



**STATE OF MAINE
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TO: Governor Paul LePage
Members, 126th Legislature

FROM: Michael Allen, Chair 
Revenue Forecasting Committee

RE: Revenue Forecast Committee's December 2014 Report

The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) has concluded its mid-session update of the current revenue forecast to comply with the statutory reporting date of December 1st. The RFC's December 2014 report and appendices have been posted to the RFC's web page and are available through the link below. A limited number of copies of the full report will be available in the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, Room 226 of the State House, when they are received from the printer.

http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/revenue_forecasting_committee/current/index.htm

The improving national and state economies combined with plunging energy prices provide some upside risk to the revenue forecast in the short term. However, both the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) and RFC remain concerned about Maine's demographic challenges. With an aging population and little to no population growth the long term economic and revenue forecasts will be restrained. Both the CEFC and the RFC are committed to better understanding how Maine's demographic trends will affect its future economic and revenue potential.

cc: Members, Revenue Forecasting Committee
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