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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Senator Denise Tepler, Senate Chair ^{DT}
Representative Vicki Doudera, House Chair ^{VD}
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Date: March 4, 2026

Subject: Supplemental budget recommendations

On March 3, 2026, the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources reviewed the budget items pertaining to the agencies under its jurisdiction in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget for FY26/27, as considered in LD 2212.

As indicated in the attached OFPR worksheet, all 11 ENR members present and voting at the March 3rd meeting recommend acceptance of all budget proposals pertaining to the Department of Environmental Protection, including General Fund Language Part SS.

Attached is the OFPR Worksheet indicating the Committee's votes on these initiatives. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or assistance in connection with above-described budget recommendations.

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cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Sec. A-13. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Policy Development Specialist position to a Public Service Coordinator II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 230 Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$10,680
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$483
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$11,163

Notes:

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

Justification:

The Bureau of Human Resources approved the reorganization to better align the position with actual duties being performed. BHR approved 5/27/2025.

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Specialist IV position to a Policy Development Specialist position retroactive to March 2024 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 228 Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,287	\$8,884
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,287	\$8,884

Notes:

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

Justification:

The Bureau of Human Resources approved the reclassification to better align the position with actual duties being performed. BHR approved 10/25/2024.

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Manager II position retroactive to September 2024.

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Ref. #: 233

Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$23,797	\$5,077
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$23,797</u>	<u>\$5,077</u>

Notes:

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

Justification:

The Bureau of Human Resources approved the reclassification to better align the position with actual duties being performed. BHR approved 4/9/25.

Performance Partnership Grant 0851

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Specialist IV position to a Policy Development Specialist position retroactive to March 2024 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 236

Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$15,287	\$8,885
All Other	\$0	\$594	\$297
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$15,881</u>	<u>\$9,182</u>

Notes:

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

Justification:

The Bureau of Human Resources approved the reclassification to better align the position with actual duties being performed. BHR approved 10/25/2024.

Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Environmental Engineer position to a Environmental Engineer Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 226

Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$9,923
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$449
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,372</u>

Notes:

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

Justification:

The Bureau of Human Resources approved the reorganization to better align the position with actual duties being performed. BHR approved 8/4/2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$39,084	\$13,961
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$15,881	\$9,182
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$21,535
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$54,965	\$44,678

Sec. B-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 234 Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$43,475	\$16,903
All Other	\$0	\$2,584	\$1,308
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$46,059	\$18,211

Notes:

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

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 222 Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$16,088	\$7,587
All Other	\$0	\$728	\$343
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$16,816	\$7,930

Ref. #: 223 Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$47,781	\$18,651
All Other	\$0	\$2,163	\$845
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$49,944	\$19,496

Notes:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$16,816	\$7,930
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$96,003	\$37,707
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$112,819	\$45,637

Language Parts

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Committee Vote: IN 11-0 AFA Vote: _____

PART SS

Sec. SS-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to Capital Expenditures; Department of Environmental Protection. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2025-26, the Department of Environmental Protection is authorized to transfer up to \$256,994, of available balance of Personal Services appropriations after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, to the Capital Expenditures line category of the Air Quality program for the purposes of funding two ozone calibrator instruments, one ozone monitor instrument, one continuous, real-time air quality monitoring instrument, one zero air generator, two hydrogen sulfide analyzers, two trace-level dilution calibrators and two data loggers. These amounts may be transferred by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

**PART SS
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to transfer Personal Services to the Capital Expenditures line category in order to fund the purchase of two ozone calibrator instruments, one ozone monitor instrument, one continuous, real-time air quality monitoring instrument, one zero air generator, two hydrogen sulfide analyzers, two trace-level dilution calibrators and two data loggers.