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Maine State Lottery

This topic was originally put on OPEGA's 2007-2008 work plan as a possible area of savings from a survey of other states done by OPEGA, but a review was not initiated at that time. On February 22, 2013 the Government Oversight Committee (GOC) voted to place this topic back on OPEGA's work plan and OPEGA began preliminary research in August of 2013.

At the Committee's December 12, 2013 meeting the results of OPEGA's preliminary research on this topic were discussed and the GOC approved the following questions for a review of the Maine State Lottery.

- What are the expenses of the Maine State Lottery? Are they adequately controlled and minimized to the extent possible in order to maximize transfers to the State General Fund?
- How does the Maine State Lottery monitor and ensure that key provisions of the Lottery Gaming System contract are met?
- What entities have a role in governing and overseeing the Maine State Lottery? Is there sufficient governance and oversight of MSL key decisions impacting revenues, expenses and operations?
- What was the original legislative intent for use of lottery funds and has that changed over the Lottery's history?
- What does the Maine State Lottery consider when making decisions about games to be offered and how they will be marketed? Who has responsibility for making and overseeing those decisions?

OPEGA expects to complete this review in mid-2014.

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