

Legislative Study Commissions and Authorized Joint Standing Committee Interim Studies

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1	ACF	Commission to Study the Promotion, Expansion and the Regulation of the Harness Racing Industry (LD 1073)	4 meetings	Final report to ACF by 12/5/07	11	Two Senators	Four members of the House	Commissioner of Agriculture appoints four members; Chair of Harness Racing Promotion Board	Jill Ippoliti/ Danielle Fox
2	AFA	Steering Committee to Streamline State Government (P.L. 2007, c. 240, Part QQQ)	As needed	1/8/08 to Legislative Council	13	None	None	None	OFPR
3	BRED	Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity (H.P. 1018)	5 meetings	1/2/2008 to the Legislature	15	Four Senators	Eleven members of the House	None	Natalie Haynes/ Elizabeth Cooper/ Julie Jones (OFPR)
4	BRED	Committee Study of Business Compliance (Council authorized from LD 1163)	Must be completed by the BRED committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Natalie Haynes
5	BRED	Committee Study of Outdated and Unnecessary Laws and Rules (by letter)	Must be completed by the BRED committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Natalie Haynes
6	CRJ	Committee Study of Prison Industries Program (H.P. 1334)	Must be completed by the CJPS committee within its 5 authorized interim meetings	1/15/08 to the Legislature	13	None	None	None	Marion Hylan Barr/ Anna Broome
7	CRJ	Committee Study of Prison Overcrowding (by letter)	Must be completed by the CJPS committee within its 5 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Marion Hylan Barr
8	CRJ	Committee Review of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (by letter)	Must be completed by the CJPS committee within its 5 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Marion Hylan Barr
9	EDU	Commission to Develop Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Access, Retention and Completion for Low-wage, Low-skilled Adults (S.P. 717)	4 meetings	12/5/07 to Labor Committee and Education Committee	13	Two Senators and four non-legislators	Five members of the House and two non-legislators	None	Phil McCarthy/ Lucia Nixon
10	EDU	Legislative Youth Advisory Commission (P.L. 2001, c. 439 as amended by PL 2005, c. 662, Part C)	6 times annually with two public hearings annually	Annually to the Legislature	20	Two Senators and eight youth members	Two members of the House and eight youth members	None	Patrick Norton
11	EDU	Alternative Education Programs Committee (LD 1758)	4 meetings	12/19/07 to Education Committee	13	Three Senators and three non-legislators	Four members of the House and three non-legislators	None	Anna Broome/ Jill Ippoliti
12	HHS	Committee Study of MaineCare (S.P. 720)	Must be completed by the HHS Committee within its 6 authorized interim meetings	None	14	None	None	None	Jane Orbeton

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13	HHS	Committee Review of Eligibility for and Transitioning of the MaineCare Program (S.P. 724)	Must be completed by the HHS Committee within its 6 authorized interim meetings	None	14	None	None	None	Jane Orbeton
14	HHS	Commission to Study Primary Care Medical Practice (S.P. 732)	4 meetings	12/5/07 to Health and Human Services Committee	13	Three Senators and three non-legislators	Five members of the House and two non-legislators	None	Elizabeth Cooper/ Danielle Fox
15	HHS	Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children (LD 755)	4 meetings	12/1/07 to HHS, BRED, TAX, EDU and AFA Committees	13	Three Senators, one from the majority party and one from the minority party with one that serves on HHS; one serving on TAX and one serving on BRED Committees and two non-legislators	Five members of the House, including three from the minority party; one of whom has experience working on issues affecting children, one each from the HHS Committee, EDU Committee, TAX Committee and BRED Committee and two non-legislators	Attorney General	Lucia Nixon
16	HHS	Working Group to Study the Effectiveness and Timeliness of Early Identification and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss (LD 1239)	4 meetings	12/7/07 to Legislature	17	Three Senators; with preference to members of each major political party and members of the EDU and HHS Committees and four non-legislators	Six members of the House, with preference to members of each major political party and members of the EDU and HHS Committees and four non-legislators	None	Susan Johannesman/ Phil McCarthy
17	HHS	Advisory Council on Health Systems Development (LD 1849)	ongoing advisory council	3/1/08 annually to the IFS and HHS Committees	19	Two Senators, including one member recommended by the Senate Minority Leader	Three members of the House, including one member recommended by the House Minority Leader	Governor appoints fourteen members with the approval of the HHS Committee	Governor's Office
18	IFS	Committee Review of Lyme Disease (Council authorized from LD 1521)	Must be completed by IFS Committee within its 3 authorized interim committee meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Colleen McCarthy Reid

