
Category Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

LD # 17

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/17/11 1:00 PM Rm206CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority within the Unorganized Territories of the State. (Davis, Sangerville) (Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Committee) (The bill eliminates the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, effective July 15, 2012, and directs the Maine LURC prior its elimination to develop a plan to provide authority over land use planning in the unorganized territory to the counties in which the land is located. Maine LURC is required to submit its proposal, with implementing legislation, to affect the repeal of Maine LURC, and its duties to the Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Committee by December 2, 2011.)

Category Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

LD # 1534

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/17/11 1:00 PM Rm206CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority in the Unorganized Territories. (Rep. Gifford, Lincoln) (Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Comm) (Eliminates the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission effective July 15, 2012, and establishes the Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory Transition Advisory Board to advise the AC&F Committee on matters relating to the transfer of authority over land use planning in the unorganized territory to the counties in which the land is located. The board is required to rendered it advice to the AC&F by December 2,2011. The board is dissolved by July 15, 2012.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 63

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the Mountain Division Rail Line. (Sen. Diamond, Cumberland) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$21,000,000, will be used to repair the Mountain Division rail line between Portland and Fryeburg.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 100

PUBLIC HEARING: 1/24/11 10:00 Rm 228 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # C "A" H-2

LAW # Public Law Chapter 1

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations 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, 2011. **(Emergency)** (Governor's Bill) (Rep. Flood, Winthrop) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (Includes a \$10 million reduction in the school construction debt limit. Current statutory debt service limit for school construction is \$126 million. At this time the actual costs for debt are around \$116 million--\$10 million below the cap.)

Archived NO

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 225

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 To Fund Research and Development. (Sen. Rector, Knox) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (\$50,000,000 in funds provided by this bond issue will be used to provide funds for research and development for Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process.)

Archived NO

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 263

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Construction of a Marine Technology Incubator Facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Rep. Russell) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to fund construction of a marine technology incubator facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.)

Archived NO

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 280

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2005 Maine Biomedical Research Fund and Marine Infrastructure and Technology Fund Bond Issues. (Sen. Rector, Know) (**Emergency**) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 359

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds. (Rep. Flood, Winthrop) (Appropriations and Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,500,000, will be used to fund revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater facilities and to secure federal grants.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 409

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development for Technology Advancement. (Rep. Cain, Orono) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue in the amount of \$1000,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research, development and commercialization funds for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Dept of Economic and Community Development, Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least \$100,000,000 in other funds.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 420

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Building a Container Port on Sears Island. (Sen. Thomas, Somerset) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$200,000,000, will be used to fund building a privately operated container port on Sears Island.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 432

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/14/11 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a GARVEE Bond for the Interstate 95 Bridge at the Maine-New Hampshire State Line. (Sen. Hill, York) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (Authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue \$15,000,000 in federally authorized grant anticipation revenue vehicle debt financing instruments, GARVEE bonds, to be repaid with federal transportation funds, the proceeds of which will be used by the DOT for bridge repairs to the Interstate 95 bridge at the Maine and New Hampshire border known as the Piscataqua River Bridge, programmed in the 2012-2013 biennium.) (GARVEE = Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 741

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Water and Sewer Infrastructure To Protect Public Health and To Facilitate the Expansion and Growth of Business. (Sen. Alford, Cumberland) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$30,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct water and sewer systems that the DEP considers in greatest need of attention and the greatest threat to the public health and the expansion of business.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 777

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond issue To Expand Necessary Capital Improvements at the University of Maine System That Support the Critical Disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math To Enhance Economic Development and Employment Opportunities for Maine Citizens. (Rep. Cain, Orono) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to expand necessary capital improvements in the critical disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the University of Maine System.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 807

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Repeal the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority. (Rep. Waterhouse, Bridgton) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (This bill removes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority's ability to issue bonds or negotiable securities beginning October 1, 2011.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 829

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation, Broadband Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, Land for Maine's Future and Training Facilities in Labor Market Areas with Higher than Average Unemployment for Tourism-related Training. (Rep. McCabe, Skowhegan) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funds over 5 years for the State's transportation biennial capital work plan, the Communities for Maine's Future Program, the ConnetME Authority, the Land for Maine's Future Board, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System for tourism-related training, targeted to particular projects in labor markets that have an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 830

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Establish a Deb Limit for the State. (Rep. Chase, Wells) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (Establishes a debt limit for most general obligation bonds and Maine Governmental Facilities Authority bonds originally issued for a term of in excess of 5 years at 5% of the General Fund revenues for the previous fiscal year.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 842

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Research and Sustainable Development of Maine's Natural Resources. (Rep. Hunt, Buxton) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The major portion of the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount \$45,000,000, are to fund research, development and commercialization of innovative technology that relies on the sustainable use of Maine's natural resources such as forest and agricultural products and tidal and wind energy. The remaining \$5,000,000 support sustainable local economic development projects that enhance the economic benefits of increased reliance on local foods and recycling of consumer products. the funds must be administered by the Maine Technology Institute and competitively awarded.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 851

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Railroads To Reduce the Cost of Shipping to Maine Businesses, Attract Tourists to Maine and Facilitate the Development of Commuter Rail Transportation To Reduce the Use of Oil in Maine. (Sen. Hobbins, York) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm)(Funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds for railroad reconstruction and expansion that the business sector considers vital to the shipment of goods and the ability of the business community to compete. It requires DOT consult with the business and economic development sector to develop a list of priorities in regard to railroad construction and reconstruction projects focusing on projects important to tourism and projects with greatest visibility for increased commuter and passenger rail service w/consideration proposed projects reduce oil consumption.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 852

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's Natural Resource-based Economy. (Sen. Trahan, Lincoln) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided in this bond issue are to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program with \$36,000,000 to continue Maine's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$36,000,000 in required matching funds. It provides \$12,000,000 for natural resource industry based infrastructure improvements and enhancement related to natural resource industry and to provide capital for state park maintenance and improvements.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 874

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Educational Opportunities for Underserved Regions of the State. (Sen. Alford, Cumberland) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by the bond issue, in the amount of \$27,100,000, will be used to improve equipment and facilities at the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System to better serve the underserved regions of the State.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 894

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Highway and Bridge Infrastructure To Meet the Needs of the Business Sector and To Create Jobs. (Sen. Diamond, Cumberland) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$62,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct highways and bridges that are considered vital to the expansion of business interests by the business and economic development sector and essential to public safety. It requires the DOT consult with the business and economic development sector to determine projects of highest priority to the business and economic development sector and establish a stakeholder group, if the bond passes, consisting of municipal officials, highway safety official and members of the general public to develop a list of highway and bridge projects by level of priority relating to the safety of the general public.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 919

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future. (Rep. Hinck, Portland) (The funds provided by his bond issue, in the amount of \$55,000,000, will be used to support weatherization and other energy efficiency improvements for Maine homes, businesses and public buildings to save money, reduce dependence on increasingly scarce heating fuels, support health and comfort and protect the environment Funds are also provided to expand the workforce for weatherization and energy efficiency services and other parts of a new green economy.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 948

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create Jobs through Energy Efficiency. (Sen. Bartlett, Cumberland) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds to be used for grants to make buildings more energy efficient throughout the State, for which grant recipients must commit to investing money saved through increased energy efficiency in hiring workers or other workforce development.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 979

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an Animal and Plant Diagnostic Facility at the University of Maine. (Rep. Edgecomb, Caribou) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$7,200,000, will be used to build an animal and plant diagnostic lab to enable animal and plant population health monitoring for exotic and zoonotic diseases as well as the study of animal and plant pathogens and containment of arthropods in a highly secure setting.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 990

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$1,000,000 for Road and Bridge Construction. (Sen. Patrick, Oxford) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to repair the road and bridge within the Town of Woodstock.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1153

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/16/11 1:00 PM Rm 228 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Regulate the Bonded Indebtedness of the State. (Sen. Thibodeau, Waldo) (Submitted by the State Treasurer) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (Requires that bonded indebtedness created or authorized by the Legislature either directly or through any authority created by the Leg must be approved by the voters, amount & purpose, unless exempted from the requirement. Requires that the total cost of principal and interest that will be paid at maturity per person based on the State's population from the latest Federal Decennial Census be added to the State Treasurer's statement that accompanies bonds on the ballot.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1187

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Revitalize Maine's Downtowns through Innovative Business Development and the Creative Economy. (Sen. Sullivan, York) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used as seed money to capitalize the Downtown Revitalization Fund, a revolving loan and grant fund to encourage business development in downtown areas, targeting innovative businesses, light manufacturing, trades and small businesses and space for artists and artisans. The Downtown Revitalization Fund is administered by a board consisting of public and private members and issues loans that must be matched by \$1 from the recipient for every \$2 received from the fund and issues grants.)

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1240

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce the Cost of Government through Energy Efficiency. (Rep. Fitts, Pittsfield) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) (The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$90,000,000, will be used to lower the costs of government at all levels by funding cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to public buildings. Forty-five million dollars will fund cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned or leased by the State, and \$45,000,000 will be placed in a loan fund for cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to buildings owned or leased by municipal and county governments.)

