

Part ZZZZ

The committee voted 7-6 against these initiatives. The initiatives (Ref. # 2444, Ref. # 2462, Part ZZZZ) remove the Director, Bureau of Labor Standards position from the list of positions subject to adjustment by the Governor. The initiatives (Ref. # 2485 and Part ZZZZ) reorganize one Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission position and two Maine Unemployment Commission Members positions to Public Service Executive II positions. The majority on the LCRED Committee oppose these initiatives due its substantive nature. The majority believes such changes should be proposed as a standalone legislative document with a public hearing and work session. A similar proposal was proposed during the 127th Legislature: L.D. 1371. It was defeated.

Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards – Ref. # 2447

Administration – Labor – Ref. # 2422, Ref. # 2427, Ref. # 2428

Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the – Ref. #2437, Ref. # 2438

Employment Security Services – Ref. # 2479, Ref. # 2480, Ref. # 2481, Ref. # 2482, Ref. # 2483

Rehabilitation Services – Ref. # 2496, Ref. # 2497

Employment Services Activity – Ref. # 2507, Ref. # 2508, Ref. # 2509, Ref. # 2513, Ref. # 2514, Ref. # 2516, Ref. # 2517, Ref. # 2522, Ref. # 2524, Ref. # 2526, Ref. # 2527, Ref. # 2529, Ref. # 2530, Ref. # 2532

Labor Relations Board – Ref. # 2457

Regulation and Enforcement – Ref. # 2452

Safety Education and Training Programs – Ref. # 2463, Ref. # 2464, Ref. # 2465

Workforce Research – Ref. # 2545, Ref. # 2546, Ref. # 2547, Ref. # 2548

The committee voted 7-6 against these initiatives. The majority on the LCRED Committee find the more than 50 position eliminations at the Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) extremely troubling. The position eliminations most directly impact the Federal Expenditures Fund. The LCRED Committee was informed during the work session the eliminations result from a combination of federal funding cuts and anticipated federal funding cuts. However, despite the majority's express concern about hypothetical cuts from the federal government, the LCRED Committee was not provided any information that substantiated these claims (e.g., notices of cuts or notices of expired federal grants).

The majority on the LCRED Committee is especially concerned by the types of positions being eliminated in the proposed budget. Many of the positions interface with everyday Mainers—our constituents. As an example, the budget proposes roughly a dozen cuts to CareerCenter staff. Though unemployment has certainly declined since the Great Recession, information provided by MDOL does not indicate significant declines between 2015 and 2016 in visitation. In fact, in the cases of the Brunswick location and the Wilton location, visitation increased between 2015 and 2016. The Presque Isle office experienced a 180 person decrease out of 8,920 visitors in 2016. Furthermore, visits to CareerCenter locations related to the unemployment insurance increased among seven out of the 12 locations around the state. The offices included Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, Machias, Portland, Springvale, and Wilton.

The majority on the LCRED Committee is without a doubt encouraged by modernization and collaboration with other states to effectively streamline systems used by the MDOL. However, the density of positions eliminated based on future reorganization and untested changes are cause for concern, as it relates specifically to effectively serving Maine workers and businesses.

Administration – Labor – Ref. # 2410

Administrative Services – Professional and Financial Regulation – Ref. # 2834

Initiative (Ref. # 2410) establishes a Public Service Executive I position to serve as MDOL's technology lead. \$112,640 in fiscal years 2017-18 and \$117,923 in fiscal years 2018-19. Initiative (Ref. # 2834) establishes one full-time permanent Public Service Executive (EA31) position in DPFR. The majority on the LCRED Committee refers the Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA) Committee to the OPEGA report dated 8/15, entitled "Office of Information Technology Follow-up Review" which addresses progress made implementing an OIT Strategic Improvement Plan from 2005. Issues OPEGA noted in the review include but are not limited to: Lack of executive level governance for information technology adversely affects the state's ability to address critical information technology issues. Roles, responsibilities and expectations of OIT and the agencies it serves are not clearly defined or communicated. OIT's current funding model does not ensure sufficient resources for core IT activities common and critical to all state agencies. OIT project managers cannot fully estimate costs on proposed projects or perform complete budget to actual cost analysis on IT projects in progress.

In addition, The Government Oversight Committee (GOC) has recommended that the Legislative Council review current oversight of the Office of Information Technology and consider a new Joint Standing Committee of Technology, as one possibility.

Part NNN

The committee voted 7-6 against this proposed language change. The proposal transfers unexpended funds from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund (MMIF). The fund, established by the legislature in 2001, is to provide grants to community-based organizations to aid them in providing technical assistance and training to microenterprises. The statute defines microenterprise as a business with fewer than 10 full-time equivalent employees. These businesses are a significant part of Maine's economy and sometimes have difficulty accessing capital and technical assistance that larger businesses do. We believe DECD should be implementing this initiative.

Part AAAAA

The committee voted 7-6 against this proposed language change. This part moves the jurisdiction of employer unemployment appeals cases from the gubernatorial appointed Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

The majority on the LCRED Committee oppose these initiatives due its substantive nature. The majority believes such changes should be proposed as a standalone legislative document with a public hearing and work session.

Part DDDDD

The committee voted 7-6 against this proposed language change. The majority on the LCRED Committee remains concerned with significant position cuts and reorganization at the MDOL. As a result, the majority opposes this language which authorizes the MDOL to identify positions to eliminate.

Part CCCCC

The committee voted 13-0 in favor of this proposed language change. The proposal increases the weekly benefit for partial unemployment from \$25 to \$100 to incentivize reemployment and connection to the workforce. With this being said, the majority on the LCRED Committee would pose for the AFA Committee's consideration that this figure be annually adjusted based on inflation.

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,547,499	\$1,540,162	\$1,640,056	\$1,660,528
All Other	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,703,345	\$19,696,008	\$19,795,902	\$19,816,374

Justification:

The Workers' compensation unit is responsible for case management of claims filed in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The unit directs agencies in the timely reporting and payment of claims, monitors and controls medical costs, implements return-to-work programs, interprets Workers' Compensation law and policies for agencies and directs a management information system. The unit works closely with line agency representatives to ensure compliance with established reporting and payment standards and to develop policies and procedures to maximize efficiency and ensure effective management of all claims.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM 0802

PROGRAM SUMMARY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
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Personal Services	\$1,547,499	\$1,540,162	\$1,640,056	\$1,660,528
All Other	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846	\$18,155,846
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,703,345	\$19,696,008	\$19,795,902	\$19,816,374

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$19,795,902	\$19,816,374
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$19,795,902	\$19,816,374

Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

Centers for Innovation 0911

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009

Justification:

To provide aquaculture service centers for (a) conducting, evaluating, sharing and transferring applied scientific research, and (b) assisting, recruiting and or incubating new Maine enterprises.

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION 0911
PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009	\$118,009

CENTERS FOR INNOVATION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2017-18

2018

GENERAL FUND

\$118,009

\$118,009

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$118,009

\$118,009

Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE

Development Foundation 0198

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444

Justification:

The Maine Development Foundation (MDF) is a nonprofit economic development corporation created by the Maine Legislature to capitalize on the interests, resources and efforts of the public and private sectors. MDF champions sustainable, long-term growth for Maine. The foundation is a catalyst for new ideas and provides common ground for solving problems and advancing issues.

The foundation is funded by membership dues, fees for service, contracts and grants. Corporations, counties, cities, towns and other organizations can become members by contributing to the foundation.

Programs:

Maine Economic Growth Council is a permanent 19-member council appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to establish and maintain a long range economic development plan for the state. The Council is staffed by the Maine Development Foundation. The Council's responsibilities include the development of a long-range plan, goals, benchmarks and alternative strategies for a sustainable state economy. Additionally, the Council will monitor progress in accomplishing the state's goals and benchmarks, recommend changes in the Plan to reflect the dynamics of the international, national and state economy. The Council is also charged with working with the Office of Innovation and the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board to make R&D funding recommendations for the Governor's budget. These recommendations must include specific bonding and General Fund appropriations investment levels. By June 1st of each year, the council shall submit its recommendations, along with an annual accountability update that summarizes the State's commitment to research and development investments in the prior year, to the Governor, the Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development issues.

The Realize Maine Network is created by, for and of Mainers 20-40 to serve as a catalyst, a collaborator and a convener of Maine's young people with a stake in our common future by providing professional, social, cultural, recreational and civic opportunities in Maine. Projects that lend to these opportunities are websites, social networks, listeners, leadership training and outreach programs that engage the business, academic and nonprofits worlds. This is accomplished primarily at the local level through a system of regional affiliates that span the state geographically.

The Maine Downtown Center was established to encourage downtown revitalization in the state. The Maine Downtown Center advances place-based economic development in downtowns statewide resulting in business growth, job creation, building rehabilitation, cultural enhancement and organizational leadership. Funding for the Maine Downtown Center supports its core program activities: Maine Street Maine, the Maine Downtown Network, annual Downtown Conference, Downtown Institute, Green Downtowns, Healthy Maine Streets and Grants to Green plus training and coaching in all areas of downtown revitalization.

**DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION 0198
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444	\$58,444

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, MAINE

	2017-18	2018-19
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$58,444	\$58,444
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$58,444	\$58,444

Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education 0993

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554	\$12,554	\$12,554
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>

Justification:

The Downeast Institute is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the people of downeast and coastal Maine through applied marine research, technology transfer, and public marine resource education. The Institute is overseen by a 16-member volunteer board of directors and employs a full-time program director, two research/production assistants and an education director. The Institute produces seed clams for flat restoration projects and conducts applied research on soft-shell clams, hard clams, Arctic surfclams, lobsters and scallops. It is the only marine research facility in Maine that is solely focused on shellfish and applied marine research.

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION 0993

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554	\$12,554	\$12,554
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>	<u>\$12,554</u>

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

	2017-18	2018-19
DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
GENERAL FUND	\$12,554	\$12,554
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$12,554	\$12,554

**ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$468,073	\$455,476	\$525,219	\$533,382
All Other	\$1,006,048	\$1,006,048	\$1,006,048	\$1,006,048
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,474,121	\$1,461,524	\$1,531,267	\$1,539,430
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$118,465	\$59,574
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$28,937	\$2,017
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$147,402	\$61,591
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

Business Development 0585

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$806,415	\$798,618	\$844,750	\$862,731
All Other	\$669,604	\$669,604	\$669,604	\$669,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,476,019	\$1,468,222	\$1,514,354	\$1,532,335

Justification:

The Office of Business Development provides direct assistance to existing businesses and businesses seeking to relocate or expand in Maine. Through the Business Answers and Regulatory Red Tape Hotline, this office responds to the needs of any business with a question or issue regarding state government. The Governor's Account Executives work directly with businesses and other state agencies to facilitate quick resolution of permitting and licensing issues and can connect businesses with the correct assistance needed. Administration of the Pine Tree Zone, E-Tif, J-Tif, film tax and municipal tax incentive finance programs are also coordinated through this office.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 0585
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$806,415	\$798,618	\$844,750	\$862,731
All Other	\$669,604	\$669,604	\$669,604	\$669,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,476,019	\$1,468,222	\$1,514,354	\$1,532,335

Communities for Maine's Future Fund Z108

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Justification:

The Communities for Maine's Future Fund, known as "the fund", is established to provide funding for the rehabilitation, revitalization and enhancement of downtowns and village centers and main streets in the State. The fund is a dedicated, non-lapsing fund, and all revenues deposited in the fund remain in the fund. This line item provides a base allocation in the event that outside funds are received to support this program.

**COMMUNITIES FOR MAINE'S FUTURE FUND Z108
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$185,468	\$184,549	\$205,582	\$210,919
All Other	\$88,441	\$88,262	\$88,262	\$88,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$273,909	\$272,811	\$293,844	\$299,181
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,306	\$94,006	\$91,373	\$91,787
All Other	\$1,128,307	\$1,130,550	\$1,130,550	\$1,130,550
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,224,613	\$1,224,556	\$1,221,923	\$1,222,337
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$396,216	\$388,704	\$419,029	\$422,827
All Other	\$21,260,527	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
DERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$21,656,743	\$21,649,362	\$21,679,687	\$21,683,485

Justification:

The Office of Community Development receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Program to administer this program. Municipalities apply for these funds to undertake eligible activities as outlined in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities include housing rehabilitation, public facilities, public infrastructure, public service, economic development and planning. The General Fund (match) appropriation is used by the department to provide general management, oversight, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of community development projects undertaken with these HUD funds throughout the state (except the entitlement communities of Auburn, Bangor, Lewiston, Portland, South Portland, Biddeford and most of Cumberland County, recently designated a HUD Urban County, which receive annual funding directly from HUD). The General Fund request is critical toward meeting the minimum federal match requirements to operate this program.

The Office of Community Development also includes the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Program, State Landfill Oversight Program, Maine Made Marketing Program, Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and the Co-Working Development Fund.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Provides funding to align with anticipated revenue.

Ref. #: 1037

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AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

Justification:

This account receives revenue from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program. The purpose of this program is to clean up contaminated sites from hazardous substances and petroleum. The work of this program is administered by Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with the financial administration conducted by Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Reduces funding to reflect remaining revolving loan and grant funds.

Ref. #: 1038

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

(13-0)**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	(\$400,000)	(\$400,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$400,000)	(\$400,000)

Justification:

Funding in this account has been diminishing as loans and grants reach completion.

Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Reorganizes one Planner II position to a Development Program Manager position and transfers and reallocates the cost of the position from 75% Federal Block Grant Fund and 25% General Fund to 75% Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% General Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs. This initiative also transfers All Other to Personal Services in the General Fund to fund the position changes.

Ref. #: 1039

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

(7-6)**GENERAL FUND**

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$1,541	\$2,234
All Other	(\$1,541)	(\$2,234)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 1040

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

(7-6)**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$63,539	\$66,709

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All Other		\$36,098	\$36,098
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		<u>\$99,637</u>	<u>\$102,807</u>

Ref. #: 1041

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$58,913)	(\$60,007)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$58,913)</u>	<u>(\$60,007)</u>

Justification:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is transferring responsibility of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) program to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). To effectively accomplish the duties and responsibilities of this program DECD will need to reorganize one Planner II position to a Development Program Manager and increase All Other funds. DPS has a similar initiative and statutory language change in this budget. The authorization to transfer responsibility of the MUBEC program from DPS to DECD is included in a separate Part within the Biennial Budget.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 0587
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$185,468	\$184,549	\$207,123	\$213,153
All Other	\$88,441	\$88,262	\$86,721	\$86,028
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$273,909	\$272,811	\$293,844	\$299,181

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$96,306	\$94,006	\$154,912	\$158,496
All Other	\$1,128,307	\$1,130,550	\$766,648	\$766,648
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,224,613	\$1,224,556	\$921,560	\$925,144

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$396,216	\$388,704	\$360,116	\$362,820
All Other	\$21,260,527	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$21,656,743	\$21,649,362	\$21,620,774	\$21,623,478

International Commerce 0674

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$218,935	\$217,549	\$251,902	\$253,752
All Other	\$898,409	\$898,409	\$898,409	\$898,409
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,117,344	\$1,115,958	\$1,150,311	\$1,152,161

Justification:

The Maine International Trade Center (MITC) is a public-private partnership funded by the department and the private sector, servicing companies statewide through its office in Portland. MITC focuses on the expansion of the Maine economy and job creation through increased exports, trade, foreign direct investment and international student attraction. MITC offers technical trade assistance for all markets, with a regional focus on North Atlantic and Arctic markets through the allied MENADO program. MITC coordinates overseas activities including industry specific trade shows and trade missions, as well as foreign direct investment and international student attraction events. Its operations include the Maine North Atlantic Development Office (MENADO), Invest in Maine, StudyMaine and the Canada Desk. The budget includes funding for the State Director and MENADO Director as well as pass-through grant funding in support of its operations.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE 0674

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$218,935	\$217,549	\$251,902	\$253,752
All Other	\$898,409	\$898,409	\$898,409	\$898,409
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,117,344	\$1,115,958	\$1,150,311	\$1,152,161

Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program Z071

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Justification:

The 123rd Legislature directed the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Innovation to design a leadership and entrepreneurial development program. This line item provides a base allocation in the event that outside funds are received to support this program.

**LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Z071
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Maine Coworking Development Fund Z195

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Justification:

Maine Coworking Development Fund, pursuant to Title 5, section 13056-G, was established to strengthen opportunities for entrepreneurship, stimulate innovation in the State by increasing the availability of collaborative workspace environments and address a regional market demand for affordable work environments that support communication, information sharing and networking opportunities.

Maine Coworking Development Fund Z195

Initiative: Reduces All Other funding on a one-time basis to offset Personal Services increases in the General Fund.

Ref. #: 1070

One Time

Committee Vote:

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	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)

Justification:

This initiative will eliminate grant funds for up to \$25,000 per qualified entity one-time in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for the collaborative workspace environments grant program.

**MAINE COWORKING DEVELOPMENT FUND Z195
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund Z057

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Justification:

The Commissioner of the Department of Economic & Community Development is required by statute (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13056-A) to submit a biennial comprehensive evaluation of state investments in economic development (except research and development and federal programs with independent evaluations). This fund (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13056-C) was established to receive funds from agencies or private entities that receive General Fund appropriations or General Obligation Bonds for economic development in an amount greater than \$250,000, not to exceed 0.8%.

**MAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION FUND Z057
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Maine Economic Growth Council 0727

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395

Justification:

The Maine Economic Growth Council exists to provide the annual "Measures of Growth" report on Maine's economic performance and to develop a long-range economic plan for the State. The council develops economic indicators, analyzes the performance of indicators against established benchmarks and reports findings and recommendations.

**MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395	\$55,395

Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund 0985

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Justification:

The Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund was established to provide funding for an independent, nonpartisan review of the State's investments in research and development. Required by statute, the research and development report assesses the competitiveness of Maine's technology sectors and the impact of research and development activities and incorporates goals and objectives described in the State's Science and Technology Plan. Funding for this report is derived from an amount not to exceed 0.8% assessment on agencies and/or private entities that receive general fund appropriations or general obligation bonds in excess of \$500,000 for research and development.

**MAINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION FUND 0985
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission 0675

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684

Justification:

The Maine Small Business Commission through the Department of Economic and Community Development administers an annual contract with the University of Southern Maine to promote and support economic development by providing comprehensive business management assistance, training, resources and information to small businesses through a network of professional, certified business counselors at centers and outreach offices around the state. An independently validated, impact driven program, the Maine Small Business Development Centers is a partnership involving the U. S. Small Business Administration, Department of Economic and Community Development, the University of Southern Maine and leading state economic development organizations.

**MAINE SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMISSION 0675
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684	\$683,684

Maine State Film Office 0590

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$92,535	\$90,338	\$93,477	\$94,127
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$263,140	\$260,943	\$264,082	\$264,732

Justification:

The Maine Film Commission account receives funding from the Maine Tourism Office to host meetings of the Commission. The Maine State Film Office (MFO) was created in 1988 and its one staff member is solely responsible for assisting Maine's film industry by facilitating and promoting film, television, video gaming, photographic and emerging-media production in Maine.

**MAINE STATE FILM OFFICE 0590
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$92,535	\$90,338	\$93,477	\$94,127
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$263,140	\$260,943	\$264,082	\$264,732

Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund Z178

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Justification:

The 126th Legislature directed the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor to establish a pilot program that creates and maintains qualified employee and employer registries and markets the Job Creation Through Educational Opportunities program. This program promotes economic opportunity and growth by creating and promoting a program that meets the unmet demand for skilled labor in Maine.

**MAINE WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES MARKETING FUND Z178
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$229,149	\$227,226	\$267,166	\$270,238
All Other	\$6,793,898	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,023,047	\$7,021,486	\$7,061,426	\$7,064,498

Justification:

The Office of Innovation facilitates economic growth through development and implementation of the State's science and technology plan. The office works with educational institutions, not-for-profit laboratories and businesses to encourage and spur innovation in the State's economy. The major programs of the Office of Innovation are the Maine Technology Institute, the Applied Technology Development Centers System (Program 0929), and managing the State's EPSCoR program. The office is also responsible for producing the State's science and technology plan, the innovation index and managing the comprehensive research and development evaluation (Program 0985).

This account includes the pass-through grant for the Maine Technology Institute (MTI). MTI was established to encourage, promote, stimulate and support research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products and services in the State's technology-intensive industrial sectors to enhance the competitive position of those sectors and increase the likelihood that one or more of the sectors will support clusters of industrial activity and to create new jobs for Maine people. MTI is one element of the State's economic development strategy and contributes to the long-term development of a statewide research, development and product deployment infrastructure.

**OFFICE OF INNOVATION 0995
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$229,149	\$227,226	\$267,166	\$270,238
All Other	\$6,793,898	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,023,047	\$7,021,486	\$7,061,426	\$7,064,498

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$837,702	\$822,745	\$843,247	\$858,116
All Other	\$11,867,063	\$12,731,293	\$12,731,293	\$12,731,293
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,704,765	\$13,554,038	\$13,574,540	\$13,589,409

Justification:

The Office of Tourism exists to develop, promote and manage tourism in Maine. Its broad directive is to promote Maine as a four-season destination to both consumers and the travel trade. The office has conducted its programs according to a five year strategic plan for promoting tourism in Maine.

The legislature, pursuant to Title 5, section 13090-K provided a dedicated, non-lapsing revenue stream for tourism promotion. On July 1st and October 1st each year, the State Controller transfers to the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor. The transfer amount currently is equivalent to 5% of the 8% tax and 5% of the 9% tax imposed on tangible personal property and taxable services pursuant to Title 36, section 1811. The tax amount must be based on actual sales for that fiscal year and may not consider any accruals that may be required by law. The amount transferred from General Fund sales and use tax revenue does not affect the calculation for the transfer to the Local Government Fund. A minimum of ten percent of the funds received by the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund must be used for regional marketing promotion and regional special events promotion.

Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Adjusts allocations to reflect revenue changes associated with the expansion of the tax base.

Ref. #: 1028

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$168,017
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$168,017

Justification:

TAX REFORM See ADM C-E-7071 and ECC C-E-7071.

**OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$837,702	\$822,745	\$843,247	\$858,116
All Other	\$11,867,063	\$12,731,293	\$12,731,293	\$12,899,310
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,704,765	\$13,554,038	\$13,574,540	\$13,757,426

Renewable Energy Resources Fund Z072

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000

Justification:

Established in 2008, the Maine Legislature authorized the establishment of the Renewable Resources Fund in the Public Utilities Commission with the Maine Technology Institute named as a recipient of an annual distribution of 35% of the funds to support the development and commercialization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. An amount is transferred from the Public Utilities Commission to the department annually and is distributed to the Maine Technology Institute in the form of a grant. This line item represents an estimate of the amount to be transferred.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FUND Z072
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$88,000

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$12,340,281	\$12,376,684
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,647,402	\$1,561,591
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,279,682	\$15,466,802
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$21,620,774	\$21,623,478
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$50,888,139	\$51,028,555

Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Small Enterprise Growth Fund Z235

Initiative: Provides funding to avoid any interruption for fast growing innovative Maine companies that contribute to Maine's prosperity.

Ref. #: 1444

Committee Vote: IN
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GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

Justification:

This initiative will ensure this long-term, successful state program will stay active in the market for investment in promising Maine companies that contribute to the prosperity of Maine.

**SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND Z235
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$500,000	\$500,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500,000	\$500,000

Sec. A-30. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FOUNDATION FOR BLOOD RESEARCH

ScienceWorks for ME 0908

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$52,175	\$52,175	\$52,175	\$52,175
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,175	\$52,175	\$52,175	\$52,175

Justification:

PURPOSE:

The Foundation for Blood Research (FBR) is a non-profit organization that finds more effective ways to identify, manage and treat human disease through clinical and laboratory investigation, epidemiology, education, and clinical testing.

The Foundation is governed by a board of trustees representing the biotechnology and professional communities, education, and business. The board consists of at least 11 trustees, but not more than 21.

ScienceWorks for ME

FBR's scientific mission focuses on preventive medicine. The professional staff develops alliances with other organizations for carrying out collaborative clinical research studies and takes a leadership role in developing educational activities for health professionals, pre-college science teachers, and the public.

ScienceWorks, FBR's outreach education program for Maine's precollege science teachers provides access for these teachers to the most current research and knowledge in biomedical science, and since the 1970s, Maine high school science teachers have been collaborators to convey biologically-based information to the community through their classes. ScienceWorks has maintained a relationship with biology teachers from about 60% of the secondary schools throughout the state. The program includes teacher professional development (through content-specific institutes), a scientific equipment collection and distribution project (through which several million dollars worth of donated used or surplus laboratory equipment has been collected and distributed to 90% of Maine's secondary schools), and an interactive learning laboratory that allows teachers to bring classes to our research facility for hands-on laboratory experience as a supplement to classroom teaching. All activities are aligned with the National Science Education Standards and Maine's Learning Results.

The part of ScienceWorks for ME that receives legislative funding is the equipment collection and donation project.

ScienceWorks for ME 0908

Initiative: Reduces funding to eliminate the ScienceWorks for ME program.

Ref. #: 1451

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote:

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GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	(\$52,175)	(\$52,175)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$52,175)</u>	<u>(\$52,175)</u>

Justification:

The Foundation for Blood Research closed for business as of June 30, 2016 and the funding will no longer be needed.

**SCIENCEWORKS FOR ME 0908
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$52,175	\$52,175	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,175</u>	<u>\$52,175</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FOUNDATION FOR BLOOD RESEARCH

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2017-18

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GENERAL FUND

\$0

\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$0

\$0

Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Home Modification Certification Program Z231

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Justification:

The Home Modification Certification Program offers owners of MaineHousing financed multi-family properties the opportunity to restructure MaineHousing debt by modifying interest rates, extending loan terms, or both. Loan modifications generally lower debt service payments in return for extended project affordability.

**HOME MODIFICATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM Z231
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
All Other	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121

Justification:

The Housing Opportunities for Maine (HOME) Fund was created by the Legislature and the Governor in 1983 to provide a flexible source of funding to address the problems of affordable housing. The real estate transfer tax was doubled to provide a dedicated source of revenue to the Fund. Of the total tax collected, 10% stays with the county (as an agent fee) and the balance is split between the General Fund and the HOME Fund.

The HOME Fund provides the Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) with one of its most important financial resources. None of the money is used for any kind of administrative costs. The flexibility of the HOME Fund is significant. It enables MSHA to leverage federal funds, to reduce interest rates for first time homebuyers and for affordable multi-family developments, and to improve housing opportunities for renters in need, persons who are homeless and persons with special needs.

The HOME Fund has brought homeownership to Maine citizens who otherwise would not have been able to afford it. It has also provided affordable rental housing to thousands of low-income families, the elderly, persons who are homeless, persons with disabilities and to homeowners to finance needed home modifications and repairs. Because these funds are relatively free of restrictions they are the critical piece in many projects where most of the pieces are in place but a key additional piece is needed to make the project possible.

