

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Sen. James Hamper, Senate Chair and Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

Biennial Budget

Public Hearings: March 9th through March 18th, 2015

Room 228 State House

Hearings will be held on the remainder of departments and programs contained in the Governor's Biennial Budget LR 1852 "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, 2016 and June 30, 2017" (the LD number has not yet been assigned).

The proposed budget initiatives may be viewed on the Bureau of the Budget's website:

<http://www.maine.gov/budget/>. The documents on this site are the ones that committees will be using for the public hearings. Part A contains all departments and their associated programs (each in alphabetical order) with baseline amounts program initiatives changing appropriations and allocations. Part B (which is not part of the public hearings) contains approved reclassifications and range changes. The Final Document contains the language portions. Part H and Part F as seen on the website are two addendums that provide the appropriations and allocations associated with language parts "H" and "F" but were inadvertently omitted from Part A.

The audio portions of public hearings and work sessions held in Room 228 of the State House may be heard over the Internet by addressing:

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

Below is a detailed schedule by Policy Committee of Jurisdiction, Department or Agency and Program. The hearing schedule groups the programs and initiatives. Those group headings are included to help you figure out which day and time a particular program or initiative will be heard.

Each Policy Committee hearing block will have a separate sign-up sheet. The hearing to be held jointly with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee on March 9th will be split into two blocks (10:00 am and 1:00 pm). Signups for all 10:00 am hearing blocks will begin at 9:00 am. Signups for hearings beginning at 1:00 pm or later will begin at 12:00 noon.

Additional guidance for members of the public wishing to testify will be sent to the Appropriations Committee's "Interested Parties" e-mail list and posted on the OFPR website.

http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/materials/index.htm

You are also encouraged to pick up a brochure with hints on testifying at budget hearings and other information on the day's hearings.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Clerk, Marianne MacMaster at (207) 287-1635 or Marianne.Macmaster@legislature.maine.gov

Monday March 9, 2015

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

10:00
AM

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AGENCIES

University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the

- Casco Bay Estuary Project – University of Southern Maine
- Debt Service – University of Maine System
- Educational & General Activities – UMS
- Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community
- Maine Economic Improvement Fund
- UM Cooperative Extension – Pesticide Education
- University of Maine Scholarship Fund

Community College System, Board of Trustees of the Maine

- Bring College to ME Program
- Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees

Finance Authority of Maine

- Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund
- FHM – Dental Education
- FHM – Health Education Centers
- Student Financial Assistance Programs

Maritime Academy, Maine

- Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino
- Maritime Academy – Operations

Arts Commission, Maine

- Arts – Administration
- Arts – General Grants Program
- Arts – Sponsored Program

Cultural Affairs Council, Maine State

- New Century Program Fund

Historic Preservation Commission, Maine

- Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Fund
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Historic Preservation Revolving Fund

Historical Society, Maine

- Historical Society

Humanities Council, Maine

- Humanities Council

Library, Maine State

- Administration – Library
- Maine Public Library Fund
- Maine State Library
- Statewide Library Information System

Museum, Maine State

- Maine State Museum
- Maine State Museum - Operating Fund
- Research and Collection – Museum

Public Broadcasting Corporation, Maine

- Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

1:00 PM

CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Charter School Commission, State

- Maine Charter School Commission

Education, State Board of

- State Board of Education

Education, Department of

- Adult Education
- Charter School Program
- Child Development Services
- Criminal History Record Check Fund
- Digital Literacy fund
- Education in Unorganized Territory
- FHM – School Breakfast Program
- Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services
- General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)
- Leadership Team
- Learning Through Technology
- Maine Commission for Community Services
- Maine HIV Prevention Education Program
- National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund
- National Board Certification Scholarship Fund
- Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund
- PK-20, Adult Education and Federal Programs Team
- Retired Teacher Group Life Insurance
- Retired Teacher Health Insurance
- School Finance and Operations
- Special Services Team
- Teacher Retirement
- *Language (Part “C” – establishes the Total Cost of Education K-12 for FY12, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage and makes changes to certain programs funded through GPA)*
- *Language (Part “OO” – reorganizes positions within the Department of Education)*
- *Language (Part “PP” – authorizes the purchase of portable computer devices for students and educators)*
- *Language (Part “QQ” – transfers from General Fund to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Service)*
- *Language (Part “RR” – renames programs within the Department of Education)*
- *Language (Part “TTT” – transfers the Criminal History Record Check program from the Department of Education to the Department of Public Safety)*