Archived NO

Category Appropriations & Financial Affairs

LD # 1395

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Authorize a Highway Fund Bond Issue To Improve Maine's Roads and Bridges. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (Appropriations & Financial Affairs Comm) The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds to match federal funds for highway and bridge capital projects.)

Archived NO

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 123

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/7/11 10:00 Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OTP-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-7

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Assist Seasonal Entertainment Facilities with Public Safety Requirement. (**Emergency**) (Rep. Davis, Sangerville) (Criminal Justice & Public Safety Comm) (This bill prohibits the requirement of sprinkler systems in commercial places of assembly that open for no more than 50 days per calendar year. Commercial places of assembly include bars with live entertainment, dance halls, nightclubs, assembly halls with festival seating and restaurants.) (The amendment clarifies that the automatic sprinkler system exemption in the bill applies to those commercial places of assembly in existence as of March 1, 2011, and specifies that the exemption expires upon the transfer of ownership of the commercial place of assembly.)

Archived NO

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 562

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Tabled

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding Municipal Authority To Review Construction Permits for Public Buildings. (Sen. Courtney, York) (Criminal Justice & Public Safety Comm) (This bill clarifies the authority of municipalities that have been approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety to issue construction permits for public buildings.)

Archived NO

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 737

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Grandfather Certain Existing Buildings and Structures with Respect to Fire Safety Codes and Standards. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (Criminal Justice & Public Safety Comm) (This bill amends the laws regarding fire safety to apply rules pertaining to fire safety codes and standards in effect as of January 1, 2007, to buildings and other structures built prior to January 1, 2008.)

Archived NO

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 1217

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Directing the Office of the State Fire Marshal to Amend Its Rules Relative to Construction Permit Applications. (Rep. Moulton, York) (Criminal Justice & Public Safety) (This resolve requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to amend its rules pertaining to the construction permit application process. It requires the rules to specify what needs to be included in the construction permit application, to permit inclusion of comments from a municipal public safety agency, to include a review and appeals process and to set standards for requiring additional work and more stringent safety measures.)

Archived NO

Category Criminal Justice & Public Safety

LD # 1302

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 9:00 AM Rm 436 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Extend Fire Code Rules to Single-family Dwellings Used as Nursing Homes for 3 or Fewer Patients. (Rep. Clarke, Bath) (Criminal Justice & Public Safety) (Submitted by the Dept of Public Safety) (Current law provides that certain fire code rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety do not apply to nursing homes have 3 or fewer patients. This bill removes that limitation, therefore extending application of those rules to nursing homes with 3 or fewer patients.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 148

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/16/11 9:00 AM Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Oppose

ENG. POSITION: Oppose

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Set Uniform Standards for School Construction. (Rep. Bolduc, Auburn) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules for school construction projects for new schools that set out the design standards used for urban, suburban and rural schools. The state board may not approve the allocation of state funds for a school construction project for a new school unless the new school construction plan that the school administrative unit submits in the application process meets the applicable design standards.)

Testimony given by Steve Blatt, AIA

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 389

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/11 1:00 PM Rm 202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-ONTP/Monority-OTP

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Certain Necessary School Auxiliary Buildings for New Mechanical Systems from Referendum Requirements. (Rep. Wintle, Garland) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill exempts the construction of a school's auxiliary building for the housing of a mechanical system from the public referendum requirement.) (Mechanical system means a system designed to provide heating, ventilation and cooling to a building or buildings.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 397

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/24/11 1:00 PM Rm202 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Competitive Bidding for School Construction and Repair. (Sen. Langley, Hancock) (Education & Cultural Affairs) (The bill changes the minimum amount of the cost of school construction, major alteration or repair requiring a competitive bid from over \$100,000 to over \$250,000. Proposed wording would be--Any contract for the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings involving a total cost in excess of \$250,000, except contracts for professional, architectural and engineering services, must be awarded by competitive bids. The school district directors school committee, building committee or whatever agency has responsibility for the construction, major alteration or repair shall, after consultation with the Dir. of BPI, seek sealed proposals...) (What is not underlined is already in statute)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 530

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/11 1:00 PM Rm 202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # AWAITING AMENDMENT

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Testified Neither for Nor Against

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Allow Alternative Delivery Methods for Locally Funded School Construction Projects. (Rep. Eberle, So. Portland) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill authorizes the approval of 10 additional school construction projects by school administrative units seeking to use an alternative delivery method for a school construction project. Such a project must be locally funded, have a minimum total project cost of \$2,500,000 and have an executed contract between the school administrative unit and the project designer dated prior to October 1, 2016.)

AIA Maine testimony given by Alan Kuniholm, AIA

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 776

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/25/11 1:00 PM Rm202 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Create a Fair Process for Energy Service Companies Contracting with Maine Schools. (Rep. Richardson, Carmel) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill removes provisions of law that allow school admin units to use a process other than a competitive bid process in selecting energy service providers for the design, installation, operation, maintenance and financing of energy conservation or combined energy conservation and air quality improvements. This bill requires the Bureau of General Services to adopt by rule a model contract for these services.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 782

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/25/11 1:00 PM Rm202 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Expand Competitive Bidding for Energy Service Contracts with Schools. (Rep. Wintle, Garland) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill provides that school projects for the design, installation, operation, maintenance and financing of energy conservation or combined energy conservation and air quality improvements at existing school admin unit facilities are subject to competitive bidding requirements.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 952

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the School Revolving Renovation Fund. (Sen. Langley, Hancock) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill amends the laws governing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to provide that repairs and renovations to improve energy efficiency qualify for first priority status in determining which loans to school administrative units are approved. It also increases from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 the maximum loan amount from the fund to address first priority, 2nd priority or 3rd priority projects. It increased from \$3,000,000 to \$9,000,000 the maximum total loans from the fund for which a school building is eligible.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1356

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the School Revolving Renovation Fund. (Sen. Langley, Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (Submitted by the Dept of Education) (Amends the Maine Municipal Bond Bank Act to allow for funding from the School Revolving Renovation Fund for hazardous material removal in schools and for repairs and improvements related to energy and water conservation.)

Category Education & Cultural Affairs

LD # 1540

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/12/11 1:00 PM Rm202CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Encourage Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education. (Sen. Schneider, Penobscot) (Governor's Bill) (Education & Cultural Affairs Comm) (This bill establishes the Science, Tech, Engineering and Mathematics Council to develop strategies fro enhancing science, technology, engineering and mathematics education from prekindergarten through postsecondary education.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 425

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/2/11 10:00 Rm 211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Carry Over Request

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Stimulate Demand for Renewable Resources. (Sen. Rosen, Hancock) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (Current law establishes as a policy of the State the encouragement of the generation of electricity from renewable and efficient resources by requiring that each competitive electricity provider in this State demonstrate that of less than 30% of its portfolio of supply sources for retail electricity sales in this Sate is accounted for by eligible resources. This bill implements that policy by stimulating demand for electricity from generators fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with recycling. It amends the definition of renewable capacity resource" to add waste energy resources. Defines "waste energy resource as a source of electrical generation that is fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with recycling and whose total power capacity does not exceed 35 megawatts. The waste energy resource would have to meet Maine's air emissions standards.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 502

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Place a Moratorium on Expedited Permitting of Grid-scale Wind Energy Development. (Rep. Dunphy, Embden) (**Emergency**) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (This bill places a 6-month moratorium on the submission of applications or granting of permits for expedited grid-scale wind energy developments in the State to allow time for further consideration and review of implementation policies. The permitting of wind energy developments, including grid-scale wind energy developments, under nonexpedited procedures and statute is unaffected by this bill and remains available for those parties pursuing permits for the placement of a wind energy development.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 553

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/4/11 11:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Reduce Maine's Dependence on Oil. (Rep. Fitts, Pittsfield) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (A concept draft proposing that the Efficiency Maine Trust, with input from stakeholders, develop a plan to reduce Maine's dependence on oil. Strategies include coordinating land use and transportation planning to encourage growth in areas accessible by walking, biking and public transportation; transitioning to renewable energy for heating including energy from off-shore wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and sustainable biomass; and adopting other strategies that can help enable Maine to achieve the oil-reduction targets.)

Archived NO

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 711

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Regulate Noise from Wind Turbines in Residential Developments. (Rep. Harmon, Palermo) (By Request) (Energy, Utilities and Technology Comm) (Current law prohibits the regulation of noise from residential developments under the site location of development laws. This bill allows such regulation for noise from wind turbines and makes it retroactive to 2006.)

Archived NO

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 729

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/21/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Oppose

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Prohibit Electric Utilities from Entering into Long-term Supply Agreements. (Sen. Thomas, Somerset) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (This bill rescinds the PUC's authority to direct transmission and distribution utilities to enter into long-term contracts. It also corrects cross references.)

