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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT AND BUSINESS

To: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Chip Curry, Senate Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair

Re: Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee Report on LD 258, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025"

Date: March 10th, 2023

As chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business (IDEA Committee), we write to convey to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs the recommendations of the IDEA Committee regarding the items within its jurisdiction proposed in the biennial budget for the fiscal years ending June 30th, 2023, June 30th, 2024 and June 30th, 2025.

As shown in the attached report back form, a majority of the IDEA Committee voted to recommend "In" every initiative within its jurisdiction. However, a majority of IDEA Committee also voted to recommend changes to one baseline budget item, a few of the initiatives, and one language part. Each of the recommended changes is represented in the attached report back form and summarized below. The one item that the IDEA Committee did not provide input on is Language Part J, due to information it received from the Department of Economic and Community Development regarding pending legislation that may alter or replace the Pine Tree Development Zone program.

Recommended Changes:

- **Development Foundation 0189**: A majority of the committee voted to recommend increasing the baseline budget of Maine Development Foundation to $250,000. Those who voted against this recommendation would prefer the baseline budget to remain as is. (Vote: 8-4)

- **Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund Z330 [Ref. #1486]**: A majority of the committee voted to recommend reducing the $4,000,000 allocation in this initiative to $2,000,000 and use that money to instead provide one-time funding of $1,000,000 to both the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Z331 and Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund Z090. The committee also voted to recommend amending language Part SS to align with the recommended changes to this initiative. (Vote: 11-1)

Finally, the IDEA Committee would like to unanimously express its support for ongoing efforts to promote research and development in the State of Maine.

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business.

Sincerely,

Sen. Glenn "Chip" Curry
Senate Chair

Tiffany Roberts SP
Rep. Tiffany Roberts
House Chair

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Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

Centers for Innovation 0911

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009

Justification:

To provide aquaculture service centers for (a) conducting, evaluating, sharing and transferring applied scientific research and (b) assisting, recruiting and or incubating new Maine enterprises.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION 0911
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009	$118,009

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	$118,009	$118,009
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$118,009	$118,009

Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE

Recommended Increase to $250,000: 8-4
those against increase support baseline as is.

Development Foundation 0198

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444

Justification:

The Maine Development Foundation (MDF) is a nonprofit economic development corporation created by the Maine Legislature to capitalize on the interests, resources and efforts of the public and private sectors. MDF champions sustainable, long-term growth for Maine. The foundation is a catalyst for new ideas and provides common ground for solving problems and advancing issues. The foundation is funded by membership dues, fees for service, contracts and grants. Corporations, counties, cities, towns and other organizations can become members by contributing to the foundation. MDF runs a number of programs, including leadership development, economic education for the Legislature, sector-based growth initiatives, and workforce initiatives. The three programs that currently received General Fund support are as follows: Maine Economic Growth Council is a permanent 19-member council appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to establish and maintain a long range economic development plan for the state. The Council is staffed by the Maine Development Foundation. The Council's responsibilities include the development of a long-range plan, goals, benchmarks and alternative strategies for a sustainable state economy. Additionally, the Council will monitor progress in accomplishing the state's goals and benchmarks, recommend changes in the Plan to reflect the dynamics of the international, national and state economy. The Council is also charged with working with the Office of Innovation and the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board to make R&D funding recommendations for the Governor's budget. The Realize Maine Network is created by, for and of Mainers 20-40 to serve as a catalyst, a collaborator and a convener of Maine's young people with a stake in our common future by providing professional, social, cultural, recreational and civic opportunities in Maine. Projects that lend to these opportunities are websites, social networks, listeners, leadership training and outreach programs the engage the business, academic and nonprofits worlds. This is accomplished primarily at the local level through a system of regional affiliates that span the state geographically. The Maine Downtown Center was established to encourage downtown revitalization in the state. The Maine Downtown Center advances place-based economic development in downtowns statewide resulting in business growth, job creation, building rehabilitation, cultural enhancement and organizational leadership. Funding for the Maine Downtown Center supports its core program activities: Maine Street Maine, the Maine Downtown Network, Downtown Conferences and Institutes, a joint marketing portal publicizing downtown events and activities, statewide, initiatives to support entrepreneurship and startups, subgrant programs for building improvements and energy efficiency ¿ plus training and coaching in all areas of downtown revitalization.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION 0198
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444	$58,444

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	$58,444	$58,444
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$58,444	$58,444

Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education 0993

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554

Justification:

The Downeast Institute is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the people of downeast and coastal Maine through marine research, marine science education, and innovations in wild and cultured fisheries. The Institute is overseen by a 16-member volunteer board of directors and employs 18 people, including scientists, educators, research assistants and others. The Institute operates a research and production shellfish hatchery that grows juvenile shellfish for public stock enhancement, aquaculture development, and field research.

