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To: Sen. James Hamper, Senate Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Sen. Eric L. Brakey, Senate Chair **ELB**
Rep. Drew Gattine, House Chair **DG**
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

Date: February 12, 2015

Re: Recommendations for LD 236

The Health and Human Services Committee is pleased to provide its recommendations on LD 236, An Act to Adjust Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of the Department of Health and Human Services and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

The recommendations are included on the attached document with the votes attached. The Committee was unanimous in its support of all of the initiatives associated with Riverview Psychiatric Center. However, a minority of the committee (Representatives Stuckey, Hamann and Burstein) recommends that the Department of Health and Human Services self-fund 5 temporary Mental Health I workers through June 30, 2015. This minority makes this recommendation in response to the high level of mandated overtime for mental health workers and the understanding that the new positions funded in LD 236 do not alleviate the problem.

The Committee also has divided recommendations on the initiatives surrounding cash management and the Fund for a Healthy Maine (please see attached document).

On the advice of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Committee unanimously voted out the Part C language.

Representatives from each caucus will be available for your work session on LD 236 scheduled for February 13th.