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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Cathy Breen, Senate Chair  
Representative Teresa Pierce, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Stacy Brenner, Senate Chair <sup>SB DT</sup>  
Representative Ralph Tucker, House Chair <sup>RT DT</sup>  
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

DATE: April 4, 2022

SUBJ: Funding priority recommendations for ENR bills on Appropriations Table

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314(7), we are reporting our committee's priorities for final passage of bills reported out of our committee that are now on the Appropriations Table.

As noted in the attached memo sent by our committee analyst to our committee, ENR members were invited to rank both bills currently on the table and those bills that could end up on the table.

Attached are forms signed by the 7 committee members who returned recommendations indicating their funding preferences.

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cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

From: Dan Tartakoff, Legislative Analyst, OPLA

Date: April 1, 2022

Re: ENR Bills on the Appropriations Table

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The AFA Committee has requested a list of each policy committee's priorities for bills on the Appropriations Table **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 4th**. At this time, not all bills voted this session by ENR have received a completed fiscal analysis and not all bills with a completed fiscal analysis have yet reached the point in the floor process where placement on the Table might occur. That being said, based on the general requirements for placement of a bill on the Table and the fiscal information that we do have, there are 8 total bills, described below, that are on the Table or could end up on the Table.

### **Bills currently on the Table**

1. *LD 203, An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission (Senator Moore, sponsor)*
  - Reported out of ENR in 2021, voted unanimous OTP-AM.
  - Carried over on the Table.
  - Requires \$25,000 in General Fund (GF) appropriations for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission beginning in FY 22.
  - LD 221 (the biennial budget bill) as enacted in 2021 included in Section A-35 this same annual, ongoing \$25,000 appropriation to the St. Croix Commission.
2. *LD 1467, An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers (Representative Doudera, sponsor)*
  - Reported out of ENR in 2021, voted unanimous OTP-AM.
  - Carried over on the Table.
  - Requires a future biennium GF cost increase to DEP of \$89,795 in FY 24 and \$93,865 in FY 25.
3. *LD 1488, Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety (Representative Bell, sponsor)*
  - Reported out of ENR in 2021, voted majority OTP-AM, minority ONTP (Representatives Hanley, O'Connor and Tuell).
  - Carried over on the Table.
  - Requires a one-time GF appropriation of \$20,000 to MEMA in FY 22.
4. *LD 1875, Resolve, To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution at State-owned Solid Waste Landfills (Representative Zeigler, sponsor)*

- Reported out of ENR in 2022, voted unanimous OTP-AM.
- Fiscal note indicates a current biennium GF cost increase but notes that the DAFS/BGS study, expected to cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000, can be paid from an existing GF appropriation and no additional appropriations are required.

5. *LD 1974, An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25 (ENR Committee bill)*

- Reported out of ENR in 2022, voted unanimous OTP-AM.
- Requires total GF appropriations of \$1,256,550 to DOE/Maine Commission for Community Service in FY 23, \$406,550 of which will be ongoing (\$600,00 in one-time funding).

**Bills with fiscal information that could end up on the Table**

1. *LD 1979, An Act To Sustain Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry by Ensuring Consistency between Comprehensive River Resource Management Plans and State Water Quality Standards (President Jackson, sponsor)*

- Not yet reported out of ENR. Voted majority OTP-AM/minority OTP-AM (Representatives Hanley, O'Connor and Tuell).
- Majority report not anticipated to end up on Table.
- Minority report requires total GF appropriations of \$507,511 to DACF beginning in FY 23, projected to drop to \$335,036 beginning in FY 25.

**Bills awaiting fiscal information that could end up on the Table**

1. *LD 1911, An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals (Representative Pluecker, sponsor)*

- Not yet reported out of ENR, still awaiting fiscal information. Voted majority OTP-AM, minority OTP-AM (Representatives Hanley, O'Connor), minority ONTP (Representative Tuell).
- Unclear at this time whether either amendment will require a fiscal note that would meet the requirements for placement on the Table.

