of
Administration – Public Safety
Background Checks – Certified Nursing Assistants
Capitol Police, Bureau of
Computer Crimes
Consolidated Emergency Communications
Criminal Justice Academy
Division of Building Codes and Standards
Drug Enforcement Agency
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Marshall – Office of
Highway Safety DPS
Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety
State Police (Department testimony on this program was also scheduled for the AFA/TRA hearing on February 25th)

1:00 PM Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (HCIFS)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services:

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance
Dirigo Health
Dirigo Health Fund
Health Data Organization, Maine
Maine Health Data Organization
<i>Language Part "DD" Authorizes the Maine Health Data Organization to transfer available Personal Services balances up to a specified amount to All Other during the biennium.</i>
Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
Dental Practice – Board of
Financial Institutions – Bureau of
Insurance – Bureau of
Licensure in Medicine – Board of
Nursing – Board of
Office of Securities
Optometry – Board of
Osteopathic Licensure – Board of

3:00 PM Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (VLA)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
Adult Use Marijuana Public Health and Safety Fund
Adult Use Marijuana Regulatory Coordination Fund
Lottery Operations
Medical Use of Marijuana Fund
<i>Language Part "J" Transfers \$1,00,000 from the Medical Use of Marijuana fund to the General Fund in each year of the biennium</i>
<i>Language Part "L" Authorizes DAFS to enter into financing arrangements related to systems support in the Operations of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations</i>
<i>Language Part "U" Adds the Director, Office of Marijuana Policy as a major policy influencing position within DAFS</i>
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund
Military Training & Operations
Veterans Services
Veterans Temporary Assistance Fund
Ethics and Elections Practices, Commission on Governmental
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
Secretary of State, Department of
Elections and Commissions
<i>Language Part "MMM" Carries forward certain unexpended appropriations in the Department of the Secretary of State, Elections and Commissions program to be used as federal match for the Help America Vote Act Election Security Grant in FY21, FY22 and FY23</i>
10:00 AM Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (AFA)
To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:
OTHER
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide (See Part P Initiative)
<i>Language Part "P" Recognizes an attrition rate in the judicial and executive branches of 5%</i>
<i>Language Part "S" Transfers funds from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Liquor Operation Revenue Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund</i>
<i>Language Part "T" Transfers funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund</i>
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Debt Service
<i>Language Part "NNN" Allows unexpended appropriations in the Debt Service program in each year of the biennium to carry into the following fiscal year in FY21, FY22 and FY23</i>
LEGISLATURE (Public Testimony Only)
Law and Legislative Reference Library
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Legislature
Citizen Trade Policy Commission
Interstate Cooperation, Commission on
Legislative Apportionment Commission
Legislature
State House and Capitol Park Commission
Study Commissions – Funding
Uniform State Laws - Commission On
Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, Office of
Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability
State House Preservation and Maintenance, Reserve Fund for
Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance
1:00 PM Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (SLG)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:
Auditor, Office of the State
Audit Bureau
Unorganized Territory
Executive Department
Administration – Executive – Governor’s Office
Blaine House

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
Municipal Bond Bank, Maine
Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Maine Rural Water Association
Secretary of State, Department of
Administration – Archives
Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations
Treasurer of the State, Office of
Administration – Treasury
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Administration – Human Resources
Budget – Bureau of the
Buildings & Grounds Operations
Bureau of General Services – Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund
Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements – Administration
Central Administrative Applications
Central Fleet Management
Central Services – Purchases
Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority
Financial and Personnel Services – Division of
Information Services
Leased Space Reserve Fund Program
Office of the Commissioner – Administrative & Financial Services
Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration
Purchases – Division of
Risk Management – Claims
State Controller – Office of the
Statewide Radio Network System
Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program
<i>Language Part "D" Authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities</i>
<i>Language Part "E" Updates the mileage rate paid to state employees, officers and officials</i>
<i>Language Part "I" Allows remaining balances in the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority program in each year of the biennium to carry over to the following year</i>
<i>Language Part "K" Allows remaining balances in the DAFS Central Administration Applications program in each year of the biennium to carry over to the following year</i>
<i>Language Part "M" Authorizes DAFS to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management System</i>
<i>Language Part "O" Authorizes the DAFS to enter into financing arrangements related to the support of the Statewide Radio Network</i>
<i>Language Part "Q" Continues the voluntary employee incentive program</i>
1:00 PM Thursday, March 4, 2021 (MAR)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:
Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative
Lobster Promotion Fund
Marine Resources, Department of
Bureau of Marine Science
Bureau of Policy and Management
Bureau of Public Health
Marine Patrol – Bureau of
Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat
<i>Language Part "JJJ" Establishes the Bureau of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program in the Department of Marine Resources</i>

3:00 PM Thursday, March 4, 2021 (IFW)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
Administrative Services – IF&W
ATV Enforcement Fund
ATV Safety and Educational Program
Boating Access Sites
Camp North Woods
Endangered Nongame Operations
Enforcement Operations – IF&W
Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
Landowner Relations
Licensing Services – IF&W
Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
Office of the Commissioner – IF&W
Public Information and Education, Division of
Resource Management Services – IF&W
Search and Rescue
Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management
Whitewater Rafting – IF&W
Whitewater Rafting Fund
<i>Language Part "GGG" Postpones the application of the IFW fiscal stability program</i>
<i>Language Part "HHH" Transfers funds from the IFW carrying account to the Enforcement Operations account to purchase one aircraft engine in each year of the biennium</i>
10:00 AM Friday, March 5, 2021 (ENR)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:
Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
Solid Waste Management Fund
Environmental Protection, Department of
Administration – Environmental Protection
Air Quality
Board of Environmental Protection Fund
Land Resources
Maine Environmental Protection Fund
Performance Partnership Grant
Remediation and Waste Management
Water Quality
Finance Authority of Maine
Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program
New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission
Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee
Saco River Corridor Commission
Saco River Corridor Commission
St. Croix International Waterway Commission
St. Croix International Waterway Commission
1:00 PM Friday, March 5, 2021 (ACF)
To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of
Animal Welfare Fund
Boating Facilities Fund
Bureau of Agriculture
Certified Seed Fund

Division of Forest Protection
Floodplain Management
Forest Recreation Resource Fund
Forest Resource Management
Geological Survey Geology and Resource Information
Harness Racing Commission
Land for Maine's Future
Land Management and Planning
Maine Conservation Corps
Maine Farms for the Future Program
Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Maine State Parks Development Fund
Maine State Parks Program
Milk Commission
Municipal Planning Assistance
Natural Areas Program
Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program
Office of the Commissioner
Parks – General Operations
Pesticides Control, Board of
Statewide Hunger Relief Program
Submerged Lands and Island Registry (formerly Coastal Island Registry program) (See Language Part "GG")
<i>Language Part "V" Changes the position of Deputy Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands</i>
<i>Language Part "W" Changes the statute related to authorization of expenditure from the Public Reserve Management Fund</i>
<i>Language Part "X" Authorizes a one-time transfer within the Division of Forest Protection for the overhaul of existing aircraft</i>
<i>Language Part "Y" Renames the Office of the Commissioner program in the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</i>
<i>Language Part "Z" Transfers residual cash between programs within the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</i>
Baxter State Park Authority
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Blueberry Commission of Maine, Wild
Blueberry Commission
Finance Authority of Maine
Dairy Improvement Fund
Potato Board, Maine
Potato Board
University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the
UM Cooperative Extension – Pesticide Education
University of Maine Cooperative Extension