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION 0993
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554	$12,554

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	$12,554	$12,554
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$12,554	$12,554

Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	$702,344	$711,350	$787,018	$797,283
All Other	$1,065,246	$1,065,246	$1,065,246	$1,065,246
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,767,590	$1,776,596	$1,852,264	$1,862,529

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,000,100	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$1,000,100	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$81,900,000	$48,200,000	$283,176	$147,602
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$81,900,000	$48,200,000	$283,176	$147,602

Justification:

The Commissioner's Office, funded by the Administration Account, provides oversight of the day to day operations for the entire department, including personnel, financial and contractual obligations; coordinates the legislative and media activities; develops and maintains the department-wide budget; represents the administration on various boards, commissions and task forces; and administers several grant programs.

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides funding for the department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 1003 Committee Vote: In: 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$31,842	$37,202
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$31,842	$37,202

Justification:

Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service funds intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers' expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process

results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	**History 2021-22**	**History 2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	$702,344	$711,350	$787,018	$797,283
All Other	$1,065,246	$1,065,246	$1,097,088	$1,102,448
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,767,590	$1,776,596	$1,884,106	$1,899,731

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**History 2021-22**	**History 2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**
All Other	$1,000,100	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$1,000,100	$30,000	$30,000	$30,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	**History 2021-22**	**History 2022-23**	**2023-24**	**2024-25**
All Other	$81,900,000	$48,200,000	$283,176	$147,602
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$81,900,000	$48,200,000	$283,176	$147,602

Applied Technology Development Center System 0929

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838

Justification:

The Technology Centers seek to accelerate the early stage development of technology-based businesses through focused business assistance, information exchange, established technical relationships, shared business services and reduced overhead expenses at centers statewide that deliver business incubator services. The centers are designed to complement the State's other research, development and commercialization investments by providing a supportive environment to incubate new technology intensive businesses. Funding is provided through a competitive process.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER SYSTEM 0929
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838	$178,838

Business Development 0585

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	$879,049	$902,193	$989,490	$1,008,781
All Other	$869,604	$869,604	$869,604	$869,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,748,653	$1,771,797	$1,859,094	$1,878,385

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$8,800,000	$14,200,000	$2,500	$2,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$8,800,000	$14,200,000	$2,500	$2,500

Justification:

The Office of Business Development provides direct assistance to existing businesses and businesses seeking to relocate or expand in Maine. Through the Business Answers and Regulatory Red Tape Hotline, this office responds to the needs of any business with a question or issue regarding state government. The Governor's Account Executives work directly with businesses and other state agencies to facilitate quick resolution of permitting and licensing issues and can connect businesses with the correct assistance needed. Administration of the Pine Tree Zone, E-Tif, J-Tif, film tax and municipal tax incentive finance programs are also coordinated through this office.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 0585
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	$879,049	$902,193	$989,490	$1,008,781
All Other	$869,604	$869,604	$869,604	$869,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,748,653	$1,771,797	$1,859,094	$1,878,385

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$8,800,000	$14,200,000	$2,500	$2,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$8,800,000	$14,200,000	$2,500	$2,500

Communities for Maine's Future Fund Z108

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

The Communities for Maine's Future Fund, known as "the fund", is established to provide funding for the rehabilitation, revitalization and enhancement of downtowns and village centers and main streets in the State. The fund is a dedicated, non-lapsing fund, and all revenues deposited in the fund remain in the fund. This line item provides a base allocation in the event that outside funds are received to support this program.