Archived NO

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 761

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/21/11 10:00 Rm211 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Oppose

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide Rebates for the Purchase of Certain Solar and Wind Power Equipment. (Rep. Berry, Bowdoinham) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (This bill reinstates the solar and wind energy rebate program, which provided rebates for the purchase of certain solar and wind energy equipment, until June 30, 2015. The program had expired December 31, 2010.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 793

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/5/11 1:00 PM Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Protect Ratepayers While Enhancing Energy Independence and Security. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (It directs the DEP to take all necessary steps to withdraw the State from all memoranda of understanding and state contracts with other states relating to the regional greenhouse gas initiative authorized pursuant to Maine law. Upon successful completion of withdrawal, DEP is required to submit legislation making necessary changes to laws relating to the regional greenhouse gas initiative. Directs PUC to order Maine's 3 investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to take steps to end membership in Independent System Operator New England and to file with the commission a plan to form an alternative structure to hold, manage and dispatch the transmission assets. Plan must ensure that electricity is provided to Maine consumers at the lowest available cost.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 802

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/21/11 10:00 Rm211 COSB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Ant Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Requirements for Electric Transmission Lines. (Sen. Bartlett, Cumberland) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (Amends the statute governing the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity for transmission lines. This bill provides that the PUC may not approve a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a transmission line unless it finds that the construction and operation of the proposed transmission line wither reduces costs for consumers or is necessary to meet the reliability requirements imposed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its designated electric reliability organization.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 865

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Enforce Standards for Smaller-scale Wind Energy Development in Organized Areas. (Sen. Bartlett, Cumberland) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (Requires that the DEP enforce the standards concerning siting considerations for smaller-scale wind energy development in organized areas.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1234

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Restore the Uniform Visual Permitting Standard for Wind Power Projects. (Rep. Dunphy, Embden) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Board) (This bill eliminates specific visual permitting standards for wind energy development to provide that wind energy developments are subject to the same visual permitting standards as other developments.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1264

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Improve the Energy Efficiency of Public Buildings and Create Jobs. (Sen. Bartlett, Cumberland) (EUT Comm) (Amends the law to raise energy efficiency standards for public buildings and increases the ability of school units and counties to finance energy-related improvements public buildings. Part A raises efficiency standards for state-funded construction. Part B raises efficiency standards for school construction, involves the Efficiency Maine Trust in the construction project approval process. Part C raises efficiency standards for county buildings and expands counties' ability to contract with energy service companies to achieve energy savings. Part D raises efficiency standards for municipal buildings. Part E applies to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank's Efficiency Partners Program, which provides loans for efficiency upgrades to municipal and public school buildings, to renewable energy and load management projects.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1266

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Protect Municipalities That Host Wind Energy Developments. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin)(Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (A concept draft proposing to create a mechanism to protect a community that hosts a wind energy development against financial loss regarding agreements related to that development. Proposes to provide a host community with a secured claim under a community benefit agreement under the Maine Revised Statutes. The bill also proposes to address issues related to the value of a wind energy development by creating an assessment methodology that considers the accelerated depreciation schedule for wind energy development equipment when determining the tax increment financing value or other assessment value to ensure the municipality is not exposed to undue risk.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1291

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Promote Community Wind Energy Development. (Rep. Cornell du Houx, Brunswick) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (A concept draft proposing to establish a study group to develop a bidding process for use by the State to lease certain state-owned lands to community wind energy developers. The intent of the bidding and leasing process would be to create a long-term income stream for the State to be used for development of other wind energy projects.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1323

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-ONTP/Minority-OTP

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Support Solar Energy Development in Maine. (Rep. Flood, Winthrop) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (The bill creates the Maine Solar Energy Act which includes the following: (1) finds that solar energy development makes a significant contribution to the general welfare of the citizens of the State and that there is a need for modification of the regulatory process for siting solar energy developments;(2) requires the PUC to take specific measures to support solar energy, including monitoring electricity markets, taking legal action to protect access to markets by solar power facilities located in the State and certifying a person as a community solar power generator; and (3) encourage solar energy-related development and establishes state solar energy generation goals.

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1443

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Improve the Permitting Process for Wind Energy Developments and To Protect Maine's Quality of Place. (Sen. Patrick, Oxford) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (Requires that all approvals for a license, permit or certification for wind energy developments be decided through an adjudicatory proceeding. Requires the consideration of cumulative environmental impact and impacts to wildlife when approval wind energy developments. Prohibits wind energy facilities constructed at 1000 feet or more above sea level from being greater than 75 feet in height. Requires all expansions of an expedited wind energy zone to be done through major substantive rulemaking rather than routine technical rulemaking and it requires wind energy developers to establish an escrow account for decommissioning.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1447

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Create Jobs through the Establishment of the Renewable Energy Resources Feed-in Tariff Program. (Rep. Russell, Portland) (Energy, Utilities & Technology Comm) (Requires the PUC to establish a renewable energy resources feed-in tariff program to encourage the rapid and sustainable development of renewable energy resources and technology for the clean generation of electricity. Requires that transmission and distribution utilities purchase electricity produced by renewable energy systems at commission-prescribed rates that give high-performing generators a rate of return of no more than 3.5%. Requires that utilities enter into standard contracts with qualified project owners. It includes provisions for commission and legislative oversight of the program.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1479

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Minimize Conflicts between Property Owners and Grid-scale Wind Energy Developments. (Rep. Dunphy, Embden) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (This bill removes statutory guidance for wind energy development standards and creates specific statewide standards for setback requirements, shadow flicker effects and decommissioning plans for grid-scale wind energy developments and offshore wind power projects. It limits the length of roads and utility lines associated with a grid-scale wind energy development and the type of lighting that may be placed on a wind turbine. Directs DEP to adopt rules concerning statewide standards for sound level limits.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1506

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Remove Obstacles to the Use of Technological Advances for Heating in Multifamily Structures. (Rep. Fitts, Pittsfield) (Energy, Utilities & Tech Comm) (After Deadline) (Under current law, electric space heating equipment may not be installed as the primary heating system in construction that is funded using public funds. This bill specifically exempts electric thermal storage space heating equipment from this prohibition.)

Category Energy, Utilities & Technology

LD # 1527

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 10:00 Rm211CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Encourage the Creation of Jobs through Development of Maine's Solar Industry. (Rep. Russell, Portland) (Energy, Utilities, & Tech Comm)(This bill promotes development of Maine's solar industry It requires the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code to include standards for solar installations in new and existing buildings, and requires the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to adopt a model municipal ordinance for solar permitting. The bill also creates a solar set aside within Maine's existing renewable portfolio standard. The bill also revives the solar and wind energy rebate program.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 156

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify the Regulation of Impacts to Significant Vernal Pool Habitats under the Natural Resources Protection Act. (Sen. Rector, Knox) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Clarifies that a landowner proposing to cause an impact to a significant vernal pool habitat is not subject to regulation pursuant to the DEP's vernal pool rules if the significant vernal pool habitat depression is not on property owned or controlled by that landowner. Also clarifies that when a vernal pool habitat has not previously been determined to be significant and the DEP or the Dept of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife makes a determination as to its significance, the vernal pool habitat is considered to be not significant if it is located in southern Maine and dries out after spring filling and before July 15th or if it is located in northern Maine and dries out after spring filling and before July 31st.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 159

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/30/11 1:00 PM Rm216 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Tabled

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Foster Economic Development by Improving Administration of the Laws Governing Site Location of Development and Storm Water Management. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (Environment & Natural Resources) (This bill revises the thresholds for review by the DEP pursuant to the laws governing site location of development by changing the definitions of "subdivision" and "structure." It ensures consistency between the laws governing site location of development and the Natural Resources Protection Act in standards pertaining to a developments effects on existing uses, scenic character and protected natural resources. The bill also provides that rules adopted by the dept after 1-1-10 pursuant to the laws governing site location of development and storm water management are major substantive rules as defined in the MRS Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, with certain limited exception in the rules governing storm water management for minor clerical corrections

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 219

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/8/11 9:00 AM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Div Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Shoreland Zoning. (Sen. Snowe-Mello, Androscoggin) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill reduces the width of land that is subject to shoreland zoning and land use controls from 250 feet to 75 feet from the normal high-water line or upland edge of any body of water, river or wetland. A municipal ordinance regarding shoreland zoning in effect on January 1, 2011, is considered valid and remains in effect until rescinded, amended or changed by that municipality.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 262

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/23/11 9:00 AM Rm216 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-30

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program. (Rep. Johnson, Greenville) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill allows municipal landfills that were allowed to remain in operation after Jan 1, 2000, but are subsequently ordered closed or encapsulated by Dec 31, 2015, because they do not meet current environmental protection standards to receive funding from the State's remediation and closure program for a portion of closure costs if funding is available. It also makes the State's cost-share program for municipal landfill closures applicable to municipal landfills that were originally licensed on or before Sept 1, 1989, and contingent on a finding that the landfill is contaminating groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful.) (Amendment incorporates a Fiscal Note.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 341

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Artificial Wetlands and Artificial Significant Vernal Pool Habitats from State Regulation. (Sen. Thomas, Somerset) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill exempts artificial wetlands and artificial significant vernal pool habitats from state regulation under the Natural Resources Protection Act.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 434

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/8/11 9:00 AM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Wetlands Created by Obstructions or Barriers from the Shoreland Zoning Laws. (Sen. Collins, York) (Environment & Natural Resources Com)(This bill exempts freshwater wetlands that are created as a result of artificial or natural obstructions or barriers from regulation under the shoreland zoning laws.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 515