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides funding to meet unique housing needs in the areas of homelessness, first-time homebuyers, rental unit production for people with special needs and low income and repairs to substandard homes.

Ref. #: 1476

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$5,786,227	\$6,535,549
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,786,227	\$6,535,549

Justification:

This initiative provides an increase in funding based on distribution formulas in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, and estimated real estate transfer taxes collected.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$12,919,348	\$13,668,670
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,133,121	\$7,133,121	\$12,919,348	\$13,668,670

Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$545	\$545	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>

Justification:

Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) assists the Public Utilities Commission to implement the Electric Assistance Program Fund. The Public Utilities Commission program subsidizes the electric bills of low-income households that qualify for the program. MSHA coordinates the flow of funds among the various utility companies by serving as a central processor. This program serves approximately 26,000 households per year.

**LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE - MSHA 0708
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$545	\$545	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>	<u>\$545</u>

Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$4,319,213	\$4,319,813	\$4,319,813	\$4,319,813
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,319,213	\$4,319,813	\$4,319,813	\$4,319,813

Justification:

The Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program is established to provide for multiple goals including establishing stable, long term capital funding sources, increasing the supply of affordable housing, improving energy efficiency of residential housing, replacing manufactured homes that do not meet the standard of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and reducing the State's greenhouse gas emissions.

Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124

Initiative: Reduces funding to bring debt service payments in accordance with the repayment schedule.

Ref. #: 1483

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(\$2,101)	(\$3,576)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,101)	(\$3,576)

Justification:

This initiative will meet the legal contractual obligation to bond holders and avoid default.

**MAINE ENERGY, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM Z124
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$4,319,213	\$4,319,813	\$4,317,712	\$4,316,237
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,319,213	\$4,319,813	\$4,317,712	\$4,316,237

Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Justification:

The Shelter Operating Subsidy (SOS) Program provides funding for emergency shelters that serve people who are homeless. These emergency shelters are society's ultimate safety net. Funds from this program are used statewide. Program funds help emergency shelters pay operating costs and improve conditions of emergency shelters to comply with code and regulatory requirements. These funds only cover a portion of a shelter's operating costs.

The objective of the SOS Program is to keep emergency shelters operating to provide a safe haven for those who are homeless. Program funds Maine's emergency shelters that provide bed nights for Maine citizens. Maine State Housing Authority allocates the funds directly to the providers.

**SHELTER OPERATING SUBSIDY 0661
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$17,237,605	\$17,985,452
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$19,787,605	\$20,535,452

Sec. A-45. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$74,038	\$73,788	\$78,240	\$81,284
All Other	\$31,350	\$31,350	\$31,350	\$31,350
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$105,388	\$105,138	\$109,590	\$112,634
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
Personal Services	\$84,237	\$84,008	\$86,884	\$89,464
All Other	\$18,104	\$18,096	\$18,096	\$18,096
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$102,341	\$102,104	\$104,980	\$107,560
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Justification:

This account provides funding for the Technical Services Division (TSD), the Maine Wage Assurance Fund, and the administration of the Bureau of Labor Standards. The administration unit has overall responsibility for the bureau, including policy development and financial control.

The TSD collects and disseminates data on occupational safety and health, workers' compensation, construction wage rates and labor relations; researches and issues wage determinations used on state construction projects under the Prevailing Wage Rate Law; and has three federal grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, two from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and one from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, that support its occupational safety and health data collection activities. The division also provides technical services and computer support to other units in the bureau.

The Maine Wage Assurance Fund pays up to two weeks of unpaid wages to employees of businesses that have terminated operations where there are no assets available to pay the former employees, including bankruptcies. The funding for the Wage Assurance program comes from transfers from the Special Administrative Expense Fund within the Unemployment Insurance program.

Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: Reorganizes one Director, Bureau of Labor Standards position to a Public Service Executive II position.

Ref. #: 2444

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

Personal Services

2017-18	2018-19
\$175	\$170

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$175	\$170
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Ref. #: 2445

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services

2017-18	2018-19
\$28	\$27

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$28	\$27
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Justification:

This initiative, pursuant to corresponding language that amends Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 6, subsection 5, would remove the Director, Bureau of Labor Standards position from the list of positions subject to adjustment by the Governor and reorganize it as a Public Service Executive II position. Also, this initiative changes both the current range of the position from an 86 to a range 35 and the job class code to the same job class code as other Department of Labor bureau directors.

Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: Provides funding in the All Other line category in order to align expenditures with anticipated increases in federal revenue.

Ref. #: 2446

Committee Vote: IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

2017-18	2018-19
\$18,800	\$17,780

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$18,800	\$17,780
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Justification:

This initiative increases All Other expenditures to provide allotment to fully expend federal grant revenue.

Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Labor and Safety Inspector position from 15% Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 85% Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Regulation and Enforcement program, General Fund. This initiative also eliminates one part-time Labor and Safety Inspector position in the Regulation and Enforcement program, General Fund to partially fund the reallocation.

Ref. #: 2447

Committee Vote: OUT
LCRED 47 (7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	(\$10,539)	(\$11,040)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$10,539)	(\$11,040)

Justification:

This request aligns the position funding with the work that is being performed. A part-time position is being eliminated to partially fund the reallocation.

**ADMINISTRATION - BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS 0158
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$74,038	\$73,788	\$78,415	\$81,454
All Other	\$31,350	\$31,350	\$31,350	\$31,350
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$105,388	\$105,138	\$109,765	\$112,804
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$84,237	\$84,008	\$76,373	\$78,415
All Other	\$18,104	\$18,096	\$36,896	\$35,876
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$102,341	\$102,104	\$113,269	\$114,318
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 (\$52,361)

ification:

This position elimination results from the planned automation and implementation of self-service features, as well as the staffing reorganization of the customer service unit, which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

**ADMINISTRATION - LABOR 0030
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$81,753	\$81,012	\$200,270	\$203,226
All Other	\$349,124	\$349,131	\$269,398	\$277,226
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$430,877	\$430,143	\$469,668	\$480,452

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000	11.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$986,815	\$977,657	\$1,104,468	\$1,076,341
All Other	\$2,891,665	\$2,891,665	\$2,891,665	\$2,891,665
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,878,480	\$3,869,322	\$3,996,133	\$3,968,006

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$729,982	\$721,658	\$762,316	\$777,820
All Other	\$2,382,768	\$2,582,768	\$2,582,768	\$2,582,768
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,112,750	\$3,304,426	\$3,345,084	\$3,360,588
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.500	22.500	22.500	22.500
Personal Services	\$1,985,228	\$1,969,832	\$2,000,160	\$2,052,257
All Other	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,096,988	\$4,081,592	\$4,111,920	\$4,164,017
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$102,552	\$100,372	\$104,022	\$105,035
All Other	\$108,044	\$108,044	\$108,044	\$108,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$210,596	\$208,416	\$212,066	\$213,0

Justification:

This Division manages direct-services that help people who are blind or visually impaired to obtain or maintain employment. The division also oversees a program that provides funds for teachers of children who are blind or visually impaired and for assisting older individuals to learn skills they need to remain independent in their homes and communities, often avoiding costly institutional care. The Vocational Rehabilitation portion of this program receives federal matching of \$4.00 for every \$1.00 of General Fund money.

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Rehabilitation Counselor II position.

Ref. #: 2437

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services			(\$73,543)	(\$77,310)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			(\$73,543)	(\$77,310)

Justification:

This position elimination results from the planned staffing reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. Due to rising costs and restricted federal funding, current federal funding levels are not sufficient to support positions that had been previously funded.

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Eliminates one Office Associate II position effective June 17, 2018.

Ref. #: 2438

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$64,886)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$64,886)

Justification:

This position elimination results from the planned staffing reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. Due to rising costs and restricted federal funding, current federal funding levels are not sufficient to support positions that had been previously funded.

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the Independent Living function within the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program.

Ref. #: 2439

Committee Vote: IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$225,000	\$225,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$225,000	\$225,000

Justification:

Changes in federal vocational rehabilitation rules prohibit homemaker services, often for older residents, from being provided with federal vocational rehabilitation funds. These funds will support independent living services to blind individuals, approximately 75 per year, enabling them to continue to function independently in their homes and communities, and will help to avoid higher levels of support in facilities or institutions, such as nursing homes.

**BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$729,982	\$721,658	\$762,316	\$777,820
All Other	\$2,382,768	\$2,582,768	\$2,807,768	\$2,807,768
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,112,750	\$3,304,426	\$3,570,084	\$3,585,588
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.500	22.500	21.500	20.500
Personal Services	\$1,985,228	\$1,969,832	\$1,926,617	\$1,910,061
All Other	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760	\$2,111,760
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,096,988	\$4,081,592	\$4,038,377	\$4,021,821
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$102,552	\$100,372	\$104,022	\$105,035
All Other	\$108,044	\$108,044	\$108,044	\$108,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$210,596	\$208,416	\$212,066	\$213,0

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	136.000	136.000	134.000	134.000
Personal Services	\$11,308,637	\$11,363,923	\$11,606,082	\$11,993,159
All Other	\$15,319,275	\$15,319,201	\$17,131,840	\$17,131,840
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,627,912	\$26,683,124	\$28,737,922	\$29,124,999
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.000	55.000	54.500	54.500
Personal Services	\$2,180,616	\$2,187,015	\$2,011,792	\$2,076,427
All Other	\$1,381,794	\$1,375,184	\$1,373,146	\$1,373,146
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,562,410	\$3,562,199	\$3,384,938	\$3,449,573
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND				
All Other	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000

Justification:

The Employment Security Services program supports services within the Department's Bureau of Unemployment Compensation and the Unemployment Insurance Commission. This program provides services to help prevent or reduce the adverse local economic impact of unemployment and underemployment through a Federal-State partnership in which the majority of administrative expenses are borne by the Federal government. Services funded through this account include the administration and distribution of unemployment compensation.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocation with anticipated expenditures.

