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**STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Mark Lawrence, Senate Chair
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

DATE: March 3, 2026

RE: Recommendations on LD 2212, An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027

On March 3, 2026, the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology reviewed the budget items pertaining to the agencies under its jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget. We are pleased to provide our committee's recommendations. Attached please find the report-back worksheet indicating the committee's votes on all items.

If you have any questions, please contact our committee analyst, Lindsay Laxon. Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sec. A-12. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENERGY RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Department of Energy Resources Z424

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by Public Law 2025, chapter 388, to support Energy Program Management initiatives and related grant management, programming, communications and external engagement. This initiative also provides funding for All Other related costs.

✓ Ref. #: 206 Committee Vote: IN 8-5 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$120,138
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$8,568
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$128,706

✓ Ref. #: 207 Committee Vote: IN 8-5 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$9,531
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$9,531

Justification:

The Public Service Coordinator II, position #095001176, will provide programmatic leadership and administration for activities undertaken by the Department of Energy Resources in satisfying energy planning and policy development strategies, initiatives and statute. Making this position permanent will provide long-term programmatic stability and focused strategies leading to a high level of success.

Department of Energy Resources Z424

Initiative: Provides funding to meet a significant need for investment in grid resilience and provides cost match for an estimated \$4.4 million in future federal funding.

✓ Ref. #: 208 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

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 OUT-4
 AMD-6

↳ Amendment = 1-time appropriation of \$750K in FY 2026-2027 instead of \$3M ongoing.

Justification:

The Department of Energy Resources has administered more than \$6.6 million in federal formula funds appropriated through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Maine Grid Resilience Grant Program opportunity was substantially oversubscribed.

* (one absent)

Department of Energy Resources Z424

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding provided in P.L. 2025 c.388, from the former Governor's Energy Office program, General Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, General Fund within the Department of Energy Resources.

✓ Ref. #: 209 Committee Vote: IN 8-5 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Justification:

This initiative transfers All Other funding provided in P.L. 2025 c.388, from the former Governor's Energy Office program, General Fund within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, General Fund within the Department of Energy Resources.

Department of Energy Resources Z424

Initiative: Transfers one Commissioner of The Department of Energy Resources from the Federal Expenditure Fund to the General Fund within the same program, and transfers and reallocates one Deputy Commissioner of The Department of Energy Resources from Other Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 210 Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$83,162	\$449,682
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$83,162	\$449,682

Ref. #: 211 Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$79,249)	(\$428,514)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$79,249)	(\$428,514)

Ref. #: 212 Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$3,913)	(\$21,185)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,913)	(\$21,185)

Justification:

This initiative will fund the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner out of the General Fund to be more in line with how Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners are funded throughout State Government.

Department of Energy Resources Z424

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position from a range 32 to range 33.

Ref. #: 213

Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$4,832	\$6,758
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,832	\$6,758

Notes:

Not Part of the Public Hearing. Policy Committees need not make a recommendation on approved Reclassification, Reorganization and Range Change initiatives.

Justification:

This initiative will provide funding for this approved management initiated reorganization.

Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program Z453

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

Ref. #: 217

Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500

Justification:

This initiative transfers All Other funding from the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy & Econ Development Prog Z454

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy & Economic Development program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

Ref. #: 219

Committee Vote: IN 8-4

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500

Justification:

Transfers All Other funding from the Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy & Economic Development program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund Z452

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

Ref. #: 215

Committee Vote: IN 8-4

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500	\$500

Justification:

This initiative transfers All Other funding from the Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Executive Department to the Department of Energy Resources program, Other Special Revenue Funds within the Department of Energy Resources.

ENERGY RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,587,994	\$4,956,440
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	(\$79,249)	(\$299,808)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$2,413)	(\$10,154)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,506,332	\$4,646,478

Language Parts

Part RR (see pg: 8)

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Part TT (see pg: 8)

Committee Vote: IN 8-4 AFA Vote: _____

PART RR

Sec. RR-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Department of Energy Resources. The Department of Energy Resources shall carry forward any General Fund balances remaining in the Department of Energy Resources program at the end of any fiscal year for use in the next fiscal year.

PART RR
SUMMARY

This Part authorizes any unexpended balances in the Department of Energy Resources, General Fund account to carry and not lapse.

PART TT

Sec. TT-1. 10 MRSA §962, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 504, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Revenue obligation securities. Issue revenue obligation securities to finance eligible projects, except that revenue obligation securities may not be issued for energy distribution system projects or energy generating system projects unless the authority issued a certificate of approval for those eligible projects before January 1, ~~2020~~2040 pursuant to subchapter 3;

Sec. TT-2. 10 MRSA §1044, sub-§13, as amended by PL 2015, c. 504, §4, is further amended to read:

13. Limitation. The authority may not issue revenue obligation securities for energy distribution system projects or energy generating system projects unless the authority issued a certificate of approval for the energy distribution system project or energy generating system project before January 1, ~~2020~~2040. Notwithstanding this subsection, revenue refunding securities may be issued to refund any outstanding revenue obligation securities.

Sec. TT-3. 35-A MRSA §3156, last ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 781, §2, is further amended to read:

A certificate may not be issued under this section after July 31, ~~1998~~ 2040.

PART TT
SUMMARY

This Part extends the date to allow the Finance Authority of Maine to issue revenue obligation securities for energy distribution system projects or energy generating projects that have been issued a certificate of approval by the Authority before January 1, 2040. Additionally, this Part also extends the allowable date by which the Public Utilities Commission may issue a certificate of approval for an electric rate stabilization agreement to July 31, 2040.