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Review State Water Quality Standards. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This concept draft would revise and update water quality standards utilized to establish waste discharge license parameters. This bill would also establish procedures for developing alternative state and site-specific water quality standards.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 544

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/11 9:30 AM Rm 220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority OTP;Minority OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # H-82, H-96

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Eliminate Duplication of Paint Disclosure and Radon Requirements. (Rep. Cushing, Hampden) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill eliminates the duplication of state and federal lead-based paint disclosure requirements and amends the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings to exempt buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 671

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/9/11 9:00 AM Rm 216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund. (Rep. Ayotte, Caswell) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill changes the membership of the Fund Insurance Review Board, provides the board additional powers and authorizes the board to review and approve the budget of the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 693

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/13/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Concerning Solid Waste Facility Citizen Advisory Committees. (Rep. Duchesne, Hudson) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Clarifies that a solid waste facility citizen advisory committee is to continue through the closure of the facility. It authorizes a citizen advisory committee to appeal licensing and permitting decisions and intervene in licensing and permitting proceedings if the disposition of the proceedings could impair the ability of the committee to carry out its responsibilities. Authorizes municipalities that appoint members to a citizen advisory committee to appeal licensing and permitting decisions and intervene in licensing and permitting proceedings. It directs the State Planning Office to provide financial and administrative support for citizen advisory committees. Also makes these provisions applicable to the citizen advisory comm established in connection with the Juniper Ridge landfill in Old Town and Alton.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 862

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/25/11 9:00 AM Rm216 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-56

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Amend Its Rules Governing the Length of Time Certain Permits Are Valid. (Sen. Collins, York) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This resolve directs the DEP to amend its rules governing the protection of natural resources,site location of development and storm water to provide that permits issued with respect to these areas are valid for 5 years after they are issued and that a person who holds such a permit has 10 years to complete a project pursuant to such a permit.)(The amendment clarifies that the DEP is required to amend its rules relating to the Natural Resources Protection Act. Also changes the time periods in the resolve to provide that permits issued with respect to the NRPA and laws governing site location of development and storm water are valid for 4 years after they are issued and that a person who holds such a permit has 7 yrs to complete a proj pursuant to permit)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 872

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 10:00 Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Div Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify the Natural Resources Protection Act. (Sen. Collins, York) (**Emergency**) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (This bill changes to 75 feet the setback for significant vernal pool habitat, high and moderate value inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat and shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas. It also provides a mechanism to compensate landowners for the property value losses incurred as a result of more stringent setback regulations.) (Currently 250 feet)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 879

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/13/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: CARRY OVER REQUEST

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Ensure Adequate Landfill Capacity in the State for Solid Waste. (Rep. Curtis, Madison) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Amends the law regarding expansion of commercial solid waste disposal facilities and biomedical waste disposal or treatment facilities by authorizing a commercial landfill facility that is not under an order or agreement to close to expand if the proposed expansion is contiguous with the existing facility and is located on property owned by the person holding the commercial solid waste disposal facility license. It clarifies that an expanded facility may not receive a property tax exemption on real or personal property, and it provides that the department may not process or act upon any application until certain conditions are met)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 888

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/8/11 9:00 AM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Allow Flexibility under Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances. (Rep. Curtis, Madison) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Allows a municipality to enact in its shoreland zoning ordinance alternative provisions to the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, that limit the expansion of a nonconforming structure in a shoreland zone that increases the structure's volume or floor area by 30% or more in addition to the requirements in Title 38.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1015

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/30/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-199

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act to Reduce Unnecessary Reporting Requirements for the Department of Environmental Protection. (Rep. Duchesne, Hudson) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Repeals a requirement that the DEP Commissioner annually conduct a review related to the permit by rule system and make any recommendation concerning additional categories of permits to the BEP. Repeals requirement that the DEP periodically evaluate whether the State should continue to implement and enforce California low-emission vehicle standards relating to the control of emissions. Removes a requirement that the DEP Commissioner hold hearings and report to the E&NR Comm matters concerning progress toward meeting with the instream color pollution standards under the Maine Rev Statutes, Title 38.) (Amendment exempts agricultural producers from the water withdrawal reporting prog & removes the Agric Commish from list to whom a h2o report may be submit)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1129

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/29/11 1:30 PM Rm216CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide the Department of Environmental Protection with Regulatory Flexibility Regarding the Listing of Priority Chemical. (Rep. Hamper, Oxford) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Makes a number of changes to the priority chemical program. Amending the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to require that the Legislature receive notification through the regulatory agenda process of any proposal to regulate chemicals before rulemaking may be initiated. Providing the DEP with a process by which it can respond to developments in science to remove the designation of and de-list a chemical that is ultimately found to not pose a risk to human health--children's products, clear exposure criteria for designation of priority chemical, removing the presumptions regarding safer alternatives to priority chemical. Increasing from 10 to 45 days the time a manufacturer or distributor.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1278

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/13/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: CARRY OVER REQUEST

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Stabilize Solid Waste Management Funding. (Rep. Duchesne, Hudson) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Creates a 3rd subsidiary account in the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund for the purpose of purchasing additional landfill disposal capacity. The bill imposes fees on the disposal of construction and demolition debris and construction and demolition debris processing residue and imposes higher fees on certain wastes that are disposed of at a landfill granted a license to expand after Oct 15, 2011. Also provides that a disposal fee may not be imposed on construction and demolition debris and construction and demolition debris processing residue that is disposed of at a municipal, regional association or generator-owned landfill.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1328

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study the Subdivision Laws. (Rep. Morissette, Winslow) (Environment and Natural Resources Comm) (This resolve requires the Dept of Public Safety to convene a working group to study the subdivision laws. The dept shall report its recommendations for changes to the laws to the State & Local Government Committee by January 30, 2012.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1387

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/10/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Tabled

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Restore Exemptions in the Natural Resources Protection Act. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Submitted by the DOT) (The bill amends the exemption for certain maintenance and repair activities in the Natural Resources Protection Act. Replaces the exemption for certain existing road culverts in the Natural Resources Protection Act. Also clarifies that slip or invert lining of existing culverts is not considered a maintenance and repair activity, thus requiring a permit by rules for those activities. Requires DEP, DOT and other departments to present a final draft of a statewide aquatic conservation and restoration strategy plan to Environment & Natural Resources Comm by Jan 31, 2013. The plan may include recommended legislation.)

Category Environment & Natural Resources

LD # 1398

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm216CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. (Rep. Hamper, Oxford) (Environment & Natural Resources Comm) (Submitted by DEP) (Makes several changes to the laws governing environmental protection. Changes include but not limited to repealing the exemption from the laws governing storm water management for waste facilities. It amends a provision that authorizes the DEP to establish a nonpoint source reduction program to allow an applicant to pay a compensation fee in lieu of meeting certain requirements. Repeals and replaces a section to provide that references to ambient air quality standards refer to national ambient air quality standards. Amends the wellhead protection laws to eliminate language regarding the applicability of wellhead siting restrictions to development under construction...)

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 560

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/28/11 1:15 PM Rm209CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Increase the Effectiveness of Accessibility Requirements for Persons with Disabilities. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (Health & Human Services Comm) (This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to study increasing the effectiveness of accessibility requirements for persons with disabilities for public buildings, public accommodations, restaurants and eating establishments, colleges ad hospitals. the departments are required to provide staffing assistance to the working group and to report to the Legislature with recommendations for suggested legislation by November 1, 2011.)

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 631

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/8/11 9:00 AM Rm209CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OPT-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-143

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Update the Radon Registration Act. (Rep. Sanborn, Gorham) (Health & Human Services Comm) (The bill amends the Radon Registration Act by updating the lead agency name, clarifying who the act applies to, making new construction comply with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and requiring the Dept of Health & Human Services to set fees by rule.) (The amendment deletes from the bill the language that requires the DHHS to set by rule the fees to defray the costs of the registration programs established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, sections 774 and 775.)

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 790

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 9:00 AM Rm209CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Foster Energy Efficiency Improvements and Other Needed Renovations at Residential Care Facilities Funded by MaineCare. (Sen. Rosen, Hancock) **(Emergency)** (Health & Human Services Comm) (This resolve requires the DHHS to amend its rules regarding residential care facilities funded by MaineCare to provide that fixed or capital cost reimbursement for new construction, acquisitions, equipment, renovations or other improvements when the aggregate capital expenditure does not exceed \$350,000 in one fiscal year does not require prior approval. Capital expenditures for energy efficiency improvements, for replacement equipment, for information systems, for communications systems and for parking lots and garages must be excluded from the cost of the project in determining whether it is subject to review and prior approval. When capital costs subject to review exceed \$350,000 in one FY, facilities must submit plans, financial proposal...)