Ref. #: 2476

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other

2017-18 2018-19
(\$1,800,000) (\$1,431,000)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

(\$1,800,000) (\$1,431,000)

Ref. #: 2477

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND

All Other

2017-18 2018-19
(\$10,000,000) (\$10,000,000)

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL LCRED - 55

(\$10,000,000) (\$10,000,000)

Justification:

The expenditures are anticipated to decrease because of continued reductions in unemployment benefit payments.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Eliminates 2 vacant Claims Adjudicator positions, one vacant Field Advisor Examiner position, 2 vacant Office Assistant II positions, one vacant Office Associate II position, one vacant Hearings Examiner position, one vacant Accounting Assistant Technician position and one vacant Customer Representative Associate I-Employment position.

Ref. #: 2479	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u>	AFA Vote: _____
	(7-6)	

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(8,000)	(8,000)
Personal Services	(\$553,110)	(\$580,892)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$553,110)</u>	<u>(\$580,892)</u>

Ref. #: 2480	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u>	AFA Vote: _____
	(7-6)	

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$34,554)	(\$36,325)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$34,554)</u>	<u>(\$36,325)</u>

Justification:

The bureau, with the implementation of the consortium, will need less headcount to provide the current level of service. This is a direct result of automation of current manual processes, system integration of current separate and disparate systems and creation of an efficient workflow of business processes. The Benefits phase of the consortium is slated to go live in October 2017. Due to the efficiencies the bureau will incur with the consortium system, we will save staff time in several areas.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Eliminates one Claims Adjudicator position, 2 Office Assistant II positions, 3 Office Associate II positions, one Hearings Examiner position, one Accounting Assistant position, one Accounting Associate I position and one Customer Representative Associate I-Employment position effective June 17, 2018.

Ref. #: 2481	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u>	AFA Vote: _____
	(7-6)	

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(9,000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$572,464)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$572,464)</u>

Ref. #: 2482

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

0.000 (1.000)

\$0 (\$44,028)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 (\$44,028)

Justification:

The bureau, with the implementation of the consortium, will need less headcount in fiscal year 2018-19 to provide the current level of service. This is a direct result of automation of current manual processes, system integration of current separate and disparate systems and creation of an efficient workflow of business processes. Improvements will be prevalent in all central tax office processes; UI employer registration, employer liability and rate determination, debt determination and tax collection, identification of potential employer fraud and field audit process focused on data analysis and audit rather than manual data gathering.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Assistant II position and one Secretary Associate Legal Supervisor position.

Ref. #: 2483

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

(2.000) (2.000)

(\$127,033) (\$130,493)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

(\$127,033) (\$130,493)

Justification:

These eliminations result from the planned staff reorganization of the Unemployment Insurance Commission during the 2018-2019 biennium development to gain efficiencies.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Transfers one Principal Economic Research Analyst position from the Workforce Research program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Employment Security Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

Ref. #: 2484

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

1.000 1.000

\$120,009 \$121,057

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$120,009 \$121,057

Justification:

This initiative changes the funding source of this position to better align funding with the work activity.

Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Reorganizes one Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission position and 2 Maine Unemployment Commission Members positions to Public Service Executive II positions.

Ref. #: 2485

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$2,915	\$12,363
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,915	\$12,363

Justification:

This initiative, pursuant to corresponding language that amends Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 6, subsections 5 and 6, would move one Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission position currently at range 86 and 2 Maine Unemployment Commission Members positions currently at range 85 from the list of positions subject to adjustment by the Governor and reorganize them to Public Service Executive II positions at range 35. This initiative, also, changes the job class code.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	136.000	136.000	125.000	116.000
Personal Services	\$11,308,637	\$11,363,923	\$11,048,863	\$10,842,730
All Other	\$15,319,275	\$15,319,201	\$15,331,840	\$15,700,840
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,627,912	\$26,683,124	\$26,380,703	\$26,543,570

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.000	55.000	53.500	52.500
Personal Services	\$2,180,616	\$2,187,015	\$1,977,238	\$1,996,074
All Other	\$1,381,794	\$1,375,184	\$1,373,146	\$1,373,146
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,562,410	\$3,562,199	\$3,350,384	\$3,369,220

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$174,350,000	\$174,350,000
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL	\$184,350,000	\$184,350,000	\$174,350,000	\$174,350,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$605,690	\$603,231	\$630,611	\$645,347
All Other	\$323,885	\$324,635	\$324,635	\$324,635
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$929,575	\$927,866	\$955,246	\$969,982
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	108.500	108.500	108.000	108.000
Personal Services	\$7,113,573	\$7,117,533	\$7,251,281	\$7,464,406
All Other	\$16,972,340	\$16,973,940	\$16,973,940	\$16,973,940
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,085,913	\$24,091,473	\$24,225,221	\$24,438,346
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,442,815	\$1,453,201	\$652,195	\$673,235
All Other	\$2,103,011	\$2,101,135	\$1,920,671	\$1,920,671
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,545,826	\$3,554,336	\$2,572,866	\$2,593,906
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$472,502	\$607,948	\$506,687	\$522,861
All Other	\$2,610,013	\$2,740,452	\$2,712,380	\$2,712,380
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$3,082,515	\$3,348,400	\$3,219,067	\$3,235,241

Justification:

The Employment Services consists of state and federally -funded programs that assist Maine residents and employers through a wide range of workforce development initiatives. The Bureau of Employment Services (BES) is responsible for the statewide administration and management for these programs in the State of Maine. Maine Department of Labor (MDOL) Employment Services is a major partner in the local CareerCenters. CareerCenters, a partnership between the MDOL, Local Workforce Boards and private non-profit service providers, are the cornerstone of the public employment system and represent a consolidation of a multitude of programs and services under one umbrella. CareerCenters provide Rapid Response Services statewide for businesses and laid-off workers; a comprehensive array of labor market information, career exploration, job search and career support services and training opportunities to job seeking customers; and workforce consultation including recruitment and retention services, job posting/matching, labor market information, access to new hire and incumbent worker training and human resource resources to Maine's businesses. The majority of Employment Services' resources come from the federally-funded Wagner-Peyser Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Trade Assistance Act. These programs are designed to help Maine residents increase their job opportunities and income through increased skills and access to employment opportunities. It includes job placement and

Justification:

These position eliminations result from the planned strategic staffing reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2017-18 budget. More efficient and consistent processes in addition to the enhanced integration of technology into the CareerCenters and the regionalization of staff will result in greater reach with reduced physical footprint.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased expenditures in the 2018-2019 biennium due to increased enrollment.

Ref. #: 2518	One Time	Committee Vote: <u>IN</u>	AFA Vote: _____
		(13-0)	

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$700,000	\$700,000
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$700,000	\$700,000

Justification:

This initiative provides one-time unencumbered balance carried forward funding in the 2018-2019 biennium to align current allocation with increased expenditures as a result of increased enrollment in the Employment Activity Services program, Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Employment and Training Specialist IV position from 74 hours to 80 hours biweekly and reduces All Other to fund the additional hours.

Ref. #: 2519	Committee Vote: <u>IN</u>	AFA Vote: _____
	(13-0)	

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$6,113	\$6,346
All Other	(\$6,113)	(\$6,346)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 2521	Committee Vote: <u>IN</u>	AFA Vote: _____
	(13-0)	

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$1,080	\$1,120
All Other	(\$1,080)	(\$1,120)
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This initiative increases the biweekly hours due to operational need of the bureau and CareerCenter and reduces All Other to fund the additional hours.

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Financial Analyst position from 10% General Fund, 80% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund to 95% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% General Fund; one Public Service Executive II position from 10% General Fund and 90% Federal Expenditures Fund to 95% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% General Fund; one Public Service Manager II position from 89% Federal Expenditures Fund and 11% Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund to 95% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% General Fund; one Public Service Manager II position from 5% General Fund and 95% Federal Expenditures Fund to 95% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% General Fund and one Public Service Manager II position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 95% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 2522	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u> (7-6)	AFA Vote: _____		
GENERAL FUND			2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services			\$184	(\$6)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			<u>\$184</u>	<u>(\$6)</u>

Ref. #: 2524	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u> (7-6)	AFA Vote: _____		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			(5,000)	(5,000)
Personal Services			(\$558,379)	(\$566,535)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			<u>(\$558,379)</u>	<u>(\$566,535)</u>

Ref. #: 2526	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u> (7-6)	AFA Vote: _____		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			5,000	5,000
Personal Services			\$582,602	\$591,127
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL			<u>\$582,602</u>	<u>\$591,127</u>

Ref. #: 2527	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u> (7-6)	AFA Vote: _____		
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND			2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services			(\$24,407)	(\$24,586)
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL			<u>(\$24,407)</u>	<u>(\$24,586)</u>

Justification:

This initiative realigns positions to match the indirect cost plan submitted for the Bureau of Employment Services which allows all programs to fund an appropriate share of senior bureau staff costs.