COMMUNITIES FOR MAINE'S FUTURE FUND Z108
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$218,061	$220,205	$203,039	$204,862
All Other	$88,262	$88,262	$88,262	$88,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$306,323	$308,467	$291,301	$293,124

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	$0	$0	$0	$0
All Other	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	$445,726	$450,910	$464,422	$472,587
All Other	$21,260,658	$21,260,658	$21,260,658	$21,260,658
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	$21,706,384	$21,711,568	$21,725,080	$21,733,245

Justification:

The Office of Community Development receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program to administer this program. Municipalities apply for these funds to undertake eligible activities as outlined in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities include housing rehabilitation, public facilities, public infrastructure, public service, economic development and planning. The General Fund (match) appropriation is used by the department to provide general management, oversight, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of community development projects undertaken with these HUD funds throughout the state (except the entitlement communities of Auburn, Bangor, Lewiston, Portland, South Portland, Biddeford and most of Cumberland County, recently designated a HUD Urban County, which receive annual funding directly from HUD). The General Fund request is critical toward meeting the minimum federal match requirements to operate this program. The Office of Community Development also includes the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Program, State Landfill Oversight Program, Maine Made Marketing Program, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and the Co-Working Development Fund.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 0587
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$218,061	$220,205	$203,039	$204,862
All Other	$88,262	$88,262	$88,262	$88,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$306,323	$308,467	$291,301	$293,124

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	$1,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	$0	$0	$0	$0
All Other	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011	$616,011

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	$445,726	$450,910	$464,422	$472,587
All Other	$21,260,658	$21,260,658	$21,260,658	$21,260,658
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	$21,706,384	$21,711,568	$21,725,080	$21,733,245

International Commerce 0674

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$287,182	$289,277	$335,325	$338,507
All Other	$898,409	$924,709	$924,709	$924,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,185,591	$1,213,986	$1,260,034	$1,263,216

Justification:

The Maine International Trade Center (MITC) is a public-private partnership funded by the department and the private sector, servicing companies statewide through its office in Portland. MITC focuses on the expansion of the Maine economy and job creation through increased exports, trade, foreign direct investment and international student attraction. MITC offers technical trade assistance for all markets, with a regional focus on North Atlantic and Arctic markets through the allied MENADO program. MITC coordinates overseas activities including industry specific trade shows and trade missions, as well as foreign direct investment and international student attraction events. Its operations include the Maine North Atlantic Development Office (MENADO), Invest in Maine, StudyMaine and the Canada Desk. The budget includes funding for the State Director and MENADO Director as well as pass-through grant funding in support of its operations.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE 0674
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$287,182	$289,277	$335,325	$338,507
All Other	$898,409	$924,709	$924,709	$924,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$1,185,591	$1,213,986	$1,260,034	$1,263,216

Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program Z071

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

The 123rd Legislature directed the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation to design a leadership and entrepreneurial development program. This line item provides a base allocation in the event that outside funds are received to support this program.

LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Z071
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Maine Coworking Development Fund Z195

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

Maine Coworking Development Fund, pursuant to Title 5, section 13056-G, was established to strengthen opportunities for entrepreneurship, stimulate innovation in the State by increasing the availability of collaborative workspace environments and address a regional market demand for affordable work environments that support communication, information sharing and networking opportunities.

MAINE COWORKING DEVELOPMENT FUND Z195
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund Z057

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Justification:

The Commissioner of the Department of Economic & Community Development is required by statute (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13070-P) to submit a biennial comprehensive evaluation of state investments in economic development (except research and development and federal programs with independent evaluations). This fund (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13070-Q) was established to receive funds from agencies or private entities that receive General Fund appropriations or General Obligation Bonds for economic development in an amount greater than $250,000, not to exceed 0.8%.

MAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION FUND Z057
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000	$200,000

Maine Economic Growth Council 0727

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395

Justification:

The Maine Economic Growth Council exists to provide the annual "Measures of Growth" report on Maine's economic performance and to develop a long-range economic plan for the State. The council develops economic indicators, analyzes the performance of indicators against established benchmarks and reports findings and recommendations.

MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395	$90,395

Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission 0675

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684

Justification:

The Maine Small Business Commission through the Department of Economic and Community Development administers an annual contract with the University of Southern Maine to promote and support economic development by providing comprehensive business management assistance, training, resources and information to small businesses through a network of professional, certified business counselors at centers and outreach offices around the state. An independently validated, impact driven program, the Maine Small Business Development Centers is a partnership involving the U. S. Small Business Administration, Department of Economic and Community Development, the University of Southern Maine and leading state economic development organizations.