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 825

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/6/11 1:00 PM Rm209CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Div Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 for Nursing Facility Projects To Provide Alternative Means To Satisfy MaineCare Neutrality. (Rep. Martin, Eagle Lake) (Health & Human Services Comm) (Changes the provisions governing nursing facility projects in several respects. Permits certificate of need approval of different types of nursing facility projects as long as MaineCare neutrality is demonstrated and to permit transfers of MC resources between nursing facilities and residential care facilities to satisfy MC requirements. Permits nursing facilities projects that do not involve relocation of beds from one facility to another or a new facility. Permits approval of nursing facility projects that transfers ownership when any increases in MC costs are offset by transfers of bed rights or the increase in MC costs is limited to changes in fixed-cost reimbursement due to changes in approved fin or app depreciation schedules)

Category Health & Human Services

LD # 828

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/6/11 1:00 PM Rm209CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Div Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 for Nursing Facility Projects. Rep. Martin, Eagle Lake) (Health & Human Services Comm) (Amends the Certificate of Need Act of 2002 as it affects nursing facility projects--It increases the review threshold for nursing facility projects from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 and restores n inflation adjustment factor. It removes the so-called MaineCare budget neutrality requirement and the nursing facility MarineCare funding pool. Makes nursing facility projects subject to all certificate of need approval criteria and requirements. Retains provisions of existing law that permit expedited approval of certain nursing facility projects. When a DHHS decision has not been issued within 150 days after the department declares an application complete, the application is automatically approved.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 57

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/9/11 9:30 AM Rm220 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Maj ONTP/Min OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # H-47

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Update the Study Regarding the Feasibility of Establishing a Single-payor Health Care System. (Rep. Beaudoin, Biddeford) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Resolve requires the Legislature to hire a consultant to update "Feasibility Study of a Single-payor Health Plan Model for the State of Maine" originally completed in 2002.)(The minority report requires the Legislature to hire a consultant to update "Feasibility Study of a Single-payor Health Plan Model for the State of Maine" originally completed in 2002. Also requires that the updated study include an analysis of the the impact of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on state legislation to establish a single-payor health care system and of the costs and impact of using a single-payor health plan design similar to the design proposed for Vermont.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 226

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/12/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Allow Maine Citizens To Buy Health Insurance across State Lines. (Sen. Sullivan, York) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Permits insurers authorized to transact individual or group health insurance in CT, MA, NH, RI and VT to offer their individual and group health plans for sale in this State if certain requirements of Maine law are met, including minimum capital and surplus and reserve requirements, disclosure and reporting requirements and grievance procedures. Also permits Maine health insurers to offer individual health plans of out-of-state parent or subsidiary health insurers if similar requirements are met. If out-of-state health plans are offered for sale in this State, the bill requires that prospective enrollees be provided adequate disclosure in a format approved by the Superintendent of Insurance of how the plans differ from Maine health plans. Effective date of Jan 1/12.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 455

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/12/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Directing the Superintendent of Insurance To Form a Compact with Other State Commissioners of Insurance on the Purchase of Insurance out of State. (Rep Hogan, Old Orchard Beach) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Directs the Superintendent of Insurance to meet with the commissioners of insurance of the State of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont to develop a plan to form an interstate compact regarding the purchase of insurance from other states. The commissioner is required to report by January 12, 2012, to the Leg's committee on Insurance & Financial Services, which may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 473

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/12/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Enable Maine Residents To Purchase Health Insurance over State Lines. (Rep. Harmon, Palermo) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Permits insurers authorized to transact individual or group health insurance in any state to offer their individual and group health plans for sale in the State if certain requirements of Maine laws are met, including minimum capital and surplus and reserve requirements, disclosure and reporting requirements and grievance procedures. Also permits Maine health insurers to offer individual and group health plans of out-of-state parent or subsidiary health insurers if similar requirements are met. If out-of-state health plans are offered for sale in this State, the bill requires that prospective enrollees be provided adequate disclosure in a format approved by the Superintendent of Insurance of how the plans differ from Maine health plans.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 496

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/6/11 1:30 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Financial Incentives and Geographic Accessibility of Services Covered by Health Insurance Providers. (Rep. McKane, Newcastle) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Removes provisions in current law prohibiting health insurance carriers from applying benefit differentials based on travel and repeals the provision authorizing pilot projects that are exempt from geographic access requirements. In its place the bill requires health insurance carriers to offer a health plan with financial provisions to encourage use of designated providers that is exempt from geographic access requirements established in current law and in rules adopted by the Dept of Professional & Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 934

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Reform the Dirigo Health Program (Rep. McKane, Newcastle) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (A concept draft proposing to reform the Dirigo Health Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, chapter 87.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1162

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/12/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Allow Members of Professional Associations To Purchase Health Insurance across State Lines. (Rep. Volk, Scarborough) (Insurance & Financial Services) (This bill enhances the availability of association group health plans issued in another state by removing the current restrictions on coverage.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1333

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OTP-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-186*

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Modify Rating Practices for Individual and Small Group Health Plans and To Encourage Value-based Purchasing of Health Care Services. (Rep. Richardson, Warren) (Insurance&Financial Services) (GOP-backed health insurance reform package)(the amendment replaces the bill. Permits insurers to transact individual health insurance in CT, MA, NH or RI to offer their individual health plans for sale in Maine if certain laws are met. It also provides a tax credit to employers of 20 or fewer employees for the expense of developing, instituting and maintaining wellness programs for their employees in the amount of \$100 per employee, up to a max of \$2000.) (*Proposed amendments H-230, S-81, S-82, S-83, S-84, S-85, S-91, S-92, S-96, S-99, S-100)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1397

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/3/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Tabled

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Establish a Single-payor Health Care System To Be Effective in 2017. (Rep. Priest, Brunswick) (Insurance & Financial Services) (Establishes a universal access health care system that offers a choice of coverage through organized delivery systems or through a managed care system operation by the Maine Health Care Agency. The plan is funded by the Maine Health Care Trust Fund, a dedicated fund receiving payments from employers, individuals and plan members. The plan is supplemental to other health care programs that may be available to plan members, such as Medicare, Medicaid, etc.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1497

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/10/11 1:00 PM Rm220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Comply with the Health Insurance Exchange Provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (Rep. McKane, Newcastle) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Establishes the Maine Health Benefit Exchange pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The exchange is established as authorized by federal law to facilitate the purchase of health care coverage by individuals and small businesses. The bill requires coverage to be available through the exchange no later than Jan 1, 2014. The bill authorizes the use of an assessment or user fee on health insurance carriers to support the operations of the exchange.)

Category Insurance & Financial Services

LD # 1498

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/10/11 1:00 PM RM220CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act to Phase Out Dirigo Health and Establish the Maine Health Benefit Exchange for Small Businesses and Individuals. (Rep. Treat, Hallowell) (Insurance & Financial Services Comm) (Repeals Dirigo Health effective Jan 1, 2014, and in its place, establishes the Maine Health Benefit Exchange. The exchange is established as authorized by federal law to facilitate the purchase of health care coverage by individuals and small businesses. Requires coverage to be available through the exchange no later than Jan 1, 2014. Coverage for individuals and sm businesses under Dirigo will end on Jan 1, 2014, as coverage will transition to the exchange. The bill retains the Maine quality Forum established within the Dirigo Health program and transfers its oversight to the exchange. Requires health insurance carriers and 3rd-party administrators to pay an access payment on paid claims to support the operations of the exchange.)

Category Judiciary

LD # 1111

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMITTEE ACTION: Leave to Withdraw

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Ensure Timely Resolution of Professional Negligence Claims. (Rep. Treat, Hallowell) (Judiciary Comm) (Under the Maine Health Security Act, a person is allowed to commence an action for professional negligence only by first submitting the claim to a mandatory prelitigation screening and mediation panel. This bill allows a claimant whose hearing has not been held within 18 months of the submission of the claim to the panel to bypass the panel and have the case heard in Superior Court.)

Category Judiciary

LD # 1502

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/10/11 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act to Amend the Maine Business Corporation Act. (Rep. Priest, Brunswick) (Judiciary Comm) (25-page bill amending the Maine Business Corporation Act to reflect recent changes made to the model act on which the Maine Business Corporation Act is based.)

Category Judiciary

LD # 1530

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/10/11 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Housing Provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act. (Sen. Hastings, Oxford) (Judiciary Comm) (Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission) (Amends the Maine Human Rights Act in order to maintain its substantial equivalency with the federal Fair Housing Act and to update the accessible building requirements in public housing. Includes changes such as the builder of a facility to which this applies shall obtain a certification from a design professional that the plans of the facility met the standards of construction required by this section. Standards of construction means the most recent ANSI standards for accessible and usable facilities.)

