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Thursday March 3rd

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor & Housing

1:00 PM Department and Agency Testimony Followed by Public Testimony on Part A Initiatives and Language Under the Following Departments and Programs:

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sources, including foundations, public-private partnership arrangements or donors, is not included in calculating the amount limitation in this paragraph. The Maine Maritime Academy may borrow money or accept grants from federal and state governments and agencies thereof and from any other sources, or both. Such construction shall be under the supervision of the Bureau of General Services.

PART MM SUMMARY

This Part provides that the entire amount of any borrowing where at least part of the related debt service will be funded by a commitment from the Maine Legislature should be excluded from the total amount limitation.

PART NN

Sec. NN-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Reserve for retirement benefits. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer up to \$14,700,000 an amount certified by the Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to a retirement benefits reserve account established within the General Fund for the purpose of providing the resources to fund a one-time retirement payment for retired state employees and teachers.

PART NN SUMMARY

This Part authorizes the State Controller to transfer up to \$14,700,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to a reserve for retirement benefits established within the General Fund in 5 MRSA §1552. The purpose of the transfer is to fund a one-time retirement payment for retired state employees and teachers.

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; MCCS Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MCCS Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System on or before June 30, 2022 to provide two years of free community college for all high school graduates in the Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 who enroll in a Maine community college full-time in the fall of 2022 or the fall of 2023.

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319

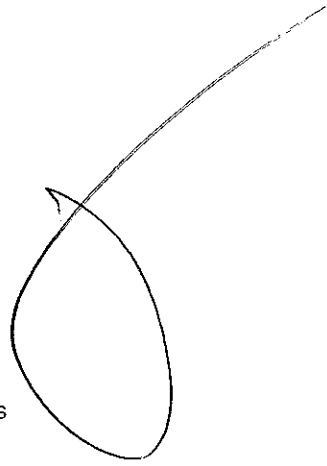
	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Adjusts funding to support the work of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations between the Department of Labor, Racial, Indigenous, and Maine Tribal Populations program and the Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations program in the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established in Public Law 2021, chapter 436.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	125,000	
Total	125,000	0
	2021-22	2022-23
Summary - GENERAL FUND		
All Other	125,000	
Total	125,000	0
<u>Total Agency/Department</u>		
All Funds	125,000	
GENERAL FUND	125,000	

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM 2336

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding for competitive grants to regional service providers to support town housing ordinance development, planning board and public processes in each participating municipality.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000
Initiative: Provides funding for community housing implementation grants to individual towns to support community housing priorities.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other		1,550,000
Total	0	1,550,000
Initiative: Establishes 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions through June 8, 2024 and provides funding for the associated All Other costs to administer the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development.		
GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services		243,874
All Other		206,126
Total	0	450,000
Summary - GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services		243,874
All Other		2,756,126
Total	0	3,000,000

MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding to accommodate the increased costs associated with staff support for the Maine Economic Growth Council.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	35,000	35,000
Total	35,000	35,000
Summary - GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	35,000	35,000
Total	35,000	35,000
Total Agency/Department		
All Funds	1,214,298	3,244,198
GENERAL FUND	244,198	3,244,198
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	970,100	



develop remedial action plans. Given the environmental and weather conditions of Northern Maine, these closure activities will extend into fiscal year 2022-23. Therefore, a portion of the \$400,000 provided under Public Law 2021, chapter 398 will be needed in next fiscal year.

PART U

Sec. U-1. 5 MRSA §13056-J is enacted to read:

§13056-J Housing Opportunity Program

1. Program established; administration. The Housing Opportunity Program is established within the department to encourage and support the development of additional housing units in Maine, including housing units that are affordable for low and moderate income people and housing units targeted to community workforce housing needs. The department shall administer the program and provide technical and financial assistance to support communities implementing zoning and land uses related policies required to support increased housing development. The program will support regional approaches, municipal model ordinance development, and will encourage policy that supports increased housing density where feasible to protect working and natural lands.

2. Housing Opportunity Fund. The Housing Opportunity Fund referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a fund within the department for the purpose of providing funds for the program. The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund by the Legislature and any funds received by the department for the purposes of the program.

A. Service Provider grants. The department shall solicit applications for grants from the fund through a competitive application process that may be awarded to experienced service providers to support municipal ordinance development, technical assistance, and public process and community engagement support. These programs may encourage regional coordination between municipalities.

B. Community Housing Incentive Program grants. The department shall solicit applications for the following:

1. Community housing planning grants to be awarded through a competitive process to municipalities to support the creation of housing development plans which include ordinance and policy amendments to support those plans. The grants shall be awarded for a period of up to three years, with required progress reports each year.
2. Community housing implementation grants to be awarded through a competitive process to support the implementation of community housing priorities.

