

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Sen. Dawn Hill, Senate Chair Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

Public Hearings: Monday, March 26 through Friday, April 5, 2013 Room 228 State House (except on March 25th as noted below) on the remaining portions of **LR 1046:** "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General 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, 2014 and June 30, 2015".

The committee, in conjunction with the associated policy committee, will hear testimony regarding all portions of the bill except Part B.

The documents to be used by the Appropriations Committee and the Committees of Jurisdiction will be broken out by policy committee and contain justification statements (if provided) as well as initiatives.

They will be posted on OFPR's website at:

http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/materials/index.htm prior to the hearing date.

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http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/audio/index.htm

Monday, March 25, 2013

3 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Jeff's Catering & Event Center

East/West Industrial Park

15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 0441

The Committee will hear testimony of those initiatives in LR 1046 affecting municipalities including but not limited to: Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) Program and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) Program; Maine Residents Property Tax Refund (Circuitbreaker), Homestead Exemption for Maine Residents, Excise Tax; State-municipal Revenue Sharing; and Language and Initiatives related to General Purpose Aid for Local Schools

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry):

Tue March 26th

1:00 pm

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of

- Administration – Forestry *
- Animal Welfare Fund
- Beverage Container Enforcement Fund
- Boating Facilities Fund *
- Certified Seed Fund
- Coastal Island Registry *
- Division of Agricultural Resource Development
- Division of Animal Health and Industry
- Division of Forest Protection *
- Division of Plant Industry
- Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation
- Floodplain Management *
- Food Assistance Program
- Forest Fire Control – Municipal Assistance Grants *
- Forest Health and Monitoring *
- Forest Policy and management – Division of *
- Forest Recreation Resource Fund *
- Geological Survey *
- Harness Racing Commission
- Land for Maine’s Future
- Land Management and Planning *
- Maine Coastal Program
- Maine Conservation Corps *
- Maine Farms for the Future Program
- Maine Land Use Planning Commission *
- Maine State Parks Development Fund *
- Maine State Parks Program *
- Milk Commission
- Municipal Planning Assistance
- Natural Areas Program *
- Office of the Commissioner *
- Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program *
- Parks – General Operations *
- Pesticides Control, Board of
- Potato Quality Control – Reducing Inspection Costs
- Rural Rehabilitation
- Seed Potato Board
- *Language (Part “X” – creates a communications position within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry)*
- *Language (Part “Y” – changes the account of the transfer of undedicated revenue to the Maine Dairy Farm Stabilization Fund)*
- *Language (Part “Z” – relates to the mission statement and guiding principles of the merged departments and specifies the titles of the two commissioners)*
- *Language (Part “AA” – makes changes to the enabling legislation for the merger of the two departments)*
- *Language (Part “BB” – allows the Bureau of Parks and Public Lands to harvest timber on state park lands)*

March 26th

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Baxter State Park Authority

- Baxter State Park Authority

Blueberry Commission of Maine, Wild

- Blueberry Commission
- *Language (Part “JJJ” – requires the University of Maine System to abide by decisions made by the Wild Blueberry Advisory Committee related to prioritization and funding of projects)*

Conservation, Department of

- Those programs listed under Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of which with a star (*) after were proposed to be transferred from this department as a part of the Biennial Budget as a part of the merger of the two departments.

Harness Racing Promotional Board

- Harness Racing Promotional Board

Potato Board, Maine

- Potato Board

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Health and Human Services. The Joint Committees on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Education and Cultural Affairs, Judiciary, Veterans and Legal Affairs and Insurance and Financial Services are invited to participate as well):

Wed Mar 27th

1:00 pm

Attorney General, Department of

- FHM – Attorney General

Public Safety, Department of

- FHM – Fire Marshall

Finance Authority of Maine

- FHM – Dental Education
- FHM – Health Education Centers
- FHM – Quality Child Care

Education, Department of

- FHM – School Breakfast Program
- FHM – School Nurse Consultant

Judicial Department

- FHM – Judicial Department

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly BDS)

