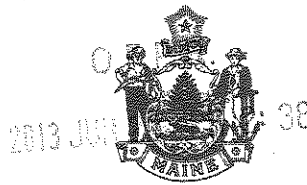


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 ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

TO: Senator Dawn Hill, Senate Chair
 Representative Margaret R. Rotundo, House Chair
 Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: David E. Dutremble, Senate Chair *DD/aww*
 Michael A. Shaw, House Chair *MAS/aww*
 Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

RE: **Priorities for bills on Appropriations Table**

DATE: June 19, 2013

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314(7), we are reporting our committee’s priorities for final passage of bills reported out of our committee based on the list of bills and subsequent fiscal notes provided to us by OFPR.

The chairs reviewed the list of bills that are on or headed for the appropriations table with committee members and adopted the following prioritization. Please note that every bill is the result of careful deliberation and of high priority for the committee. Nonetheless, the highest priorities for General Fund appropriations are (in order of importance) as follows:

LD	Title and Priority	fiscal impact FY14	fiscal impact FY13
541	A/A to Amend the Laws Governing Complimentary Hunting, Trapping and Fishing – <i>highest priority</i>	\$25,610	\$34,146
932	A/A to Promote Fishing by Youth – <i>second highest priority</i>	\$48,750	\$65,000
1435	A/A to Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws – <i>priority number three</i>	\$48,750	\$65,000

Please note, that the committee strongly urges the passage of all other provisions contained in LD 1435 even if the fiscal impact for nonresident junior hunting license permits in Sec. 9 of the amendment cannot be fully funded as requested. However, should this measure pass, the ease and convenience of its consolidated one-size-fits-all hunting license is expected to increase nonresident junior hunting registrations, generating additional General Fund revenue.

The committee views the following bills as revenue neutral, and asks that they pass without question or concern for reasons stated below.

LD	Rationale
200	Uses carrying account (already funded)
172	Bill removes sunset for initiative established w/out fiscal impact 3 yrs. ago (already funded)
738	Proceeds of the new moose hunting permit lottery system will be allocated to youth conservation education programs and any remainder will be allocated to the Moose Research and Management Fund. If needed, revenue from the lottery system could be applied to administrative costs first (to eliminate the impact to the General Fund), followed by youth conservation education programs and the Moose Research and Management Fund (in that order).
1263	To make this initiative self-sustaining, the committee recommends that the increased revenue dedicated to snowmobile trail fund be used to absorb (offset) the impact to General and the State and Local Government Funds caused by the bill's diesel fuel sales tax exemption.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you our priorities and recommendations. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions or for additional information.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
 Members, Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

LD 172 An Act To Make Permanent the Reciprocal Agreement between Maine and Other States Regarding a Snowmobile Weekend

Sponsor: Sen. Saviello of Franklin
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 House Status: Enacted
 Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Law Ref.:
 Sort: B
 Motion:

Active Item: 3
 Engrosser: Yes

Fiscal Note Summary: Current biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

LD 200 An Act To Expand Wild Turkey Hunting Opportunities

Sponsor: Rep. Marks of Pittston
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 House Status: Enacted
 Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Law Ref.:
 Sort: A
 Motion:

Active Item: 5
 Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$86,757)	(\$98,895)	(\$98,895)	(\$98,895)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$86,757	\$98,895	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,895	\$98,895

LD 541 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Complimentary Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

Sponsor: Rep. Wilson of Augusta
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 House Status: Enacted
 Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Law Ref.:
 Sort: A
 Motion:

Active Item: 3
 Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$25,610)	(\$34,146)	(\$34,146)	(\$34,146)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$25,610	\$34,146	\$34,146	\$34,146

LD 738 An Act To Promote the Maine Economy and Support Maine's Sporting Camp Tradition

Sponsor: Sen. Jackson of Aroostook
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 House Status: Enacted
 Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Law Ref.:
 Sort: A
 Motion:

Active Item: 3
 Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)	(\$10,374)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$10,374	\$10,374	\$10,374	\$10,374

LD 932 An Act To Promote Fishing by Youth

Sponsor: Rep. Pease of Morrill
 Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
 House Status: Enacted
 Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Law Ref.:
 Sort: A
 Motion:

Active Item: 3
 Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$48,750)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$48,750	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

LD 1263 An Act To Increase Funding for the Snowmobile Trail Fund and Adjust the Sales Tax Relating to Snowmobiles and Trail-grooming Equipment

Sponsor: Rep. Stanley of Medway
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Law Ref.:

House Status: Enacted
Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Sort: A
Motion:

Active Item: 4
Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$17,500)	(\$18,450)	(\$19,419)	(\$20,388)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$17,500	\$18,450	\$19,419	\$20,388

LD 1435 An Act To Amend Certain Provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Laws

Sponsor: Rep. Shaw of Standish
Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Law Ref.:

House Status: Enacted
Senate Status: Placed on Appropriations Table

Sort: A
Motion:

Active Item: 3
Engrosser: Yes

General Fund	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Appropriations/Allocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	(\$48,750)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)	(\$65,000)
Transfers/Adj. to Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost (Savings)	\$0	\$48,750	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000

Correctional/Judicial Impact: Decreases the number of civil violations, Class E and Class D crimes.
A reduction in fines will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Report Totals

Number of Bills: 7