MAINE SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMISSION 0675
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684	$683,684

Maine State Film Office 0590

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	$103,779	$104,935	$109,753	$110,745
All Other	$170,605	$170,605	$170,605	$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$274,384	$275,540	$280,358	$281,350

Justification:

The Maine Film Commission account receives funding from the Maine Tourism Office to host meetings of the Commission. The Maine State Film Office (MFO) was created in 1988 and its one staff member is solely responsible for assisting Maine's film industry by facilitating and promoting film, television, video gaming, photographic and emerging-media production in Maine.

MAINE STATE FILM OFFICE 0590
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	$103,779	$104,935	$109,753	$110,745
All Other	$170,605	$170,605	$170,605	$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$274,384	$275,540	$280,358	$281,350

Municipal Grant Fund Z323

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

Public Law 2021, Chapter 319 establishes a nonlapsing fund to provide funding for municipalities for projects that further the goals of sustainable economic development. A baseline allocation of $500 exists should funds be received from federal or private sources to establish program.

MUNICIPAL GRANT FUND Z323
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$294,974	$296,352	$292,669	$294,557
All Other	$6,794,260	$6,794,260	$6,794,260	$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$7,089,234	$7,090,612	$7,086,929	$7,088,817

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$35,000,000	$24,646,609	$1,500	$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$35,000,000	$24,646,609	$1,500	$1,500

Justification:

The Office of Innovation facilitates economic growth through development and implementation of the State's science and technology plan. The office works with educational institutions, not-for-profit laboratories and businesses to encourage and spur innovation in the State's economy. The major programs of the Office of Innovation are the Maine Technology Institute, the Applied Technology Development Centers System (Program 0929), and managing the State's EPSCoR program. This account includes the pass-through grant for the Maine Technology Institute (MTI). MTI was established to encourage, promote, stimulate and support research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products and services in the State's technology-intensive industrial sectors to enhance the competitive position of those sectors and increase the likelihood that one or more of the sectors will support clusters of industrial activity and to create new jobs for Maine people. MTI is one element of the State's economic development strategy and contributes to the long-term development of a statewide research, development and product deployment infrastructure.

OFFICE OF INNOVATION 0995
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$294,974	$296,352	$292,669	$294,557
All Other	$6,794,260	$6,794,260	$6,794,260	$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$7,089,234	$7,090,612	$7,086,929	$7,088,817

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$35,000,000	$24,646,609	$1,500	$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$35,000,000	$24,646,609	$1,500	$1,500

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	$1,078,684	$1,096,167	$1,143,605	$1,162,919
All Other	$15,736,053	$17,980,611	$17,980,611	$17,980,611
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$16,814,737	$19,076,778	$19,124,216	$19,143,530

Justification:

The Office of Tourism exists to develop, promote and manage tourism in Maine. Its broad directive is to promote Maine as a four-season destination to both consumers and the travel trade. The office has conducted its programs according to a five year strategic plan for promoting tourism in Maine. The legislature, pursuant to Title 5, section 13090-K provided a dedicated, non-lapsing revenue stream for tourism promotion. On July 1st and October 1st each year, the State Controller transfers to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor. The transfer amount currently is equivalent to 5% of the 8% tax and 5% of the 9% tax imposed on tangible personal property and taxable services pursuant to Title 36, section 1811. The tax amount must be based on actual sales for that fiscal year and may not consider any accruals that may be required by law. The amount transferred from General Fund sales and use tax revenue does not affect the calculation for the transfer to the Local Government Fund. A minimum of ten percent of the funds received by the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund must be used for regional marketing promotion and regional special events promotion.

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

Ref. #: 1008 Committee Vote: 10: 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$4,690,594	$4,995,418
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$4,690,594	$4,995,418

Justification:

This initiative aligns funding with revenue as recommended in the March 1, 2022 forecast and in the December 1, 2022 forecast of the Revenue Forecasting Committee.

OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	$1,078,684	$1,096,167	$1,143,605	$1,162,919
All Other	$15,736,053	$17,980,611	$22,671,205	$22,976,029
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$16,814,737	$19,076,778	$23,814,810	$24,138,948

Renewable Energy Resources Fund Z072

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000

Justification:

Established in 2008, the Maine Legislature authorized the establishment of the Renewable Resources Fund in the Public Utilities Commission with the Maine Technology Institute named as a recipient of an annual distribution of 35% of the funds to support the development and commercialization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. An amount is transferred from the Public Utilities Commission to the department annually and distributes to Maine Technology Institute in the form of a grant. This line item represents an estimate of the amount to be transferred.

RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FUND Z072
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000	$88,000

Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund Z322

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

Public Law 2021, Chapter 420 authorized funding for the rural workforce recruitment and retention grant program designed to advertise and promote jobs in rural regions of the State and to locate and retain qualified staff. A baseline allocation of $500 exists should funds be received from outside sources to continue this program.

RURAL WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT FUND Z322
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	$13,434,381	$13,476,190
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	$1,500,500	$1,500,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	$25,031,679	$25,356,809
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	$21,725,080	$21,733,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	$287,176	$151,602
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$61,978,816	$62,218,346

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund Z090

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0

Justification:

Funding provides medical school scholarships to eligible Maine residents attending a program sponsored by the University of New England's School of Osteopathic Medicine and the joint program between Tufts University and Maine Medical Center. Scholarships of up to $25,000 per student, per year may not exceed 10 per class, per school each year and must be matched by the medical school programs in amounts equal to the amount provided by the state.

DOCTORS FOR MAINE'S FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z090
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$0

Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$48,500	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$48,500	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000

Justification:

This program provides funding for the Finance Authority of Maine to contract with a private nonprofit corporation in the amount of at least $48,500 annually to market the program throughout the state.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT MARKETING FUND Z174
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$48,500	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$48,500	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000

FHM - Dental Education 0951

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740

Justification:

This program provides loan repayment or loan forgiveness for qualifying dentists to practice in underserved population areas in Maine.

FHM - DENTAL EDUCATION 0951
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740	$237,740

FHM - Health Education Centers 0950

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000

Justification:

Health Education Centers establish funding for recruitment centers in Maine for students to attend medical school.

FHM - HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS 0950
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000	$110,000

Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund Z286

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000

Justification:

Provides small loans to assist eligible immigrants living in Maine who are not yet eligible to work in the United States. Loans for up to $700 are available to help pay for the costs associated with the process of becoming work-ready while waiting for issuance of a work permit by federal immigration authorities.

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING AND SKILLS RECOGNITION REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FUND Z286 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000	$75,000

Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund Z330

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

Justification:

The Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Pilot Program provides funds to support rebuilding Maine's health care industry workforce, which was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is designed to attract and retain health care professionals in Maine by repaying outstanding student loans of selected participants who commit to living and working in Maine for at least three years. FAME will pay up to $25,000 per year or, in aggregate, the lesser of $75,000 or 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance.

Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund Z330

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund to enable it to make loan repayments to eligible program participants to address critical workforce shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the behavioral health and oral care sectors.

Ref. #: 1486 One Time Committee Vote: In as amended: 11-1 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$~~4~~2,000,000	$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$~~4~~2,000,000	$0

Justification:

This initiative provides one-time funding for loan repayments to eligible program participants to address critical workforce shortages exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the behavioral health and oral care sector.

Amend:
- Reduce to $2,000,000
- Add one-time funding of $1,000,000 to both: Nursing education loan repayment program, Z331; and Doctors for Maine's Future, Z090

MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT FUND Z330
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$500	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$500	$500	$500	$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500	$500	$4,000,500	$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$500	$500	$4,000,500	$500

Small Enterprise Growth Fund Z235

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

Justification:

The Small Enterprise Growth Fund through the guidance of the Finance Authority of Maine pursues its mission of investing in scalable Maine-based companies that contribute to Maine's prosperity.

SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND Z235
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000

Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$17,670,394	$27,890,394	$27,890,394	$27,890,394
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$17,670,394	$27,890,394	$27,890,394	$27,890,394

Justification:

Finance Authority of Maine offers grant, forgivable loan and tuition waiver programs, as well as outreach activities, to assist Maine citizens with financing the pursuit of post-secondary education.

Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Maine State Grant Program to increase the minimum grant award from $2,500 to $3,000.

