

**Testimony of Jenny Boyden, Associate Commissioner  
Department of Administrative and Financial Services**

**Before the Joint Standing Committees on  
Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
and Labor**

**“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, 2025”**

**January 22, 2025**

Good morning, Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. I am Jenny Boyden, the Associate Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am here today to present a portion of the fiscal year 2025 supplemental budget bill.

**Department of Administrative and Financial Services – Part E**

**Part E** on **page 3** of the language document authorizes a one-time transfer of unobligated balance in the Statewide-Family and Medical Leave, General Fund and Highway Fund accounts within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the University of Maine System, General Fund account for the purpose of supporting Maine’s Paid Family and Medical Leave premiums for eligible University of Maine System employees.

As a reminder, Public Law 2023, Chapter 412 included a General Fund appropriation of \$984,444 and Highway Fund allocation of \$272,075 in fiscal year 2025 to support the State’s share of the premium contributions for the family and medical leave benefits which became effective January 1, 2025. Part E authorizes unobligated funds from these balances, to be calculated after the April 2025 payment, to be transferred to the University System to support their fiscal year 2025 costs.

Budget initiatives appropriating funds to the Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy appear on pages A-10 (\$209,609) and A-40 (\$65,000) respectively. DAFS proposed this option as a way to provide support to the University System without increasing General Fund appropriations.

**Department of Labor, Employment Services Activity**

There is one technical item for the Department of Labor, and that is on **page A-36** of the budget document. This initiative increases the Other Special Revenue Fund allocation in order to correct a negative balance in the account. This initiative relates to a transfer approved in 2023 Public Law chapter 412 Part CCCCC. Chapter 412 transferred \$2.75 million to the Department of Labor, with \$1.5 million of that mandated to be used for career exploration. Career exploration is administered by the Department of Education so the funds were transferred there. This created a negative allocation in the Department of Labor account, which this initiative corrects. No new funds are requested or expenditures will be incurred as a result of this initiative.

This concludes my testimony for today. Thank you.