Initiative: Eliminates 5 CareerCenter Consultant positions and one Office Assistant II position effective June 17, 2018.

Ref. #: 2529

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

2017-18 2018-19

0.000 (6.000)

Personal Services

\$0 (\$335,672)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

\$0 (\$335,672)

Ref. #: 2530

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

\$0 (\$35,077)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$0 (\$35,077)

Ref. #: 2532

Committee Vote: OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

\$0 (\$9,352)

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL

\$0 (\$9,352)

Justification:

These position eliminations result from the planned strategic staffing reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. More efficient and consistent processes in addition to the enhanced integration of technology into the CareerCenters and the regionalization of staff will result in greater reach with reduced physical footprint.

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY 0852
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$605,690	\$603,231	\$630,179	\$644,608
All Other	\$323,885	\$324,635	\$325,251	\$325,368
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$929,575	\$927,866	\$955,430	\$969,976
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	108.500	108.500	93.500	87.500
Personal Services	\$7,113,573	\$7,117,533	\$6,098,020	\$5,945,849
All Other	\$16,972,340	\$16,973,940	\$17,212,606	\$17,219,040
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,085,913	\$24,091,473	\$23,310,626	\$23,164,889
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,442,815	\$1,453,201	\$1,359,146	\$1,356,365
All Other	\$2,103,011	\$2,101,135	\$1,796,322	\$1,793,591
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,545,826	\$3,554,336	\$3,155,468	\$3,149,956
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	3.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$472,502	\$607,948	\$594,043	\$590,806
All Other	\$2,610,013	\$2,740,452	\$3,290,254	\$3,286,161
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$3,082,515	\$3,348,400	\$3,884,297	\$3,876,967

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$469,291	\$459,090	\$484,265	\$490,628
All Other	\$24,617	\$24,617	\$24,617	\$24,617
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$493,908	\$483,707	\$508,882	\$515,245
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$75,300	\$75,300	\$75,300	\$75,300
All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477	\$45,477	\$45,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$120,777	\$120,777	\$120,777	\$120,777

Justification:

The Maine Labor Relations Board (MLRB) promotes improved labor-management relations in the public sector workplace. The MLRB enforces 4 separate statutes, which provide public employees the right to join labor organizations of their own choosing and to be represented by such organizations in collective bargaining for terms and conditions of employment. The MLRB serves a client base of about 55,000 municipal, school administrative unit, higher education, Legislative, Judicial and Executive Branch State employees. The MLRB also serves approximately 400 public employers throughout the state. Of Maine's 491 cities and towns, approximately 106 have eligible public employees. Most of the 254 school administrative units have eligible employees. The MLRB's clients also include the 16 counties, the Maine Community College System, Maine Maritime Academy, the University of Maine System, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Legislative Council and the Executive Branch of State Government. The MLRB protects the rights and enforces the responsibilities created by the labor relations statutes by constituting appropriate bargaining units, conducting secret ballot elections and processing prohibited practice complaints. The MLRB, the Panel of Mediators and the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation provide impasse resolution procedures to assist parties in negotiating initial or successor collective bargaining agreements (i.e., mediation, fact-finding and interest arbitration) and contract grievance arbitration services.

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Public Service Coordinator I position.

Ref. #: 2457

Committee Vote:

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	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$64,936)	(\$68,218)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$64,936)	(\$68,218)

Justification:

This position elimination result from the planned staff reorganization of the bureau which will affect the 2018-2019 biennium.

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Provides funding for per diem payments to Maine Labor Relations Board members.

Ref. #: 2458

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19
\$19,700 \$19,700

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$19,700 \$19,700

Justification:

Provides additional funding for per diem payments to Maine Labor Relations Board members per Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-B. Current funding is not sufficient as requests for mediation services have increased.

**LABOR RELATIONS BOARD 0160
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$469,291	\$459,090	\$419,329	\$422,410
All Other	\$24,617	\$24,617	\$24,617	\$24,617
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$493,908</u>	<u>\$483,707</u>	<u>\$443,946</u>	<u>\$447,027</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$75,300	\$75,300	\$95,000	\$95,000
All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477	\$45,477	\$45,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$120,777</u>	<u>\$120,777</u>	<u>\$140,477</u>	<u>\$140,477</u>

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500	8.500	8.500
Personal Services	\$622,986	\$631,934	\$663,240	\$679,928
All Other	\$170,296	\$170,296	\$170,296	\$170,296
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$793,282	\$802,230	\$833,536	\$850,224
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$659,923	\$651,640	\$675,599	\$685,663
All Other	\$424,159	\$425,815	\$425,815	\$425,815
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,084,082	\$1,077,455	\$1,101,414	\$1,111,478

Justification:

The units funded by this program are the Workplace Safety and Health Division (WSH) and the Wage and Hour Division (WHD).

The WSH Division enforces the laws and rules established for the protection of workers' health and safety in the public sector. The rules mirror those set by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and are promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Board, comprised of Governor-appointed representatives of management, labor and the public, which is funded through this account. In addition, the division receives two grants from the U.S. Department of Labor to assist private sector employers in meeting federal occupational safety and health standards. The OSHA grant provides training and on-site consultation services focusing on small employers in high hazard industries, while the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) grant targets similar services to mining operations. In Maine, these are mostly sand and gravel pits.

WHD enforces employment laws such as minimum wage, overtime pay and child labor in the private and public sectors. Other more specialized areas of enforcement covered by WHD are Severance Pay (often called the Plant Closing Law), the Substance Abuse Testing Act and the Prevailing Wage Rate Law. WHD also administers payments from the Wage Assurance Fund.

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Transfers one Occupational Health Specialist position and 3 Occupational Safety Engineer positions from the Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Regulation and Enforcement program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts between All Other and Personal Services.

Ref. #: 2451

Committee Vote:

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

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**REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$622,986	\$631,934	\$660,940	\$677,568
All Other	\$170,296	\$170,296	\$170,296	\$170,296
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$793,282	\$802,230	\$831,236	\$847,864

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$659,923	\$651,640	\$1,010,850	\$1,031,808
All Other	\$424,159	\$425,815	\$90,564	\$79,670
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,084,082	\$1,077,455	\$1,101,414	\$1,111,478

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,189,282	\$1,191,445	\$1,242,110	\$1,272,574
All Other	\$2,852,092	\$2,852,092	\$2,852,092	\$2,852,092
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,041,374	\$4,043,537	\$4,094,202	\$4,124,666
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	105.000	105.000	105.000	105.000
Personal Services	\$7,738,088	\$7,725,471	\$7,759,579	\$7,976,441
All Other	\$9,653,246	\$9,654,370	\$9,779,442	\$9,779,442
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,391,334	\$17,379,841	\$17,539,021	\$17,755,883
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$73,407	\$74,800	\$72,668	\$76,000
All Other	\$359,234	\$359,267	\$359,267	\$359,267
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$432,641	\$434,067	\$431,935	\$435,267

Justification:

This account funds the central administrative functions of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the direct-service programs of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). The majority of the budget, which provides \$4 of Federal funding for each \$1 of General Fund support, allows for DVR to provide comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities to enable them to obtain or maintain competitive employment. In addition, this account includes the budget for the Division on Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened which oversees contracts to provide advocacy and support to a possible 100,000 Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened individuals in Maine. Some independent living services are also provided to assist Mainers with disabilities obtain minor accommodations to their homes so that they do not need to go into nursing homes. All these services are supported through a Federal-State Vocational Rehabilitation partnership. Each year the division provides services in the form of counseling, training, job placement, advocacy and oversight of an Independent Living Services contract to over 10,000 people with disabilities.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected available resources.

Ref. #: 2492

Committee Vote:

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	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)

Justification:

This initiative reduces allotment in this account to reconcile with the amount of revenue received for a communications equipment contract of \$185,000.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for case services.

Ref. #: 2493

Committee Vote: IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

All Other

2017-18 2018-19

\$0 \$390,393

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$0 \$390,393

Justification:

This initiative, beginning in fiscal year 2018-19, will provide funds on an ongoing basis to help avoid a Category II wait list for individuals with significant disabilities.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Establishes 2 Rehabilitation Counselor I positions in the Rehabilitation Services program to provide pre-employment transitions services to expand opportunities for students with disabilities and provides funding for related All Other costs in the Administration - Labor program.

Ref. #: 2494

Committee Vote: IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

2017-18 2018-19

2.000 2.000

\$134,390 \$140,456

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$134,390 \$140,456

Justification:

These positions will be school-based positions to meet the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation goal to improve employment outcomes for youth with disabilities. These staff will provide pre-employment transitions services to expand opportunities for students with disabilities. Currently the bureau serves 3000 students per year; these positions would serve an additional 1000 students per year. These services will encourage students to pursue employment.