2. *LD 2018, An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making (ENR Committee bill)*

- Not yet reported out of ENR, still awaiting fiscal information. Voted majority OTP, minority OTP-AM (Representatives Hanley, O'Connor, Tuell).
- Unclear at this time whether the OTP or minority amendment will require a fiscal note that would meet the requirements for placement on the Table.

On the chart on the next page, please rank the bills 1-8 (1 being the highest funding priority, 8 being the lowest funding priority). After determining your rankings, **sign at the end of the chart** and return the chart to me, at the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, Cross Office Building, Room 215, **no later than 4:00 pm Monday, April 4th**. Alternatively, you may email your priorities to me at [Daniel.Tartakoff@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Daniel.Tartakoff@legislature.maine.gov).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

**Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

**Priority Rankings for Bills on the Special Appropriations Table**

**LD 203**

An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix  
International Waterway Commission

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**LD 1467**

An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through  
Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic  
Content in Plastic Beverage Containers

1

**LD 1488**

Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements  
to Maine's Dam Safety

2

**LD 1875**

Resolve, To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl  
Substances Pollution at State-owned Solid Waste Landfills

3

**LD 1911**

An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils  
with So-called Forever Chemicals

6

**LD 1974**

An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps  
Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report  
Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25

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**LD 1979**

An Act To Sustain Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products  
Industry by Ensuring Consistency between Comprehensive River  
Resource Management Plans and State Water Quality Standards  
(Minority report only)

**LD 2018**

An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding  
the Incorporation of Equity Considerations  
in Regulatory Decision Making

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Victoria W Doudera  
Signature of Committee member

April 2, 2022  
Date

Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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LD 1488 Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety	<u>6</u>
LD 1875 Resolve, To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution at State-owned Solid Waste Landfills	<u>2</u>
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LD 1974 An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25	<u>4</u>
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Signature of Committee member

4/3/22  
Date



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An Act To Increase Funding for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission

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LD 1467

An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers

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Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety

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LD 1979

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LD 2018

An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making

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Ralph Tucker  
Signature of Committee member

4/3/2022  
Date

**Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

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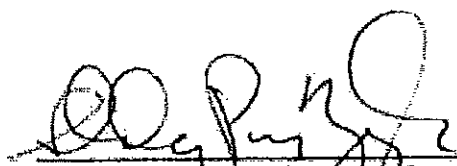
  
Signature of Committee member

4/3/22  
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Signature of Committee member  
(Zeyer) - DCI note

April 4, 2022  
Date



## Tartakoff, Daniel

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**From:** Bell, Arthur  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 2:58 PM  
**To:** Tartakoff, Daniel  
**Subject:** Re: Table priorities

Dan, here are my priorities, ranked 1-8:

LD 1875  
1911  
1974  
1467  
203  
2018  
1488  
1979

Art Bell

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**From:** Tartakoff, Daniel  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 9:54:08 AM  
**To:** Legislature: Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
**Subject:** FW: Table priorities

Just a reminder that, if you want to provide AFA with your priorities for funding ENR bills on the Table, I need to receive that info **by 4 pm today**.

Thanks,

Dan Tartakoff, Esq.  
Legislative Analyst  
Maine State Legislature  
Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
(207) 287-1319

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**From:** Tartakoff, Daniel  
**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** Legislature: Committee on Environment and Natural Resources <ENRMembers@legislature.maine.gov>  
**Subject:** Table priorities  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon –

Please see the attached memo regarding the provision to AFA of priorities from ENR members for bills on the Appropriations Table. Please note that responses are due **by 4:00 pm on Monday, April 4th**.

Thanks,

**Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

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Art Bell (DC)   
Signature of Committee member

4/4/22   
Date

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Signature of Committee member

Steve Berman

Date

2/9/22