Ref. #: 1467 Committee Vote: In: 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$5,000,000	$5,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

Justification:

This initiative provides ongoing funds of $5,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Maine State Grant Program within the Finance Authority of Maine to increase the minimum grant award from $2,500 to $3,000.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 0653
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$17,670,394	$27,890,394	$32,890,394	$32,890,394
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	$17,670,394	$27,890,394	$32,890,394	$32,890,394

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	$33,540,394	$33,540,394
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	$500	$500
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	$347,740	$347,740
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	$4,000,500	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	$1,000,000	$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$38,889,134	$33,889,134

Sec. A-58. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	$1,201,832	$1,216,012	$1,266,515	$1,281,248
All Other	$3,931,007	$3,936,958	$3,936,958	$3,936,958
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$5,132,839	$5,152,970	$5,203,473	$5,218,206

Justification:

The Commissioner's Office was established to provide overall management and administrative oversight for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's regulatory agencies and affiliated boards in the areas of policy development, administration, accounting, budgeting, personnel and information management systems. The commissioner directs the day-to-day management of the department and is responsible for reviewing the operation of the various agencies within and affiliated with the department to ensure that they comply with their statutory and public service responsibilities. The Administrative Services Division within the Commissioner's Office is responsible for providing the commissioner with departmental accounting and budgeting support and analysis, strategic planning support, purchasing and property recording and administration of internal controls for the department. The Information Systems Support Section within the Commissioner's Office coordinates automation and electronic communication initiatives, supports a comprehensive computer network enhancing each agency's ability to fulfill its mission and administers several specialized databases, including a centralized licensing database.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide technology services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

Ref. #: 2816 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$87,705	$87,792
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$87,705	$87,792

Justification:

MaineIT is responsible for the delivery of safe, secure, and high-performing networks and systems to State Agencies for daily performance of their missions for the citizens of Maine. IT enterprise functions benefitting all state agencies are managed through this office to ensure consistency, volume discount efficiencies, and optimum performance and

throughput. MaineIT is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. MaineIT expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including vendor increases, supply chain costs, and network and systems modernization and upgrades. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides additional funding for an external technology services contract and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2817 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$502,970	$502,970
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$502,970	$502,970

Justification:
The Administrative Services Division procures services for the support and maintenance of the Agency License Management System (ALMS) software program. The ALMS software is currently used by several of the State's regulatory agencies for licensing, complaint management and reporting. Increasing the existing contract will accommodate changes needed to address the software's increased usage across multiple agencies, add enhancements required to implement new legislation, and to convert the software to a web-based user interface.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department's share of the cost for the financial and human resources service center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 2818 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$131,979	$131,979
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$131,979	$131,979

Justification:
Service Centers within DAFS provide centralized accounting, payroll, budgeting and human resources services to departments and agencies. Service Centers are established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through billings to departments and agencies for services provided. The Service Centers expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager I position to improve business processes with additional training and testing support for agency licensing management system users and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2819 Committee Vote: In: 9-3 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	$106,609	$112,394
All Other	$633	$668
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$107,242	$113,062

Justification:

This request establishes one Public Service Manager I position to serve as a communication liaison and training coordinator for Agency Licensing Management System (ALMS) users; understanding the business needs and processes of each of the ALMS programs to provide guidance on the most effective use of the tools and functionality available; providing training and training documentation; and facilitating streamlined and efficient use of the ALMS application.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Assistant to the Commissioner position to an Executive Director of Operations position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2820 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	$20,411	$20,404
All Other	$121	$121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$20,532	$20,525

Justification:

This proposed reorganization brings the position compensation in line with the duties and responsibilities of the position. The position acts on behalf of the Commissioner in the performance of statutory responsibilities by performing delegated functions and accepting delegated responsibilities. The position focuses on executive level development and implementation of policy, directing the legislative functions and operational development and improvements within the Department, its agencies, and boards. The position publicly represents the Commissioner and the Department at meetings, on task forces and working groups, on project groups for state and national initiatives, and before the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION 0094
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030	$10,030

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	$1,201,832	$1,216,012	$1,393,535	$1,414,046
All Other	$3,931,007	$3,936,958	$4,660,366	$4,660,488
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$5,132,839	$5,152,970	$6,053,901	$6,074,534

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$217,099	$220,613	$231,646	$235,197
All Other	$106,086	$87,301	$87,301	$87,301
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$323,185	$307,914	$318,947	$322,498

Justification:

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers was established in 1935 to protect the public safety and welfare of the people of the State of Maine by regulating the practice of engineering. The board is authorized to determine the qualifications of applicants, to administer examinations and to grant engineer-intern certificates and professional engineer licenses to applicants who meet the State of Maine qualifications; to publish a roster of all licensed professional engineers; to make rules consistent with statute relating to the practice of professional engineering; to investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and board rules; and to conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses and institute disciplinary action as warranted.

