

Shaded LDs have been voted on by the Committee

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**TAXATION COMMITTEE**

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**130<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE  
1st REG SESSION**

LD	LR	PH	WS	SPONSOR	TITLE	SUMMARY (Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	COMM ACTION	FISCAL IMPACT <sup>1</sup>	
								FY22	FY23
146	110	2/23		Terry	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	<p>This resolve authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in several parcels of real estate in the Unorganized Territory that were acquired by the State because of nonpayment of property tax.</p> <p>MRS submitted proposed amendment at PH to correct some of the amounts for one property. Available on line at: <a href="http://legislature.maine.gov/9710">http://legislature.maine.gov/9710</a></p>			
179	30	2/23		Kessler	An Act To Exclude Energy Efficiency Improvements from Property Tax	<p>This bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provides property tax exemptions for energy efficiency improvements and</li> <li>2. Requires the Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) to identify and make available and list such improvements.</li> <li>3. "Energy efficiency improvements" are improvements that               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. meet or exceed federal "Energy Star" standards or similar EMT standards; or</li> <li>B. Involve weatherization in a manner approved by EMT</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><u>Issues raised at public hearing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meaning of "energy efficiency improvements"</li> <li>• Role of Efficiency Maine Trust</li> <li>• Impact on local revenue</li> </ul>		<p>MRS estimate</p> <p>Admin costs: 2 positions \$190,000 to \$210,000</p>	<p>MRS estimate</p> <p>Admin costs: 2 positions \$190,000 to \$210,000</p>

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188	642	2/23		Jackson	An Act Regarding the Transportation of Products in the Forest Products Industry	<p>This bill</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requires that owners and managers of log yards and mill sites <u>present a copy of a trip ticket to a forest ranger in the log yard or mill site upon request.</u></li> <li>2. Adds a requirement related to the transportation of forest products by providing that a <u>landowner of 50,000 or more acres of forest land in the State may not allow the transportation of forest products harvested on the landowner's land from a location in the State to another location in the State in violation of federal law or regulation or an international trade agreement that prohibits the transportation of goods from a location in the United States to another location in the United States. (cabotage)</u></li> <li>3. Provides that a <u>landowner with 2 prior violations of the new transportation requirement is ineligible for classification of the landowner's land under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law, and</u></li> <li>4. Provides that the <u>landowner may not receive BETE, BETR, income tax credits or state grants or other state funding.</u></li> </ol> <p>Similar bill (LD 2061) presented in 129th R2 but was not reported out of committee before adjournment and died at end of session.</p> <p>Sponsor suggested changes in testimony at PH. pp.2-3 at the following link:  <a href="http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getTestimonyDoc.asp?id=144118">http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getTestimonyDoc.asp?id=144118</a></p>			
198	717	2/23		Chipman	An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Council	<p>This bill provides a <u>property tax exemption</u> for real estate and personal property owned and occupied or used solely for their own purposes by <u>central labor councils.</u></p> <p>The same language (LD 989) was reported out of TAX Committee during the 129th R2 and died on the Appropriations Table at the end of the 129th Legislature</p> <p><u>Estimated fiscal impact LD 989:</u>  FY 22 \$1,625  FY 23 \$1,675</p>			

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351	1552	2/23		Foster	An Act Regarding Municipal Valuation and State-owned Property	<p>This bill changes the property tax exemption for state-owned property by <u>requiring the State to pay municipal property taxes on the state-owned property in a municipality that exceeds 10% of the total valuation of taxable property in the municipality.</u></p> <p>Begins with 4/1/22 property tax status</p> <p>MRS raised constitutional issues at PH.</p> <p>Charts submitted by Sponsor after PH:  <a href="http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getTestimonyDoc.asp?id=144121">http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getTestimonyDoc.asp?id=144121</a></p>			

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