Category Judiciary

LD # 1531

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/17/11 1:30 PM Rm 438 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Maine Human Rights Act Regarding Accessible Building Standards. (Sen. Hastings, Oxford) (Judiciary Comm) (Submitted by the Maine Human Rights Commission) (Amends the Maine Human Rights Act to update the accessible building requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 337, subchapter 5, in light of the adoption of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design by the federal Department of Justice on September 15, 2010. Includes reference to Voluntary Plan Review--Builders of facilities not governed by subsection 6 may submit plans to the Office of the State Fire Marshal to ensure that the plans meet standards of construction req by subsection 3. Certification for a voluntary plan review may be provided by an architect, professional engineer, certified interior designer or landscape architect licensed, certified or registered to practice under Title 32 and practicing within the scope of that person's practice.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 43

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/7/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Ant. Divided Report (12 to 1) ONTP

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Oppose

ENG. POSITION: Oppose

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. (Rep. Harvell, Farmington) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Dev Comm) (This bill repeals the laws establishing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and makes adjustments to certain other laws to make them consistent with law prior to the enactment of Public Law 2007, chapter 699, which created MUBEC. The bill does not reenact the Maine Model Building Code or the energy efficiency building standards that were repealed by Public Law 2007, chapter 699 and replaced by the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 166

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/7/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Seasonally Restricted Cottages from the Newly Adopted Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. (Rep. Chase, Wells) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Dev Comm) (This bill defines "seasonally restricted cottage" and exempts such cottages from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.) (Seasonally restricted cottages means a one-story building containing a single unit made up of a room or group of rooms containing facilities for eating, sleeping, bathing and cooking and that is not occupied and does not have water service from Nov 1st to April 30th.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 188

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/28/11 2:30 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To License Residential Builders and Register Specialty Contractors. (Rep. Pilon, Saco) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development Comm) (This bill creates the Maine Residential Builders and Specialty Contractors Act and establishes the Maine Residential Builders and Specialty Contractors Board within the Dept of Professional and Financial Regulation-Office of Licensing & Registration. Beginning Jan 1, 2014, the board will authorize persons to practice residential building activities by issuing a license to residential builders and a registration certificate to residential specialty contractors. It establishes the requirements for licensure as a residential builder and for registration as a residential specialty contractor and includes certain specific exemptions from licensure and registration. The board is required to convene its first meeting by July 15, 2012, and includes among others an architect or an engineer.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 323

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/22/11 1:00 PM Rm208 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: CARRY OVER REQUEST

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Implement a Coordinated Strategy To Attract New Businesses, Expand Existing Businesses and Develop a Consistent and Recognizable Maine Brand. (Rep. Volk, Scarborough) (A concept draft proposing to establish a public-private partnership at the state level with responsibility for the development and delivery of a comprehensive, coordinated and coherent strategy for economic development in Maine. This private-public partnership shall work with regional and local economic development councils and businesses to provide an array of services to companies seeking to locate or expand in Maine.)

Archived NO

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 375

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/12/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-176

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Boilers in Municipalities and Schoolhouses from State Inspection Requirements. (Rep. Gillway, Searsport) (Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Comm) (Under current law all steam heating oilers, hot water heating boilers and hot water supply boilers that are constructed and installed in accordance with the rules adopted by the Dept of Professional & Financial Reg, Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels are exempt from a state-level boiler inspection program except for the boilers owned and operated by municipalities and schoolhouses. This bill includes municipalities and schoolhouses in the general exemption.)(Amendment replaces the bill w/an **emergency resolve** directing the Commish of Pro&Fin Reg to convene a working group w/the Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels & others to rev the current lack of uniformity in laws & rules governing boilers & find options for boiler inspection in public places.)

Archived NO

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 698

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/29/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Bring Wage Equity to the Workplace. (Rep. Goode, Bangor) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development) (This bill prohibits the payment of wages to the highest paid employee that are 10 times higher than the wages paid to the lowest paid employee at the same workplace if the employer has 50 or more employees and the employer receives a state tax credit, state tax break or state funds or is a contractor for public works construction.)

Archived NO

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 841

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/3/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Affordable Housing. (Rep. Cushing, Hampden) **(Emergency)** (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development Com) (This Commission is directed to conduct a study of affordable housing policy, review the status of housing and make recommendations to maximize the investment of available resources and best meet the housing needs of the people of this State. The commission is required to submit a report to Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 893

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/6/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-ONTP/Minority-OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # S-48 **(DEAD)**

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Require an Employer To Provide Notification Regarding the Employer's Personal Leave Policy to Employees. (Sen. Craven, Androscoggin) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Dev Comm) (Requires that an employer provide notice to an employee regarding whether the terms of employment include provisions for paid personal leave and whether upon cessation of employment accrued personal leave has the same status as wages earned. The notification may be accomplished by including in an employee handbook the policy on personal leave or by posting the policy on personal leave in a conspicuous common area in the place of employment.)(Minority report strikes the bill,It requires employers who have a paid vacation or earned paid time off policy to provide employees with written notice describing how the time is earned and accumulated and whether the time will be paid upon termination of employment.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1007

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/3/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Comprehensive Planning To Encourage the Development of Affordable Housing. (Rep. Moulton, York) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development Com) (This bill provides additional details of the process for municipalities or multimunicipal regions with regard to development of affordable housing as part of a comprehensive plan.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1253

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/28/11 2:30 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor*

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Enforcement of Statewide Uniform Building Codes. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (LCR&ED Comm) (Makes several changes to the laws governing the adoption, enforcement and implementation of MUBEC. Allows a municipality to adopt Appendix G of the 2009 International Res Code, or IRC, which contains the safety fencing standards for swimming pools, Removes an archaic & Vague requirement that inspections for the purpose of issuing an occupancy permits be conducted to ensure that a building is "safe from fire." Authorizes a municipality to review the work of a 3rd-party inspector for accuracy. Amends law to allow a building official to serve as a 3rd-party inspector as long as the bld official is providing that service outside of the official's geo jurisdiction as a bldg official. Directors Standards Board to determine where in Maine & under what circumstance the radon & internal air qual bldg codes should apply.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1288

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Laws Regarding Average Weekly Wages. (Sen. Jackson, Aroostook) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev) (A concept draft proposing to amend the Pine Tree Development Zone program to allow a business that meets all the requirements for classification as a qualified Pine tree Development Zone business but the requirement that employees' wages be at least equal to the labor market average weekly wage to be designated as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business and thus eligible for benefits under that program.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1314

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:00 AM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Carry Over Request

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Standardize the Definition of Independent Contractor." (Rep. Tilton, Harrington) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev Comm) (This bill standardizes the definition of "independent contractor" for employment security law and worker's compensation law. It considers who directors or controls the means and manner of providing the contracted services; who furnishes the tools and equipment necessary to provide the services; whether the business is considered inseparable from the individual for purposes of taxes, profits and liabilities; who exercises control over the management and operations of the business; and who exercises the right and opportunity to perform the services of the business for multiple entities.)

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1378

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/15/11 1:00 PM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Create a State-sponsored 401(K) Retirement Plan for Participation by Private Employers. (Sen. Woodbury, Cumberland) (Labor, Commerce, R&EC) (This bill directs the Finance Authority of Maine to establish a qualified defined contribution retirement investment plan eligible for favorable tax treatment under Section 401 (K) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to be made available to employers who wish to offer the plan as a retirement investment option to their employees.)

Archived NO

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1420

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:00 AM Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding Status as an Independent Contractor. (Sen. Thibodeau, Waldo) (Labor, Commerce, R&ED Comm) (This bill defines services provided by an individual to be employment subject to the unemployment compensation laws unless the individual is free from control or direction in performing the services and either:
-The service is outside the usual course of business or is performed outside of the pace of business; or
-The individual is engaged in an independently established trade or occupation.)

Archived NO

Category Labor, Commerce, Research & Econ Dev

LD # 1560

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/13/11 11:00 Rm208CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Update Professional and Occupational Licensing Statutes. (Rep. Prescott, Topsham) (Submitted by the Dept of Professional and Financial Regulation) (Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development Comm) (Housekeeping bill that includes changing the name of the Office of Licensing and Registration in the Dept of Professional & Financial Regulation to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation. Among other changes it clarifies that an individual who engages in any activity that requires a license, without first obtaining a license, commits a civil violation of unlicensed practice.)

Archived NO

Category Regulatory Fairness & Reform

LD # 1

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/14/11 9:00 AM Rm208 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # S-87

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act to Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform. (President Raye, Washington((Regulatory Fairness & Reform Committee) (**Emergency**)(A concept draft proposing to amend the laws to improve and business climate in the State and encourage job creation and expand opportunities for Maine people. Accomplished by ensuring regulatory fairness and reform among departments and agencies of State Government by reviewing aspects of the regulatory process and reforming those processes as necessary to eliminate duplicate or unnecessary regulations and to ensure transparency, fairness, effectiveness and efficiency in the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of regulatory efforts.)(The amendment replaces the bill)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 62

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Relating to the State Bid Process. (Sen. Thomas, Somerset) (State & Local Gov't Comm) (This bill amends the competitive bid process by requiring that rules adopted by the State Purchasing Agent within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services allow bidders the option of submitting bids in hard-copy format.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 158

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Improve Public Understanding in the Rulemaking of Certain Departments. (Sen. Saviello, Franklin) (State & Local Government Comm) (Requires the Dept of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources, the Dept of Conservation, the DEP and the Dept of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to make available to the public primary sources of information that support the primary provisions in proposed rules.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 287

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/28/11 10:00 Rm 214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Carry Over Request

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide Savings to the State by Contracting Out Certain Services. (Rep. Winsor, Norway) (State & Local Government Comm) (A Concept draft proposing to identify the types of services provided by the State and the extent to which those services are provided by state employees and through contracts with private entities. The bill proposes the identification of the types of services provided by state employees that could be provided more effectively and with reduced cost by privately contracted services. The bill proposes to explore the practices of other states and identify private contracting practices that are effective and the actions that would be necessary to achieve similar benefits in Maine.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 322