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for credit card fees and portal fees related to online licensing services and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2831 One Time Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$21,403	$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$21,403	$0

Justification:

The credit card and portal fees are assessed from merchants for the ability to provide services online. The Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers is on a biennial licensing renewal cycle and sees significantly higher service fees in even fiscal years.

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

Ref. #: 2832 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$1,442	$2,120
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$1,442	$2,120

Justification:
The increased costs for legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General cannot be offset with reductions in other expense categories.

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for increased professional services contracts and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2833 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$12,231	$12,230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$12,231	$12,230

Justification:
These funds would support expenses for multiple hearings that are anticipated annually by the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers.

ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	$217,099	$220,613	$231,646	$235,197
All Other	$106,086	$87,301	$122,377	$101,651
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$323,185	$307,914	$354,023	$336,848

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	58.000	58.000	57.000	57.000
Personal Services	$5,213,944	$5,396,859	$5,538,001	$5,692,880
All Other	$2,553,936	$2,661,774	$2,661,774	$2,661,774
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$7,767,880	$8,058,633	$8,199,775	$8,354,654

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$0	$0	$200,000	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$0	$0	$200,000	$500

Justification:

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) was established in 1976 as an umbrella administrative agency for many professional and occupational licensing programs. The statutory mission of OPOR is to protect the public from unqualified and unscrupulous practitioners by licensing qualified individuals in a wide variety of professions and occupations and by imposing discipline on licensed individuals and entities, when warranted, to prevent harm to the public. Full-time staff and board members appointed by the Governor are assigned to licensing programs to provide the expertise, facilities and resources necessary to administer occupational and professional licensing programs established by the Maine Legislature to ensure public protection.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Transfers Personal Services and All Other allocation from the Board of Dental Practice program to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation program within the same fund pursuant to the proposed amendment to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001, subsection 38 moving the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the Department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Ref. #: 2826 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	$416,924	$425,393
All Other	$195,907	$195,907
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$612,831	$621,300

Justification:

The Department can better support the Board of Dental Practice by changing its status from an affiliated board to board within the Office of Professional and Occupation Regulation (OPOR) without changing the Board's statutory authority or processes. The proposed restructuring will put the Board in an improved financial and staff resource position, enabling both the Board and OPOR to realize efficiencies through shared resources. This initiative associates with language.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide Central Fleet Management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

Ref. #: 2827 Committee Vote: In: 10-2 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$55,668	$67,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$55,668	$67,848

Justification:

The Central Fleet Management (CFM) within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services centrally procures, distributes and disposes of passenger and light truck vehicles. CFM handles many aspects of vehicle services including writing vehicle specifications, ordering vehicles, providing drivers with maintenance schedules, service assistance, fueling resources, insurance protection, and accident information processing. Central Fleet is established as an internal service fund intended to recoup their costs through daily and long-term rental billings to departments and agencies. CFM expenses are higher due to negotiated and benefit changes to Personal Services as well as increases in operational costs, including fuel and vehicle purchase price. This recoupment process results in increased billing rates to departments and agencies.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Executive II position as a senior policy position to provide advanced legal analysis skills to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and advise the director on emerging public policy issues. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2828 Committee Vote: In: 12-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	$140,413	$148,069
All Other	$1,702	$1,795
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$142,115	$149,864

Justification:

The requested position will enable the office to meet higher demand for licensed behavioral and physical health practitioners and licensed trade professionals. The position will enable the Director to enhance the training and experience of current staff given heightened emphasis on legal drafting of agency rules and documents. This position is needed due to heightened focus on the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation's (OPOR) ability to manage all aspects of professional and occupational licensing for Maine and increased pressure on the agency to expedite the licensing process to expand Maine's workforce. There is also greater focus on legal licensing issues that emerge as states look for ways to encourage workers from other states and countries to join Maine's workforce.

LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT 0352
PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	58.000	58.000	62.000	62.000
Personal Services	$5,213,944	$5,396,859	$6,095,338	$6,266,342
All Other	$2,553,936	$2,661,774	$2,915,051	$2,927,324
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$7,767,880	$8,058,633	$9,010,389	$9,193,666

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$0	$0	$200,000	$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	$0	$0	$200,000	$500

Manufactured Housing Board 0351

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486

Justification:

The Manufactured Housing Board protects the public by licensing and regulating manufacturers, dealers of manufactured housing doing business in Maine and all mobile home parks in the state to protect the occupants from safety and health issues. The board enforces federal manufacturing and installation specifications for this kind of housing, inspects installations of manufactured housing units and assists consumers in resolving complaints with manufacturers and dealers. The board also administers the state warranty law applicable to manufactured housing. This program represents the United States Housing and Urban Development agency for the State of Maine and is authorized to discipline licensees when warranted.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD 0351
PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2021-22	History 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486	$22,486

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	$32,516	$32,516
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	$15,418,313	$15,605,048
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	$200,000	$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	$15,650,829	$15,638,064

*no input provided on language Part J, due to Pending legislation that may alter or replace the Program : 11-0

PART J

Sec. J-1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Termination. A qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 1 location may not be certified under this subchapter after December 31, ~~2023~~ 2028, and a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 2 location may not be certified under this subchapter after December 31, 2013. All Pine Tree Development Zone benefits provided under this subchapter are terminated on December 31, ~~2033~~ 2038.

Sec. J-2. 35-A MRSA §3210-E, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Repeal. This section is repealed December 31, ~~2033~~ 2038.

Sec. J-3. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§87, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §3, is further amended to read:

87. Sales of tangible personal property and transmission and distribution of electricity to qualified development zone businesses. Beginning July 1, 2005, sales of tangible personal property, and of the transmission and distribution of electricity, to a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 17, for use directly and primarily in one or more qualified business activities, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 16. The exemption provided by this subsection is limited for each qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business to sales occurring within a period of 10 years in the case of a business located in a tier 1 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A, and 5 years in the case of a business located in a tier 2 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B, from the date the business is certified pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O or until December 31, ~~2033~~ 2038, whichever occurs first. For a business that applies for certification as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business with the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development on or after January 1, 2019, the exemption provided by this subsection requires a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business to obtain a certificate of qualification issued by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O. As used in this subsection, "primarily" means more than 50% of the time during the period that begins on the date on which the property is first placed in service by the purchaser and ends 2 years from that date or at the time the property is sold, scrapped, destroyed or otherwise permanently removed from service by the purchaser, whichever occurs first.

Sec. J-4. 36 MRSA §2016, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §4, is further amended to read:

A. Reimbursements made by the assessor pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph A are limited to taxes paid in connection with sales of tangible personal property that occur within a

period of 10 years in the case of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 1 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A, and 5 years in the case of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 2 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B, from the date the qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business receiving the property is certified pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O or by December 31, ~~2033~~ 2038, whichever occurs first.

Sec. J-5. 36 MRSA §2529, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Limitation. The credit provided by this section may not be claimed for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2034~~ 2039.

Sec. J-6. 36 MRSA §5219-W, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Limitation. The credit provided by this section may not be claimed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2034~~ 2039.

Sec. J-7. 36 MRSA §6754, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. IIII, §7, is further amended to read:

D. For qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employees, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 18, employed directly in the qualified business activity of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 17, for whom a certificate of qualification has been issued in accordance with Title 30-A, section 5250-O, the reimbursement under this subsection is equal to 80% of the benefit base each year for which reimbursement is requested and attributed to those qualified employees for a period of no more than 10 years for a tier 1 location as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A and no more than 5 years for a tier 2 location as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B. Reimbursement under this paragraph may not be paid for years beginning after December 31, ~~2033~~ 2038.

PART J
SUMMARY

This Part changes the date after which a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business in a tier 1 location may not be certified from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2028. It changes the date that all Pine Tree Development Zone benefits are terminated from December 31, 2033 to December 31, 2038 and makes corresponding changes in several sections of law.

Align with Ref. #: 1486

PART SS

$2,000,000

Sec. SS-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer ~~$4,000,000~~ from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support loan repayment for health care professionals who commit to living and working in Maine. Under the program, the authority shall pay up to $25,000 per year and, in aggregate, the lesser of $75,000 and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The program terminates when the funds allocated pursuant to this Part to the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12953 are fully expended unless other funding is made available to carry out the purpose of the program

PART SS
SUMMARY

This Part requires the transfer of $4,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. The transfer provides funds for the Authority to continue funding the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program.