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Before the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
and State and Local Government

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**LD 206, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.**

Senators Rotundo and Nangle, Representatives Sachs and Stover, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and State and Local Government, my name is Shenna Bellows, and I am the Secretary of State. I am here today to present testimony in support of those items presented in the Supplemental Budget for the Department of the Secretary of State.

Department information begins on page **A-40** of the **Budget Document**.

**Administration - Archives 0050**

There are 3 General Fund initiatives:

1. Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to an Archivist II position. The Personal Services request is **\$986 in FY2022-23**.

This management-initiated reorganization was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on August 31, 2022. This has been submitted in the 2024-2025 Biennial budget.

2. Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position. The Personal Services request is **\$1,105 in FY2022-23**.

This management-initiated reorganization was approved by the Bureau of Human Resources on May 17, 2022. This has been submitted in the 2024-2025 Biennial budget.

3. Provides one-time funding for shelving at the Eastside Wellness Center and in the Cultural Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Archives. The Capital Expenditures request is **\$1,500,000 in FY2022-23**.

Archival records from every agency in state government, by their nature, increase annually, resulting in the need for more storage space over time. Shelving on the second floor of the Cultural Building for Maine State Archives was largely destroyed as part of renovations, in part because much of it was encapsulated in asbestos. For the return of the Archives to the Cultural Building, there is a need for adequate shelving to properly house boxes of archival records on the second floor. Additionally, to accommodate the ongoing need for more storage space for archival records, the Maine State Archives will occupy the Eastside Wellness Center building permanently. This facility currently does not include any shelving. To use it as a storage facility, proper high-density shelving is needed to store archival record boxes. To provide an understanding of the scale of the shelving that is required, this shelving will provide for approximately 30,000 boxes of existing Archival records as well as allow for the more efficient storage of boxes, therefore increasing capacity by an estimated 15%.

This concludes my testimony on the items included in the Governor's proposed Supplemental FY 2022-23 budget.

I would be happy to answer questions now or at the work session.

Thank you.