Tuesday March 10, 2015

1:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of

- Administrative Services – IF&W
- ATV Safety and Educational Program
- Boating Access Sites
- Endangered Nongame Operations
- Enforcement Operations – IF&W
- Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
- Landowner Relations Fund
- Licensing Services – IF&W
- Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
- Office of the Commissioner – IF&W
- Public Information and Education, Division of
- Resource Management Services – IF&W
- Search and Rescue
- Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management
- Whitewater Rafting – IF&W
- Whitewater Rafting Fund
- *Language (Part “LLL” – transfers funds from the Carrying Balances – General Fund account to Enforcement Operations program to purchase replacement aircraft)*
- *Language (Part “MMM” – transfers funds from the Carrying Balances – General Fund account to Enforcement Operations program to purchase replacement aircraft engines)*
- *Language (Part “NNN” – changes restrictions on the transfer of funds from the Lifetime License program)*
- *Language (Part “OOO” – suspends the application of the fiscal stability program)*

3:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

Lobster Promotion Council

- Lobster Promotion Fund

Marine Resources, Department of

- Bureau of Marine Science
- Bureau of Policy and Management
- Bureau of Public Health
- Division of Aquaculture
- Marine Patrol – Bureau of
- Marine Science, Management and Enforcement Fund

Wednesday March 11, 2015

1:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Administration – Human Resources
- Budget – Bureau of the
- Buildings & Grounds Operations
- Bureau of General Services – Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund
- Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements – Administration
- Central Fleet Management
- Central Services – Purchases
- Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority
- Financial and Personnel Services – Division of
- Information Services
- Leased Space Reserve Fund Program
- Office of the Commissioner – Administrative & Financial Services
- Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration
- Purchases – Division of
- Risk Management – Claims
- State Controller – Office of the
- Statewide Radio Network System
- *Language (Part “N” – authorizes new Maine Governmental Facilities Authority borrowing for capital repairs and improvements to state facilities)*
- *Language (Part “R” – authorizes the department to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management System)*
- *Language (Part “T ” – continues the voluntary employee incentive program)*
- *Language (Part “U ” – transfers funds from the General Fund into the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services, Other Special Revenue account)*

Auditor, Office of the State

- Audit – Departmental Bureau
- Audit – Unorganized Territory

Executive Department

- Administration – Executive – Governor’s Office
- Blaine House
- Governor’s Office of Communication
- Office of Policy and Management

Municipal Bond Bank, Maine

- Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Maine Rural Water Association

Secretary of State, Department of

- Administration – Archives
- Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations
- *Language (Part “UUU ” – authorizes the Department of Secretary of State to carry Personal Services funding in the Administration- Archives program and to transfer the funding to All Other)*

Treasurer of the State, Office of

- Administration – Treasury

Thursday March 12, 2015

1:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Solid Waste Management Fund

Environmental Protection, Department of

- Administration – Environmental Protection Fund
- Air Quality
- Board of Environmental Protection
- Land and Water Quality
- Maine Environmental Protection Fund
- Performance Partnership Grant
- Remediation and Waste Management

Finance Authority of Maine

- *Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program*

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

- Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee

Saco River Corridor Commission

- Saco River Corridor Commission

St. Croix International Waterway Commission

- St. Croix International Waterway Commission

3:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Efficiency Maine Trust

- Efficiency Maine Trust

Executive Department

- Governor's Energy Office
- Public Advocate

Public Utilities Commission

- Emergency Services Communication Bureau
- Oversight and Evaluation Fund
- Public Utilities – Administrative Division

Friday March 13, 2015

10:00 AM (Dept. Testimony)

1:00 PM (Public Testimony)

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program

Centers for Innovation

- Centers for Innovation

Development Foundation, Maine

- Development Foundation

Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education

- Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education

Economic and Community Development, Department of

- Administration – Economic and Community Development
- Applied Technology Development Center System
- Business Development
- Communities for Maine's Future Fund
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- International Commerce
- Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program
- Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund
- Maine Economic Growth Council
- Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund
- Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission
- Maine State Film Office
- Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund
- Office of Innovation
- Office of Tourism
- Renewable Energy Resources Fund
- *Language (Part "NN" – transfers funds from the Maine Technology Institute to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund)*

Foundation for Blood Research

- Scienceworks for ME

Housing Authority, Maine State

- Housing Authority – State
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA
- Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program
- Shelter Operating Subsidy
- *Language (Part "O" – reduces the amount of funding transferred from the real estate transfer tax to the Maine State Housing Authority in Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017)*

Labor, Department of

- Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards
- Administration – Labor

- Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
- Employment Security Services
- Employment Services Activity
- Foreign Labor Certification Process Fund
- Labor Relations Board
- Regulation and Enforcement
- Rehabilitation Services
- Safety Education and Training Programs
- State Workforce Investment Board (new program, no baseline)
- Workforce Research

Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of

- Administrative Services – Professional and Financial Regulation
- Dental Examiners – Board of
- Engineers – Board of Registration for Professional
- Licensing and Enforcement
- Licensure in Medicine – Board of
- Manufactured Housing Board
- Nursing – Board of
- Optometry – Board of
- Osteopathic Licensure – Board of

Public Safety, Department of

- Division of Building Codes and Standards

Workers' Compensation Board

- Administration – Workers' Compensation Board
- Employment Rehabilitation Program
- Workers' Compensation Board

Monday March 16, 2015

10:00

AM

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
- Lottery Operations

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
- Loring Rebuild Facility
- Military Educational Benefits
- Military Training & Operations
- Veterans Services

Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on Governmental

- Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on

Public Safety, Department of

- Gambling Control Board
- Licensing and Enforcement – Public Safety

Secretary of State, Department of

- Elections and Commissions

1:00

PM

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Corrections, Department of

- Administration – Corrections
- Adult Community Corrections
- Bolduc Correctional Facility
- Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements – Corrections
- Central Maine Pre-release Center
- Charleston Correctional Facility
- Correctional Center
- Correctional Medical Services Fund
- Corrections Food
- Corrections Industries
- Departmentwide – Overtime
- Downeast Correctional Facility
- Justice – Planning, Projects & Statistics
- Juvenile Community Corrections
- Long Creek Youth Development Center
- Mountain View Youth Development Center
- Office of Victim Services
- Parole Board
- Prisoner Boarding
- Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center
- State Prison
- *Language (Part "II" – authorizes the Department to transfer certain funds between accounts within the same fund to pay for overtime expenses)*

- *Language (Part “JJ” - authorizes the Department to use unexpended Personal Services balances for Capital Expenditures in the following year)*
- *Language (Part “KK” - authorizes transfer of positions within the Department of Corrections during limited periods in the current biennium)*
- *Language (Part “LL” – authorizes transfers between accounts to pay for food, heating and utilities)*
- *Language (Part “WWW” – removes the Media and Public Information Officer in the Department of Corrections)*

Corrections, State Board of

- Electronic Monitoring Fund – State Board of Corrections
- State Board of Corrections Operational Support Fund

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Maine Emergency Management Agency
- Emergency Response Operations
- Stream Gaging Cooperative Program
- *Language (Part “MM” – provides temporary funding until federal funding becomes available)*

Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine

- Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

Public Safety, Department of

- Administration – Public Safety
- Background Checks – Certified Nursing Assistants
- Capitol Police, Bureau of
- Computer Crimes
- Consolidated Emergency Communications
- Criminal Justice Academy
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Marshall – Office of
- Highway Safety DPS

Tuesday March 17, 2015

1:00

PM

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Attorney General, Department of

- Administration – Attorney General
- Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
- Civil Rights
- District Attorneys Salaries
- FHM – Attorney General
- Human Services Division
- Victims' Compensation Board
- *Language (Part "HH" - moves sexual assault panel from the office of the Attorney General to the Department of Health and Human Services)*

Human Rights Commission, Maine

- Human Rights Commission – Regulation

Indian Tribal-State Commission, Maine

- Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on

- Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Judicial Department

- Courts – Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative
- FHM – Judicial Department
- Judicial Debt Service
- *Language (Part "PPP" - changes per diem compensation for active retired judges and family law magistrates and provides for limitations on compensation as exists for other state retirees returning to work)*
- *Language (Part "QQQ" - increases the mileage and per diem rates for jurors)*
- *Language (Part "RRR" - eliminates the Madawaska district court)*

Pine Tree Legal

- Legal Assistance

3:00

PM

To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part "S" – authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of State Police motor vehicles)*

Public Safety, Department of

- State Police
- Traffic Safety-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Turnpike Enforcement

Secretary of State, Department of

- Administration – Motor Vehicles
- Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund

Transportation, Department of

- *Language (Part "VVV" – transfers funds from the General Fund for litigation support related to the Callahan Mine Restoration)*

Wednesday March 18, 2015

1:00 PM To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Insurance and Financial Services

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance

Dirigo Health

- Dirigo Health Fund

Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of

- Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
- Financial Institutions – Bureau of
- Insurance – Bureau of
- Office of Securities
- *Language (Part “SSS” – authorizes a range change in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation)*

3:00 PM To be heard only by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part “M” – revises the distribution of year end balances (a.k.a. the 'cascade') revises the growth limitation formula)*
- *Language (Part “Q” – recognizes employee attrition percentage built into the baseline budget for all departments and agencies)*
- *Language (Part “XXX” – continues all limited period positions set to expire in June 2015 through August 1, 2015)*

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

Retirement System, Maine Public Employees

- Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund

State House Preservation and Maintenance, Reserve Fund for

- Reserve Fund for State House Preservation and Maintenance

Treasurer of the State, Office of

- Debt Service