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Rehabilitation Services Manager position and 3 limited-period Rehabilitation Counselor I positions through June 30, 2019 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 2495

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Committee Vote: IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

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**REHABILITATION SERVICES 0799
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$1,189,282	\$1,191,445	\$1,376,500	\$1,413,030
All Other	\$2,852,092	\$2,852,092	\$2,852,092	\$3,242,485
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,041,374	\$4,043,537	\$4,228,592	\$4,655,515

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	105.000	105.000	100.000	97.000
Personal Services	\$7,738,088	\$7,725,471	\$7,708,742	\$7,727,172
All Other	\$9,653,246	\$9,654,370	\$10,976,898	\$11,252,793
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,391,334	\$17,379,841	\$18,685,640	\$18,979,965

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$73,407	\$74,800	\$72,668	\$76,000
All Other	\$359,234	\$359,267	\$209,267	\$209,267
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$432,641	\$434,067	\$281,935	\$285,267

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$1,574,864	\$1,580,826	\$1,628,624	\$1,682,278
All Other	\$752,512	\$750,803	\$750,803	\$750,803
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,327,376	\$2,331,629	\$2,379,427	\$2,433,081

Justification:

The purpose of the Safety Education and Training Fund (SETF) is to: improve occupational safety and health attitudes, programs and procedures in Maine workplaces; identify and promote initiatives to reduce the frequency, severity and cost of work-related injuries and illnesses; and promote best practice safety and health programs. To achieve these goals, the Bureau of Labor Standards provides technical assistance (including on-site consultation) to employers, trains employers and employees and supports private and public safety and health initiatives and research through a grant program. In addition, SETF funds support the bureau's research and information dissemination activities.

This program contains no General Fund appropriations.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Transfers one Occupational Health Specialist position and 3 Occupational Safety Engineer positions from the Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Regulation and Enforcement program, Federal Expenditures Fund and adjusts between All Other and Personal Services.

Ref. #: 2461

Committee Vote: OUT AFA Vote: _____
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	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4.000)	(4.000)
Personal Services	(\$335,251)	(\$346,145)
All Other	\$335,251	\$346,145
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Justification:

These positions have been re-assigned to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's State 23(g) program. The grant funds were originally allotted as All Other. This initiative will realign the positions with grant funding.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Reorganizes one Director, Bureau of Labor Standards position to a Public Service Executive II position.

Ref. #: 2462

Committee Vote: OUT AFA Vote: _____
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$308	\$200
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$308	\$200

Justification:

This initiative, pursuant to corresponding language that amends Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 6, subsection 5, would remove the Director, Bureau of Labor Standards position from the list of positions subject to adjustment by the Governor and reorganize it as a Public Service Executive II position. Also, this initiative changes both the current range of the position from an 86 to a range 35 and the job class code to the same job class code as other Department of Labor bureau directors.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Labor and Safety Inspector position from 15% Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 85% Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Safety Education and Training Programs program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Regulation and Enforcement program, General Fund. This initiative also eliminates one part-time Labor and Safety Inspector position in the Regulation and Enforcement program, General Fund to partially fund the reallocation.

Ref. #: 2463

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	(\$24,589)	(\$25,780)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$24,589)	(\$25,780)

Justification:

This request aligns the position funding with the work that is being performed. A part-time position is being eliminated to partially fund the reallocation.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Eliminates one Office Associate II position effective June 17, 2018.

Ref. #: 2464

Committee Vote:

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(7-6)

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$59,961)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$59,961)

Justification:

This position elimination results from the planned automation and implementation of self-service features, as well as staffing reorganization of the bureau, which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

iative: Eliminates one Occupational Health Specialist position and one vacant Office Associate II position.

Ref. #: 2465

Committee Vote:

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(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

2017-18	2018-19
(2,000)	(2,000)
(\$147,697)	(\$151,472)
<u>(\$147,697)</u>	<u>(\$151,472)</u>

Justification:

These position eliminations result from the planned modernization, as well as staffing reorganization of the bureau, which will affect the fiscal year 2017-18 budget.

**SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS 0161
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22,000	22,000	16,000	15,000
Personal Services	\$1,574,864	\$1,580,826	\$1,121,395	\$1,099,213
All Other	\$752,512	\$750,803	\$1,086,054	\$1,096,948
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,327,376</u>	<u>\$2,331,629</u>	<u>\$2,207,449</u>	<u>\$2,196,161</u>

State Workforce Investment Board Z158

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$299,645	\$300,270	\$320,088	\$329,318
All Other	\$52,923	\$52,751	\$52,751	\$52,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$352,568	\$353,021	\$372,839	\$382,069
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$15,771	\$15,802	\$16,846	\$17,331
All Other	\$81,741	\$81,708	\$81,708	\$81,708
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$97,512	\$97,510	\$98,554	\$99,039

Justification:

The State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB), formerly known as the Maine Jobs Council, was established with the realization that a more coordinated effort between business, labor, education, community organizations and the public is required to meet the current and future skills requirements for both employers and employees. The SWIB is focused on the following goals: closing the skills gap that exists between employer demand and current employee skill sets; encouraging employers to invest in the education and training of their employees through the creation and implementation of industry partnerships; ensure requisite coordination among the state public education and training institutions; and to ensure that public resources are targeted and tied to high quality measureable outcomes. To facilitate these goals, the SWIB works in conjunction with the Bureau of Employment Services to assist in the coordination of training, outreach, apprenticeship programs and the establishment of better training opportunities for individuals for current and future high demand jobs.

State Workforce Investment Board Z158

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Labor Program Specialist position, one Public Service Coordinator II position and one Public Service Manager III position from 95% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 2536

Committee Vote:

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(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$16,846	\$17,331
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$16,846	\$17,331

Ref. #: 2537

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	(\$16,846)	(\$17,331)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$16,846)	(\$17,331)

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Justification:

's initiative adjusts the positions to better align with the identified funding source.

**STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD Z158
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$299,645	\$300,270	\$336,934	\$346,649
All Other	\$52,923	\$52,751	\$52,751	\$52,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$352,568	\$353,021	\$389,685	\$399,400
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$15,771	\$15,802	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$81,741	\$81,708	\$81,708	\$81,708
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$97,512	\$97,510	\$81,708	\$81,708

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,201	\$64,142	\$66,151	\$69,552
All Other	\$184,868	\$184,011	\$184,011	\$184,011
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$248,069	\$248,153	\$250,162	\$253,563
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.500	21.500	21.500	21.500
Personal Services	\$1,917,253	\$1,909,111	\$1,934,245	\$1,987,557
All Other	\$1,029,758	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,947,011	\$2,939,792	\$2,964,926	\$3,018,238
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379

Justification:

The Workforce Research program supports services within the Department's Center for Workforce Research and Information. Services include the collection, analysis and dissemination of labor market information to assist Maine jobseekers, employers, policymakers, economic developers, educators, training planners and career guidance experts in making key decisions and plans for the future. In addition, the department is provided with economic, management, actuarial and strategic analysis to guide program planning and delivery for unemployment insurance systems and employment and training programs.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Transfers one Principal Economic Research Analyst position from the Workforce Research program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Employment Security Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

Ref. #: 2542

Committee Vote:

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(13-0)

AFA Vote:

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT
Personal Services
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

2017-18	2018-19
(1.000)	(1.000)
(\$120,009)	(\$121,057)
(\$120,009)	(\$121,057)

Justification:

This initiative changes the funding source of this position to better align funding with the work activity.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Statistician III position from 60% General Fund and 40% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. This initiative also reallocates the cost of one Senior Economic Research Analyst position from 25% General Fund and 75% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program; one Public Service Manager III position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund and one Statistical Program Supervisor position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% General Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 2543	Committee Vote: <u>IN</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
	(13-0)			
GENERAL FUND			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services			\$6,450	\$6,781
GENERAL FUND TOTAL			<u>\$6,450</u>	<u>\$6,781</u>

Ref. #: 2544	Committee Vote: <u>IN</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
	(13-0)			
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			1,000	1,000
Personal Services			(\$6,450)	(\$6,781)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			<u>(\$6,450)</u>	<u>(\$6,781)</u>

Justification:

This initiative accurately realigns the funding to the work being performed by the staff assigned to the Maine Workforce Longitudinal Data System and management of operations. There is a need for more involvement by the director to interact with partners and policymakers and oversee the expanded application of this powerful tool.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Statistician III position.

Ref. #: 2545	Committee Vote: <u>OUT</u>	AFA Vote: _____		
	(13-0)			
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT			(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services			(\$73,543)	(\$77,310)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL			<u>(\$73,543)</u>	<u>(\$77,310)</u>

Justification:

This elimination results from the planned staff reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2017-18 budget.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Eliminates 2 Senior Economic Research Analyst positions and one Statistician III position effective June 17, 2018.

Ref. #: 2546

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(3.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$262,640)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$262,640)

Justification:

These position eliminations result from the planned staffing reorganization of the bureau which will affect the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager III position from 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund to 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% General Fund and transfers and reallocates the cost of one Statistical Program Supervisor position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% General Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program beginning in fiscal year 2018-19. Also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Administration-Labor program.

