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**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

**TO:** Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair,  
Representative Teresa S. Pierce, House Chair, and  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs

**FROM:** Senator Jim Dill, Senate Chair, *JD*  
Representative Margaret M. O'Neil, House Chair, and *M O'Neil*  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and  
Forestry

**DATE:** May 25, 2021

**SUBJ:** Report-back on Baxter State Park Change Package Initiatives

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The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) Committee met this morning to vote on the Governor's change package budget initiatives relating to the Baxter State Park Authority. The ACF voted unanimously (11 committee members present and 1 absent) in favor of all nine initiatives as proposed on Pages 29 through 31 of the budget document (attached).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

**c:** Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

**Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:**

**Baxter State Park Authority**

Please amend as follows:

**CURRENT**

<b>BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253</b>
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**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Establishes one seasonal Grounds and Equipment Supervisor position for 26 weeks and 3 seasonal Groundskeeper II positions for 24 weeks and provides funding for related All Other costs. Also, provides funding for 2 vehicle purchases.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - FTE COUNT	1,886	1,886
Personal Services	44,327	125,656
All Other	25,399	5,047
Capital Expenditures		60,000
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Total	69,726	190,703

**REVISED**

<b>BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253</b>
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**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Establishes one seasonal Baxter Park Trail Crew Leader position for 26 weeks and 3 seasonal Baxter Park Trail Laborer positions for 24 weeks and provides funding for related All Other costs. Also, provides funding for 2 vehicle purchases.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - FTE COUNT	1,886	1,886
Personal Services	121,904	127,241
All Other	25,399	5,047
Capital Expenditures		60,000
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Total	147,303	192,288

**Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:**

**Baxter State Park Authority**

<b>BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253</b>
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**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary position to an Office Specialist I position retroactive to October 2020 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Personal Services	6,895	4,807
All Other	190	133
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<b>Total</b>	<b>7,085</b>	<b>4,940</b>

**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Continues and makes permanent one Baxter Park Supervisor position previously established by Financial Order 001307 F1 funded 100% by Other Special Revenue Funds to enhance field capacity at the park and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	96,445	101,396
All Other	2,773	2,907
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<b>Total</b>	<b>99,218</b>	<b>104,303</b>

**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Provides funding by increasing the weeks of 12 seasonal Baxter Park Campground Ranger positions from 24 weeks to 25 weeks to allow sufficient time to clean up the campground before winter and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - FTE COUNT	0.228	0.228
Personal Services	12,615	12,862
All Other	350	357
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<b>Total</b>	<b>12,965</b>	<b>13,219</b>

**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Establishes one seasonal Baxter Park Campground Ranger position for 24 weeks to support flexibility in scheduling campgrounds and gatehouses across Baxter State Park and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - FTE COUNT	0.462	0.462
Personal Services	31,092	32,502
All Other	933	975
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<b>Total</b>	<b>32,025</b>	<b>33,477</b>

**2021-22                      2022-23**

**Initiative:** Continues and makes permanent one seasonal Baxter Park Winter Ranger position previously established by Financial Order 001322 F1 for 14 weeks in the winter season to steward 3 campgrounds, interact with hundreds of visitors and respond to emergencies on the west side of Katahdin and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - FTE COUNT	0.269	0.269
Personal Services	18,268	19,071
All Other	548	572
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<b>Total</b>	<b>18,816</b>	<b>19,643</b>

**2021-22**

**2022-23**

**Initiative:** Establishes one Planning and Research Associate I position to support and coordinate the park's natural resources monitoring program, which is critical to gaining and retaining an understanding of the park's natural resources and provides funding for related All Other costs.

IN

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	76,573	79,872
All Other	2,114	2,205
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,687</b>	<b>82,077</b>

**2021-22**

**2022-23**

**Initiative:** Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager I position to a Public Service Manager II position as the Director Natural Resources and provides funding for related All Other costs.

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**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Personal Services	18,905	19,970
All Other	821	843
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,726</b>	<b>20,813</b>