- FHM – Substance Abuse

Health and Human Services , Department of

- FHM – Bone Marrow Screening
- FHM – Bureau of Health
- FHM – Donated Dental
- FHM – Drugs for the Elderly and Disabled
- FHM – Head Start
- FHM – Immunization
- FHM - Medical Care - Payments to Providers (formerly FHM–Medical Care)
- FHM - Purchased Social Services
- FHM – Service Center

Dirigo Health

- FHM – Dirigo Health

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part “MMM” – Caps the transfer to FHM from Hollywood Casino at \$4.5m each year of the biennium.)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services):

Thu Mar 28th

1:00 pm

OTHER STATE AGENCIES

Children's Trust Incorporated (Board of Maine)

- Maine Children's Trust Incorporated

Executive Department – Office of the Governor

- Ombudsman Program

Disability Rights Center

Maine Health Data Organization

Hospice Council, Maine

Licensure of Water System Operators, Board of

- Water System Operators – Board of Licensure

PUBLIC HEALTH

- Aids Lodging House
- Bone Marrow Screening Fund
- Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund
- Community Family Planning
- Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund
- Dental Disease Prevention
- Drinking Water Enforcement
- Health, Bureau of
- Hypertension Control
- Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund
- Maine School Oral Health Fund
- Maine Water Well Drilling Program
- Maternal and Child Health
- Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match
- Medical Use of Marijuana Fund
- Prescription Drug Academic Detailing
- Plumbing – Control Over
- Rape Crisis Control
- Risk Reduction
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Tuberculosis Control Program
- Universal Childhood Immunization Program
- Wild Mushroom Harvesting Fund

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

- Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment (ASPIRE)
- Bureau of Family Independence – Regional
- Disability, Determination of
- Food Supplement Administration
- General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities & Towns
- *Language (Part “OO” – makes changes to General Assistance eligibility, benefits and reimbursement to municipalities)*
- Medical Care - Payments to Providers (funding reduction from dissolution of the Dirigo Health Program)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (funding decrease by implementing targeted case management for certain high-cost members)
- Office of Integrated Access and Support – Central Office
- Office for Family Independence
- State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income
- *Language (Part “PP” – repeals the provision of supplemental security*

income to noncitizens)

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

(To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs):

Tue April 2nd

1:00 pm

Law and Legislative Reference Library

Legislature

- Interstate Cooperation, Commission on
- Legislature
- State House and Capitol Park Commission
- Study Commissions – Funding

Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, Office of

State House Preservation and Maintenance, Reserve Fund for

(To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs):

Tue April 2nd

1:30 pm

RETIRED GOVERNORS & CERTAIN JUDGES

Retirement System, (Board of Trustees of the) Maine State

- Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund

STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Departments and Agencies – Statewide (savings from maintaining the cost of employee health insurance at the fiscal year 2010-11 level and projected savings from changes to future retiree health obligations)
- *Language (Parts “H-1” and “H-4” – amends statutory provisions pertaining to state employee retiree health insurance and caps the total premium increases for the active and retired employee health insurance plan)*

TEACHER RETIREMENT AND TEACHER RETIREE HEALTH AND LIFE

Education, Department of

- Teacher Retirement
- Retired Teacher Group Life Insurance
- Retired Teacher Health Insurance
- *Language (Parts “H-2” and “H-3” – amends the statutory provisions pertaining to retired teacher health insurance)*

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE

Treasurer of the State, Office of

- Debt Service

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services):

Wed April 3rd

1:00 pm

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Driver Education & Evaluation Program – Substance Abuse
- Office of Substance Abuse
- Office of Substance Abuse – Medicaid Seed

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH

- Consent Decree
- Disproportionate Share – Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center
- Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Forensic Services
- Medical Payments to Providers (funding for emergency psychiatric services)
- Mental Health Services – Community
- Mental Health Services – Community Medicaid
- Riverview Psychiatric Center