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/23/11 1:00 PM Rm214 CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OTP-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-108

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Repeal the Informed Growth Act. (Rep. Clark, Easton) (State & Local Government Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the provisions of the Informed Growth Act do not apply to a municipality unless the municipality adopts an ordinance. It provides that municipalities that are sub to the Informed Growth Act by the adoption of such an ordinance receive the fee directly from the developer for the comprehensive economic impact study rather than through the State Planning Office. The definition of undue adverse impact is amended to mean that the estimated overall negative effects outweigh the positive effects and removes the requirement that the estimated negative effects of at least 2 of the factors considered in the study outweigh the positive effects on those factors. Provides that the municipality may determine which factors are considered in the comprehensive economic impact study. Also has a Fiscal Note)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 478

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Strengthen Maine Small Business by Establishing a Preference Percentage for State Contract Bids. (Rep. Ayotte, Caswell) (State & Local Government Comm) (Requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to adopt rules establishing preference percentage of up to 15% for Maine small businesses bidding for state contracts. The rules are routine technical rules.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 543

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Protect Legislative Intent in Rulemaking. (Rep. Prescott, Topsham) (State & Local Government Comm) (A concept draft requiring the review of agency rule-making authority and establishes clearer distinctions between major substantive rules and routine technical rules to ensure that legislative grants of rule-making authority are clear and specific enough to not result in agency misunderstanding of legislative intent or overly broad construction of the grant of rule-making authority.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 769

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/9/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Carry Over Request

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Review the Functions of the State Planning Office. (Rep. Moulton, York) (State & Local Government Comm) (A concept draft proposing to restructure the State Planning Office. This bill will retain within the State Planning Office those functions that are best performed by that office, and will remove to other offices and entities those functions that will be best performed by organization other than the Sate Planning Office. As part of the restructuring, the roles of the regional planning commissions established pursuant to the MRS, Title 30-A, chapter 119 will be more clearly defined, as will the role of the State Planning Office in the review of comprehensive plans developed pursuant to Title 30-A.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 904

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/4/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OTP-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # H-182

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Make Changes to Boards and Commissions Concerning Membership, Appointments and Terms. (Rep. Valentino, Saco) (State & Local Government Comm) (Changes include:
-A member whose appointed term has expired and for whom no replacement member has been appointed may serve no more than an additional 12 months without formal reappointment.
-A board member may serve no more than 4 terms on that board or the number of terms as provided by the statue governing the board, whichever is less.
-Board clerk shall notify the Secretary of State of vacancies. The Sec of State shall post all vacancies on a publicly accessible website.. The posting must include brief information about the board, the requirements for the member, the length of the member's term and contact information for the appointing authority.)(Amend strikes repeal of board w/2/3 vacancies & term limites)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 940

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:30 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Increase Access to State Rule-making Notices. (Rep. Hayes, Buckfield) (State & Local Government Comm) (Eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State publish proposed and adopted rules in the newspaper beginning July 1, 2012. It requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue a contract to provide a website for rule-making notices in accordance with the competitive bid process pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155. The website must be fully operational no later than July 1, 2012.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 942

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Indemnification Provisions in State Contracts. (Sen Hill, York) (State & Local Government Comm) (Provides that the State, including state agencies, boards, commissions and department, may not, by written agreement, require that it be held harmless or indemnified by a municipality for claims, unless grounded in bodily injury, including death, or property damage resulting from the sole negligence of the municipality or its agents, servants or employees.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 984

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Oppose

ENG. POSITION: Oppose

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Approve the Issuance of a Bond or Security by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority. (Rep. Waterhouse, Bridgton) (State & Local Government Comm) (This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require a 2/3 vote of both Houses of the Legislature to authorize a bond or security to be issued by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority.)

Written Testimony by John Morris, AIA
Oral Testimony by Rip Patten for ACEC Maine

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1002

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/9/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing in Municipal Zoning. (Rep. Moulton, York) (State & Local Government Comm) (A concept draft proposing to amend the current law to increase the availability of workforce housing and affordable housing. It proposes to create tools for municipalities to use on encourage developers to offer density bonuses, reduced lot sizes and other incentives for affordable housing.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1085

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/27/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding Prequalification Standards for Contractors. (Sen. Martin, Kennebec) (State & Local Government Comm) (Directs the Bureau of General Services to adopt the same annual contractor prequalification process as the DOT by Jan 1, 2012. It also directs BGS to adopt the same renewal prequalification process as the DOT.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1128

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/9/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT # (DEAD)

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Modify the Requirements for Municipal Code Enforcement Officer Training. (Rep. Moulton, York) (State & Local Government Comm) (This bill transfers the responsibility to train municipal code enforcement officers from the State Planning Office to the Maine Community College System and transfers the responsibility to certify municipal code enforcement officers from the State Planning Office to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1221

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Encourage Prompt Payments by the State When It Contracts with Outside Agencies. (Rep. Moulton, York) (State & Local Government Comm) Current law allows a vendor to charge a reasonable late fee if a state agency does not make the required payment for an invoice on time. This bill requires a state agency that does not make the required payment on time to pay a late fee of 1 1/2% per month unless the contract includes a different amount to be levied if payment is late.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1248

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Require Approval by the Voters of Legislation To Enact or Increase a Tax or Fee. (Sen. Thibodeau, Waldo) (Provides that a measure enacted by the Legislature that would create or increase a tax or fee may not take effect until the measure has been approved by the voters at the next statewide election and requires the Secretary of State to post information regarding the measure on its website and include the information on the ballot.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1416

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/6/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Oppose

ENG. POSITION: Monitor*

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide Options to Municipalities Concerning the MUBEC. (Rep. McKane, Newcastle) (Labor, Commerce, R&ED Comm) (cosponsored by Rep. Harvell, the sponsor of LD43 To Repeal MUBEC) (Current law requires the adoption of MUBEC by all municipalities w/more than 2000 residents by 7/1/12, including municipalities without a building code. An ordinance that conflicts with MUBEC is considered void as of 12/1/10. Beginning 12/1/12 this bil requires a municipality, regardless of size, that has adopted a building code, including a building code or potion of a building code related to residential, commerce or existing structures or an energy code, as of 1/1/11, to adopt the comparable potion of MUBEC. The municipal is required to adopt only that portion of the MUBEC that relates to the code already in place in that municipality. This bill also delays voidance of a conflicting municipal ordinance until 12/1/12.)*TESTIMONY by Steve Rich

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1442

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/6/11 1:00 PM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Proponent

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify Enforcement of Maine's Building Codes. (Sen. Bartlett, Cumberland) (State & Local Government Comm) (Clarifies that the MUBEC must be adopted and enforced by all municipalities with a pop of more than 2000 residents by 7-1-12. Clarifies that a municipal ordinance that is inconsistent with MUBEC is void in a municipality that has adopted the MUBEC. This provision applies retroactively to the date of adoption of MUBEC, which is Dec 1, 2010, for certain municipalities. Requires Maine LURC to provide written notice of the MUBEC to an applicant for a building permit in an unorganized or deorganized territory. Prohibits a person from serving as a 3rd-party inspector for the purposes of enforcing MUBEC in a municipality in which that person is appointed a building official.)
*Testimony by Steve Rich

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1445

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:30 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide More Efficient Notice of Public Activities. (Rep. Hayes, Buckfield) (State & Local Government Comm) (Changes the requirement or public notices to be published a newspaper. Beginning July 1/2013 a state agency may no longer publish a legal notice, legal ad or other matter required by law to be published in a newspaper but must instead post such notices on a publicly accessible website maintained by the State.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1460

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSOB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Concerning the Recording of Plans for Subdivisions. (Sen. Thomas, Somerset) (State & Local Government Comm) (Requires a municipality to allow at least 90 days to record a subdivision plan, plat or document after municipal approval.)

Category State & Local Government

LD # 1492

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:00 AM Rm214CSPB

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Ensure Accountability in State Contracts. (Sen. Alfond, Cumberland) (State & Local Government Comm) (This bill requires any request for proposal or solicitation of a bid by the State for a contract for the provision of property, products or services by the state budget to include certain defining information and requires the information to be posted on the publicly accessible portion of the Dept of Administrative and Financial Services website.)

Category Taxation

LD # 52

PUBLIC HEARING: 2/15/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: CARRY OVER REQUEST

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Dedicate a Percentage of the Sales and Use Tax on Motor Vehicles and Motor Vehicle Parts to the Highway Fund. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (Taxation Comm) (This bill provides that 20% of the sales or use tax on motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts must be transferred to the Highway Fund beginning in 2012.)

