

Government Oversight Committee
Review of 2021-2022 Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations and Related Work
March 26, 2021

Work Plan for OPEGA Evaluations (2021-2022) Presented to GOC 3/26/21					
Evaluation Topic	Request Presented	Project Approved by GOC	Scope/ Parameters Approved	Target Report Date	OPEGA Work Phase by Year
Approved Projects Continued from 2019-2020 Work Plan					
Maine Citizen Initiative Process	10/02/17	11/09/17	1/26/18	2021 Q2	2021: Fieldwork / Report
Seed Capital Investment Tax Credit	n/a	n/a	1/24/20	2021 Q3	2021: Fieldwork / Report
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS)	2/17/17 2/22/19	4/12/19	12/10/19*	2021 Q3	2021: Fieldwork / Report [Part II] (*note: Part II scope amended 2/12/21)
Child Protective Services: Follow-up Survey of DHHS/OCFS Frontline Workers	n/a	3/22/19			TBD: Paused
Child Protective Services: Out of Home Placements for Children Removed from Care by the DHHS/OCFS	n/a	3/22/19			TBD: Paused
Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in the Corrections System	3/27/09	8/23/17			TBD: Inactive / not started
Stand-by Projects from 2019-2020 Work Plan (Projects approved but placed on “stand-by” for potential future work)					
DHHS Audit Functions	2/2013	4/16/13*			TBD: Stand-by (*note: 4/12/19 moved to stand-by list)
Upcoming Projects Required by Statute					
Credit for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties	n/a	n/a	Expected 2021 Q2	2021 Q4	2021: Prelim Research /Fieldwork / Report
Research Expense Tax Credit	n/a	n/a	Expected 2021 Q2	TBD	
Shipbuilding Facility Credit	n/a	n/a	TBD	TBD	
Tax Benefits for Media Production Companies	n/a	n/a	TBD	TBD	

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Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2021: Conformity with Internal Revenue Code & Inputs to Tangible Products Exemptions	n/a	n/a	n/a	2021 Q4	2021: Research / Report
Expedited Tax Expenditure Reviews 2022: Necessity of Life Exemptions	n/a	n/a	n/a	2022 Q4	2022: Research / Report

NOTES/DECISIONS

New Requests under Consideration (2021-2022)			
Evaluation Topic	Request Presented	GOC Vote(s)	Status
Wild Blueberry Commission	2/26/21	2/26/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/26/21 – Requested input/assistance from ACF committee (memo to ACF dated 3/5/21) • 3/22/21: Memo received from ACF propose report back end of April
DAFS Workday Initiative	3/26/21		

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Recently Completed Evaluations (2021-2022)					
Evaluation Topic	Report Presented	Public Comment	Work Session	GOC Vote	Follow-up Actions by GOC
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) – Part I	11/9/20	2/12/21	2/12/21	2/12/21 Endorsed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/12/21 - Requested billing data assessment from OPEGA; requested GOC Chairs meeting with State Auditor; requested quarterly reporting from MCILS for rest of 130th Legislature (letter to MCILS dated 3/10/21)
Pine Tree Development Zones – Limited Scope Review	11/20/20	2/26/21	2/26/21	2/26/21 Endorsed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/26/21 – Requested responses to questions from DECD; report back in April (letter to DECD dated 3/11/21)

Other OPEGA Work Required by Statute (2021-2022)		
Project	Report Due	Timeline for OPEGA work
2021 OPEGA Annual Report	2022 Q1	2021 Q4 & 2022 Q1
2022 OPEGA Annual Report	<i>2023 Q1</i>	2022 Q4 & 2023 Q1
2022 Review of Tax Expenditure Review Category Assignments and Schedule	2021 Q4	2021 Q3-Q4
2023 Review of Tax Expenditure Review Category Assignments and Schedule	2022 Q4	2022 Q3-Q4