C. Direct Technical Assistance. The department shall provide technical assistance, housing policy development, and guidance directly to regional groups, municipalities and other housing stakeholders, to the extent feasible with available resources. This may include, but is not limited

to, assisting municipalities with information about available grant opportunities, sharing best practices from jurisdictions inside and outside of Maine, providing model language for local ordinances and policies, and providing information to the general public which may support local and statewide policy changes meant to increase the supply of housing.

3. Program evaluation. Any recipient of grant funds through this program shall cooperate with the department in performing program evaluation and specific reporting requirements.

4. Report. By January 15, 2024, the department shall report to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development and housing matters about the program with any recommendations for changes in the statutes to improve the program and its delivery of services to municipalities. The joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development and housing matters may report out a bill relating to this program and continued funding.

PART U SUMMARY

This Part establishes the Housing Opportunity Program within the Department of Economic and Community Development to encourage and support the development of additional housing units in Maine, including housing units that are affordable to low and moderate income people and housing units targeted to community workforce housing needs.

PART V

Sec. V-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Economic and Community Development – Admin account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$970,100 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development - Admin, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development on or before June 30, 2022 for the purpose of covering certain operating expenses of the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

PART V SUMMARY

This Part requires the transfer of \$970,100 in fiscal year 2021-22 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Economic and Community Development - Admin, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The funds will cover certain operating expenses associated with Loring Development Authority of Maine established in Title 5, section 13080.

HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Allocates funds to reflect increased revenue projections per the December 2021 report of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	9,759,154	10,281,551
Total	9,759,154	10,281,551
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	9,759,154	10,281,551
Total	9,759,154	10,281,551
<u>Total Agency/Department</u>		
All Funds	9,759,154	10,281,551
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	9,759,154	10,281,551

BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 5 Rehabilitation Counselor I positions from 40% Federal Expenditures Fund and 60% General Fund to 80% General Fund and 20% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. This initiative also provides funding in All Other for services for visually impaired clients.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	80,057	81,478
All Other	165,000	165,000
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Total	245,057	246,478
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-5,000	-5,000
Personal Services	(80,057)	(81,478)
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Total	(80,057)	(81,478)
	2021-22	2022-23
Summary - GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	80,057	81,478
All Other	165,000	165,000
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Total	245,057	246,478
Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-5,000	-5,000
Personal Services	(80,057)	(81,478)
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Total	(80,057)	(81,478)

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 43 various positions from 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the cost of 3 Claims Adjudicator positions from 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	43,000	43,000
Personal Services	1,649,860	1,768,593
Total	1,649,860	1,768,593
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-43,000	-43,000
Personal Services	(1,649,860)	(1,768,593)
Total	(1,649,860)	(1,768,593)
Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 5 Accounting Associate II positions, 5 Accounting Specialist positions, 4 Claims Adjudicator positions, 7 Fraud Investigator positions, 2 Hearings Examiner positions, 11 UC Eligibility Agent positions and 2 Unemployment Comp Team Leader positions previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29. Also continues and makes permanent 2 Secretary Associate Legal positions previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 398.		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	38,000	38,000
Total	38,000	38,000
Summary - FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	81,000	81,000
Personal Services	1,649,860	1,768,593
Total	1,649,860	1,768,593
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	-43,000	-43,000
Personal Services	(1,649,860)	(1,768,593)
Total	(1,649,860)	(1,768,593)

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND MAINE TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z287

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Adjusts funding to support the work of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations between the Department of Labor, Racial, Indigenous, and Maine Tribal Populations program and the Racial, Indigenous, and Tribal Populations program in the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established in Public Law 2021, chapter 436.		
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	(125,000)	
Total	(125,000)	0
Summary - GENERAL FUND		
All Other	(125,000)	
Total	(125,000)	0

REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159
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	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Establishes one Occupational Safety Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs in order to increase the safety and health of Maine workplaces.		
GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1,000
Personal Services		89,424
All Other		3,969
		93,393
Total	0	93,393

	2021-22	2022-23
Summary - GENERAL FUND		
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		1,000
Personal Services		89,424
All Other		3,969
		93,393
Total	0	93,393

<u>Total Agency/Department</u>		
All Funds	40,000	258,393
GENERAL FUND	120,057	339,871
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	1,569,803	1,687,115
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(1,649,860)	(1,768,593)

Workers' Compensation Board

ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183

	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding by increasing the hours of one Secretary Legal position from 54 hours to 80 hours biweekly.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	5,556	23,340
Total	5,556	23,340
Initiative: Provides funding for increased STA-CAP charges.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	252,786	256,546
Total	252,786	256,546
	2021-22	2022-23
Summary - OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	5,556	23,340
All Other	252,786	256,546
Total	258,342	279,886
<u>Total Agency/Department</u>		
All Funds	258,342	279,886
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	258,342	279,886