MEDCAL PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS (NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE)

- Medical Care – Payments to Providers Baseline
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (funding for increase in cycle payments)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (funding for decrease in Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (Capitated Managed Care)
- Medical Care- Payments to Providers (increasing funding in the FHM-Medical Care program)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (transfers funding related to a distinct Other Special Revenue)

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

- Bureau of Medical Services
- Division of Administrative Hearings
- Office of Advocacy
- Division of Audit
- Division of Data, Research and Vital Statistics
- Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
- Office of Management and Budget
- OMB Division of Regional Business Operations
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (funding to repay the Federal Government for single state audit findings)
- Medical Payment to Providers (funding to repay the Federal Government for management system negative balances prior to FY12)
- *Language (Part “UU” –gives the department the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement certain provisions of this bill)*

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services):

Thu Apr 4th

1:00 PM

ELDER SERVICES & DUALY ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

- Independent Housing With Services
- Long Term Care – Human Services
- Low-Cost Drugs to Maine’s Elderly
- Medical Payments to Providers (funding reduction from elimination of General Fund portion of the Low-Cost Drugs to Maine’s Elderly program)
- *Language (Part “NN” – repeals the elderly low-cost drug program)*
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding related to the roll-back of the Medicare Savings Program)
- *Language (Part “SS” – directs the Department to submit a plan amendment to reduce the income limits to the federal minimums in the Medicare savings program)*
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding related to the roll-back of the Medicare Savings Program)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding related to the roll-back of the Medicare Savings Program and reinstating an acid test)
- Maine Rx Plus Program
- MR/Elderly PNMI Room and Board
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding by limiting reimbursement for services provided to dually-eligible members to LCSWs)
- Medical Payments to Providers (funding reduction by eliminating the ineligible spouse disregard)
- *Language (Part “TT” – eliminates the state-funded cash payment to a spouse of a resident of a cost reimbursed boarding home or residential care facility)*
- *Language (Part “WW” – eliminates medical coverage for those who become eligible for boarding home coverage on a prospective basis)*
- Nursing Facilities
- Medical Payments to Providers (funding reduction by eliminating therapeutic leave days)
- Office of Elder Services Adult Protective Services
- Office of Elder Services Central Office

(To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services):

Fri April 5th

10:00 am

SOCIAL SERVICES

- Community Services Block Grant
- Division of Purchased Services
- Multicultural Services
- Purchased Social Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

- Bureau of Child and Family Services – Central
- Bureau of Child and Family Services – Regional
- Child Care Food Program
- Child Care Services
- Child Support
- Head Start
- Language (Part “VV” – establishes performance-based contract measures for Head Start programs)
- Homeless Youth Program
- IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
- Medical Payment to Providers (funding for school-based services)
- Maine Children’s Growth Council
- Special Children’s Services
- State Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
- Mental Health Services – Child Medicaid
- Medical Payments to Providers (net federal funding loss from transfer of state funding from the MH Services Child Medicaid program to the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance Program).
- Mental Health Services – Children

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- Consumer-directed Services
- Crisis Outreach Program
- Developmental Services – Community
- Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare
- Developmental Services Waiver – Supports
- Medicaid Services – Developmental Services
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (elimination of medical add-on)
- Office of Advocacy
- Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment

BRAIN INJURY

- Brain Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury Seed
- Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services
- Medical Payments to Providers (transfer of funding to Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services)
- Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions
- Medical Payments to Providers (Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions)

Fri Apr 5th

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HOSPITALS

- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding resulting from reduced reimbursement to critical access hospitals)
- *Language (Part “RR” – reduces the reimbursement for critical access hospitals)*
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reduces funding resulting from reducing reimbursement rates for outpatient services)
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (adjusts funding to reflect an update of the hospital tax base year)
- *Language (Part “QQ” – updates the base year for the hospital tax)*
- Medical Care – Payments to Providers (provides funding to increase hospital reimbursement)