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19	JUD	Right to Know Advisory Commission (P.L. 2005, c. 631)	At least 4 times annually	1/15 annually to JUD Committee and Chief Justice	16	One Senator from JUD and five non-legislators	One member of the House from JUD and four non-legislators	Governor appoints three members. AG serves as ex-officio member.	Peggy Reinsch/ Colleen McCarthy Reid
20	JUD	Council on Financial Literacy (LD 216)	ongoing advisory council	1/15/2009	12	One Senator	One member of the House	The Treasurer of State and nine others appointed by the Treasurer	Treasurer of State
21	JUD	Tribal-State Work Group (LD 1263)	6 meetings	12/5/07 to Governor, the Legislature and Tribal governments	17	Two Senators, one from the Majority party and one from the Minority party	Six members of the House, three from the Majority party and 3 from the Minority party	Seven representatives of the Native American Community; one member appointed by the Governor; and one representative of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission	Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission
22	LAB	Citizen Trade Policy Commission (PL 2003, c. 699)	At least twice annually plus two annual public hearings	Annually to Legislature, Gov and others	22	Three Senators (from 2 parties) and three non-legislators (all appointments already made)	Three members of the House (from 2 parties) and three non-legislators)	Governor appoints four members. Also one ex-officio member is named.	Curtis Bentley/ John Mitchell
23	MAR	Committee Study of the Depletion of Finfish Stocks in the Gulf of Maine (S.P.726)	Must be completed by the MAR committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Curtis Bentley
24	NAT	Committee Study of on Solid Waste (H.P. 1355)	Must be completed by the NAT committee within its 4 authorized interim committee meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Susan Johannesman
25	NAT	Community Preservation Advisory Committee (P.L. 2001, c. 648, as reauthorized by LD 336)	No more than 4 times annually	Annually to NAT Committee	13	Two Senators, one from Majority and one from Minority parties, with preference to members from the NAT, SLG, EDU, TRA, Tax and BRED Committees and three non-legislators	Four members of the House, one from Majority and one from Minority parties, with preference to members from the NAT, SLG, EDU, TRA, TAX and BRED Committees and two non-legislators	Director of State Planning and Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission	State Planning Office (with OPLA drafting assistance by Susan Johannesman)

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26	NAT	Technical Advisory Group on Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring (LD 1845)	ongoing advisory group	3/31 annually to Nat and MAR Committees	12	One Senator from the NAT Committee	One member of the House from the MAR Committee	Commissioner of DEP appoints ten members	DEP and DMR
27	SLG	Committee Review of the Need for Sesquicentennial Commission (Council authorized from LD 1091)	Must be completed by the SLG committee within its 3 authorized interim	None	13	None	None	None	Anna Broom
28	TAX	Committee Review of Property Tax Assessment (Council authorized from LD 261)	Must be completed by TAX committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	12/1/07 to TAX Committee	13	None	None	State Tax Assessor	OFPR
29	TRA	Committee to Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police (SP 725)	4 meetings	12/5/07 to CRJ and TRA Committees	13	Three Senators, two from the TRA Committee and one from the CRJ Committee	Ten members of the House, five from the TRA Committee and 5 from the CRJ Committee	None	Karen Nadeau-Drillon/ Jon Clark
30	TRA	Committee Study of Certain Transportation-Related Matters (SP 731)	Must be completed by the TRA committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Karen Nadeau-Drillon
31	TRA	Committee Study of Motor Fuels (Council authorized from LD 1919)	Must be completed by the TRA committee within its 4 authorized interim meetings	None	13	None	None	None	Karen Nadeau-Drillon

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