Category Taxation

LD # 260

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/15/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-ONTP/Minority OTP-AM

AMENDMENT # H-219

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Proponent

ENG. POSITION: Proponent

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Extend the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. (Rep. Herbig, Belfast) (Taxation Comm) (Extends the tax credit for rehabilitation of historic properties, currently scheduled to expire December 31, 2013, for 6 more years, until December 31, 2019. The bill also extends for the same length of time the reports that are required from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Housing Authority.) (The amendment minority report requires the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to report to the Legislature every 2 years with an analysis on the use of the historic preservation tax credit and recommendations for funding the credit. It allows insurance companies investing in historic pres projects to receive the credit. Extends the credit for 10 years to 2023.)

Testimony given by Mike Pullen, AIA

Testimony given by Rip Patten for ACEC of Maine

Category Taxation

LD # 549

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/5/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Div Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Regarding the Recognition of Corporate Entities for Tax Purposes. (Rep. Knight, Livermore Falls) (Taxation Comm) (Clarifies that the State recognizes a corporation as a separate entity for tax purposes and provides that income of the corporation is taxable as income of the corporation rather than the owner of a distributive share of the income.)

Category Taxation

LD # 686

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/4/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Promote Small Business in Maine. (Rep. Cornell du Houx, Brunswick) (Taxation Comm) (This bill creates a personal property tax exemption for the first \$75,000 in value of any machinery, equipment, furnishings or like personal property that is owned and regularly used in the normal course of business by any small business operating in the State in any legal form. Also provides a definition of "small business" for the purpose of determining eligibility for the exemption, using the small business size standards developed by the U.S. SBA and codified in Federal Regulations.)

Category Taxation

LD # 742

PUBLIC HEARING: 3/15/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Majority-OTP-AM/Minority-ONTP

AMENDMENT # S-89

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Proponent

ENG. POSITION: Proponent

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Eliminate the Sunset Date of the Maine Historic Preservation Tax Credit. (Sen. Rector, Knox) (Taxation Comm) (The amendment replaces the bill, which eliminated the sunset for the Maine historic preservation tax credit and changes the title. **NEW TITLE: An Act To Amend the Maine Historic Preservation Tax Credit.** Extends the sunset date to 2023. Allows insurance companies investing in historic pres project to receive credit. Requires the Treasurer of State to first credit \$245,160 in FY 2013 and \$1,879,560 in FY 2014-15 of the revenues available for the state share of the proceeds from the real estate transfer tax to the General Fund, after which the Treasurer pays any remaining revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority, which deposits the funds in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund.)
Testimony given by Mike Pullen, AIA
Testimony given by Rip Patten for ACEC of Maine

Category Taxation

LD # 965

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION:

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Revenue Services To Provide Guidance Regarding the Valuation of Residential Alternative Energy Infrastructure. (Rep. Flemings, Bar Harbor) (Taxation Comm) (This resolve directs the Dept of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to develop guidance for municipalities with regard to the valuation of alternative energy infrastructure used for residential purposes.)

Category Taxation

LD # 1036

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/4/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Clarify the Municipal Development District Law. (Rep. Sirocki, Scarborough) (Taxation Comm) (This bill defines the terms "blighted areas" and "credit enhancement agreement" in the municipal development district laws and provides a mechanism for the use of credit enhancement agreements in blighted areas. It also requires greater advance notice of public hearings on development districts and broadens the range of parties entitled to receive direct notice of such hearings.)

Category Taxation

LD # 1292

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

Resolve, To Establish a Study Group To Examine the Taxation by Municipalities of Renewable Energy Facilities' Property. (Rep. Cornell du Houx, Brunswick) (Taxation Comm) (A concept draft proposing to establish a study group whose purpose is to develop a method of property taxation of renewable energy facilities. this method of taxation will be applied uniformly across the State, which will allow renewable energy facilities to create an accurate business plan when determining whether to build in a municipality. Among the proposals to be considered by the study group would be a 10-year exemption of renewable energy facilities from property taxation.)

Category Taxation

LD # 1336

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/25/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION: Monitor

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide and Internship Employment Tax Credit. (Sen. Goodall, Sagadahoc) (Taxation Comm) (Creates a tax credit for employers that employ qualified interns. The employer is entitled to a nonrefundable credit equal o 10% of the wages, stipend or salary paid to the intern and may not receive more than \$3,000 in total credits for all taxable years combined. The credit applies to the wages, stipend or salary of no more than 5 interns employed at the same time.)

Category Taxation

LD # 1449

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/2/11 1:00 PM Rm 127 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Strengthen Maine Industry through Energy Efficiency Investment. (Rep. Hinck, Portland) (Taxation Comm) (Creates a 50% income tax credit for any capital investment in a manufacturing facility that the Efficiency Maine Trust has determined is cost effective and is likely to reduce the facility's net energy costs through energy efficiency, renewable energy technology or smart grid technology. During a transition period that ends Jan 1/2018, a taxpayer may elect to take the credit rather than claiming the sales and use tax exemptions applicable to the purchase of fuel and electricity for manufacturing facilities. After that date, the income tax credit will replace the sales and use tax exemption.)

Category Transportation

LD # 383

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/14/11 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought Not to Pass

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Eliminate the Annual Indexing of Fuel Tax Rates. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (**Emergency**) (Transportation Comm)(This bill repeals the annual indexing of motor fuel tax rates and deletes cross-references. Would have an impact on infrastructure funding.)

Category Transportation

LD # 697

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/14/11 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: CARRY OVER REQUEST

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine Gateway Bridges. (Rep. Beavers, So. Berwick) (Transportation Comm) (This bill includes an ongoing allocation of \$5,500,000 to the DOT, Highway and Bridge Capital program in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 to provide funding for the replacement, repair and maintenance of the 3 bridges between Kittery, Maine, and Portsmouth, NH: Memorial Bridge, U.S. Route 1; Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, U.S. Route 1 Alternate; and Piscataqua River Bridge, Interstate 95. this funding may not be used for any other purposed. Beginning with the 2014-15 biennium, and each subsequent biennium, this amount must be included within the baseline Highway Fund allocation. The bill also requires the State comply with the funding recommendations of the Bi-State Bridge Funding Task Force.)

Category Transportation

LD # 845

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/3/11 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION:

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Hold the Maine Turnpike Authority Accountable for Its Obligation under Maine Law To Transfer Annual Surplus Revenue to the Department of Transportation for Road and Bridge Projects around the State. (Sen. Hill, York) (Transportation Comm) (Currently the TA is required to transfer any operating surplus of the Maine Turnpike each year to the DOT "Operating surplus" means the total annual operating revenues of the authority, after money has been put aside to pay reasonable operating expenses, to pay or to reserve for capital expenditures and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of authority. This bill directs the MTA to submit an annual report to the Transportation Comm and directs the AG to investigate an allegation that the authority has failed to provide an operating surplus to DOT.)

Category Transportation

LD # 1024

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/5/11 2:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee Report Ought to Pass-AM

AMENDMENT # H-203

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Land Surveyors. (Rep. McCabe, Skowhegan) (Transportation Comm) (This bill restores the 2-zone coordinate system for land surveyors.)(The amendment strikes and replaces the bill and restores in law the original systems of plane coordinates established by the National Ocean Survey and the National Geodetic Survey The amendment recognizes the Maine 2000 West Zone and Maine 2000 East Zone established by the State and recognized by the National Geodetic Survey and National Ocean Survey.)

Category Transportation

LD # 1344

PUBLIC HEARING: 5/4/11 9:30 AM Rm 437 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Anticipated Divided Report

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

Archived NO

TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act To Fund Commuter and Passenger Rail Transportation in Maine. (Rep. Chipman, Portland) (Transportation Comm) (Amends the distribution of revenue from the operation of slot machines at the casino in Oxford County It strikes the percentage of revenue to be distributed to the Sire Stakes Fund and to supplement harness racing purses. The bill takes the 2% that would have gone to those 2 funds and dedicates it to the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund for the purpose of developing passenger rail service between points within the State and Oxford County.)

Category Transportation

LD # 1348

PUBLIC HEARING: 4/26/11 1:00 PM Rm 126 SH

COMMITTEE ACTION: Extension Approved

AMENDMENT #

LAW #

ARCH. POSITION:

ENG. POSITION: Monitor

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TITLE & SPONSOR

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (Governor's Bill) (**Emergency**) (Tran Comm) (Among other changes, it transfers funds from the Highway Fund unallocated surplus to the TransCap Trust Fund in an amount equal to the savings from changing the General Fund and Highway Fund matching ratio. Allows transfers of non-bond funds from the TransCap Trust Fund to be used for capital projects having an estimated useful life of 5 years. This allows the funds to be used for light capital paving in an attempt to meet the goal of 600 mi per year. Authorizes the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund to Highway & Bridge Capital etc..)

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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Turnpike Authority and To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee in the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability Report Concerning the Maine Turnpike Authority. (Rep. Cebra, Naples) (Transportation Comm) (After Deadline) (Requires the authority annually to transfer to the DOT an amount equal to 5% of the authority's operating revenues, less any funds spent by the authority on dept projects bonds issued for the benefit of the dept and on transportation projects funded jointly with the dept. The transferred fund may be spent by dept only on projects that are within 25 miles of an interchange. Requires, except in certain specified instances, that contracts for goods and services must be awarded by the authority through a competitive procurement process. Requires bond indentures to appoint an eng consultant.)