Ref. #: 2547

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$76,335
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$76,335

Ref. #: 2548

Committee Vote:

OUT
(7-6)

AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$76,335)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$76,335)

Justification:

Provides funding for the Center for Workforce Research and Information Director position and a Statistical Program Supervisor position in the General Fund as the Workforce Data Quality Initiative grant providing the majority of the salary ends in the beginning of fiscal year 2018-19.

**WORKFORCE RESEARCH Z164
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,201	\$64,142	\$72,601	\$152,668
All Other	\$184,868	\$184,011	\$184,011	\$184,011
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$248,069	\$248,153	\$256,612	\$336,679
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.500	21.500	20.500	16.500
Personal Services	\$1,917,253	\$1,909,111	\$1,734,243	\$1,443,434
All Other	\$1,029,758	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,947,011	\$2,939,792	\$2,764,924	\$2,474,115
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379	\$54,379

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-
GENERAL FUND	\$10,865,333	\$11,435,905
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$76,784,638	\$76,809,556
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$13,679,999	\$13,658,253
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	\$174,350,000	\$174,350,000
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,884,297	\$3,876,967
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$279,564,267	\$280,130,681

Sec. A-57. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$642,652	\$630,975	\$685,847	\$695,839
All Other	\$4,093,229	\$4,576,709	\$4,576,709	\$4,576,709
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,735,881	\$5,207,684	\$5,262,556	\$5,272,548

Justification:

The Commissioner's Office was established to provide overall management and administrative oversight for the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's regulatory agencies and affiliated boards in the areas of policy development, administration, accounting, budgeting, personnel and information management systems. The commissioner directs the day-to-day management of the department and is responsible for reviewing the operation of the various agencies within and affiliated with the department to ensure that they comply with their statutory and public service responsibilities. The Administrative Services Division within the Commissioner's Office is responsible for providing the commissioner with departmental accounting and budgeting support and analysis, strategic planning support, purchasing and property recording and administration of internal controls for the department. The Information Systems Support Section within the Commissioner's Office coordinates automation and electronic communication initiatives, supports a comprehensive computer network enhancing each agency's ability to fulfill its mission and administers several specialized databases, including a centralized licensing database.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in technology costs and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2833

Committee Vote: IN AFA Vote: _____

(13-0)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2017-18	2018-19
All Other		\$47,939	\$47,939
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$47,939	\$47,939

Justification:

This request increases All Other allocation to fund DAFS, OIT personnel, IT Enterprise rate increase and STA-CAP charges.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Executive I position in the Professional and Financial Regulation - Administrative Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding in All Other to support the position.

Ref. #: 2834

Committee Vote: OUT AFA Vote: _____
(7-6)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,233	\$117,100
All Other	\$3,758	\$3,793
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$114,991	\$120,893

Justification:

This request increases Personal Services and All Other allocation for the purpose of establishing one full-time permanent Public Service Executive (EA31) position. The position will provide non-technical application management (prioritization, standardization, etc.); business process analysis; business continuity / disaster recovery analysis and planning; data security analysis and planning.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager I position from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program, Office of Information Services Fund, to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation Program, Other Special Revenue Funds and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the position. The employee retains all rights as a classified employee as well as all accrued fringe benefits, including but not limited to vacation and sick leave, health and life insurances, and retirement benefits.

Ref. #: 2835

Committee Vote: IN AFA Vote: _____
(13-0)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,090	\$112,122
All Other	(\$125,389)	(\$125,383)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$14,299)	(\$13,261)

Justification:

This initiative transfers one Public Service Manager I (MA27) position from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services Program to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation Program and reduces All Other to fund the transfer. Transferring the position better reflects the duties of the position which are non-technical functions such as user-end assistance, training and problem resolution. See ADM change package C-A-13.

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Reduces funding to bring allocation in line with available contract resources projected annually.

Ref. #: 2836

Committee Vote: LOCKED - 86 AFA Vote: _____
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	(\$502,940)	(\$502,940)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$502,940)	(\$502,940)

Justification:

Although the Agency Licensing Management System (ALMS) is continually being enhanced to meet statutory requirements and changing business needs, the reduction to allocation will not prevent the Department from properly maintaining and updating the application.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION 0094**PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030	\$10,030
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$642,652	\$630,975	\$908,170	\$925,061
All Other	\$4,093,229	\$4,576,709	\$4,000,077	\$4,000,118
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,735,881	\$5,207,684	\$4,908,247	\$4,925,179

Dental Practice - Board of 0384

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$322,536	\$321,976	\$335,618	\$343,664
All Other	\$210,079	\$209,240	\$209,240	\$209,240
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$532,615	\$531,216	\$544,858	\$552,904

Justification:

The Board of Dental Examiners was established to protect the lives and health of the people of the State of Maine through regulation of the practice of dentistry to maintain high professional standards. The primary responsibilities of the board are to license qualified applicants for a certificate to practice dentistry, dental hygiene therapy, dental hygiene, denturism, radiography or expanded function dental assisting in Maine; to collect payment of specified fees to register dentists, dental hygiene therapists, dental hygienists, and denturists biennially who have completed the appropriate continuing education requirements, as well as radiographers and expanded function dental assistants every five years who are practicing in the State; to approve continuing education courses for appropriateness and acceptability; to make such rules, not contrary to law, as the board deems necessary for the performance of its duties; to investigate all complaints and all cases of noncompliance with, or violations of, the provisions of laws and board rules relating to all licensees and to institute or cause to be instituted appropriate proceedings in connection therewith. The board also conducts office inspections and grants permits to qualified dentists for both general anesthesia and moderate sedation permits. In addition, the board examines and grants permits to those dental hygienists who apply and qualify for a local anesthesia permit or a nitrous oxide permit. The board also manages the Public Health Supervision Status (PHSS) program for dental hygienists. The board is authorized to affiliate with the American Association of Dental Boards as an active member to assist in accomplishing those objectives.

Dental Practice - Board of 0384

Initiative: Reorganizes one vacant Office Specialist I Supervisor position to one Consumer Assistance and Hearing Coordinator position and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

Ref. #: 2870

Committee Vote:

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(13-0)

AFA Vote:

	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	\$6,124	\$6,460
All Other	(\$6,124)	(\$6,460)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This reorganization will better reflect the board's current staffing needs. The change will streamline consumer assistance and hearing efforts. The position will work directly with consumers and service providers to mediate complex disputes; coordinate hearings; review cases and provide a designated point of contact for all dental related consumer inquiries.

Dental Practice - Board of 0384

Initiative: Provides funding for per diem payments for board and subcommittee dental practice members.

Ref. #: 2871

Committee Vote:

1N
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

HER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$3,540	\$3,540
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,540</u>	<u>\$3,540</u>

Justification:

This initiative provides sufficient funding to compensate board members for increase number of hearings and/or meetings.

**DENTAL PRACTICE - BOARD OF 0384
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$322,536	\$321,976	\$345,282	\$353,664
All Other	\$210,079	\$209,240	\$203,116	\$202,780
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$532,615</u>	<u>\$531,216</u>	<u>\$548,398</u>	<u>\$556,444</u>

**ENGINEERS - BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$171,178	\$169,143	\$180,214	\$183,581
All Other	\$116,983	\$111,753	\$119,748	\$111,753
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$288,161	\$280,896	\$299,962	\$295,334

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.500	55.500	55.500	55.500
Personal Services	\$4,383,820	\$4,347,722	\$4,441,670	\$4,542,865
All Other	\$2,107,273	\$2,111,460	\$2,111,460	\$2,111,460
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,491,093	\$6,459,182	\$6,553,130	\$6,654,325

Justification:

The Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) was established in 1976 as an umbrella administrative agency for many professional and occupational licensing programs. The statutory mission of OPOR is to protect the public from unqualified and unscrupulous practitioners by licensing qualified individuals in a wide variety of professions and occupations and by imposing discipline on licensed individuals and entities, when warranted, to prevent harm to the public. Full-time staff and board members appointed by the Governor are assigned to licensing programs to provide the expertise, facilities and resources necessary to administer occupational and professional licensing programs established by the Maine Legislature to ensure public protection.

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant part-time Office Specialist I position and one vacant part-time Office Assistant II position.

Ref. #: 2846

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.500)	(1.500)
Personal Services	(\$42,199)	(\$44,354)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$42,199)	(\$44,354)

Justification:

The Office has been continually evolving with the increased use of technology, specifically enhancing online services, promoting paperless licensing and document management. As the Office evolves, it has continually reviewed and reevaluated all programs, processes and staff. This has resulted in the reorganization of positions and processes. These reorganizations have resulted in the ability to eliminate two part-time positions within the Office. Some of the funding associated with the positions will fund reorganizational objectives, but the headcount and remaining allocation can be reduced.

**LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT 0352
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.500	55.500	54.000	54.000
Personal Services	\$4,383,820	\$4,347,722	\$4,399,471	\$4,498,511
All Other	\$2,107,273	\$2,111,460	\$2,111,460	\$2,111,460
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,491,093	\$6,459,182	\$6,510,931	\$6,609,971

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.770	0.770	0.770	0.770
Personal Services	\$941,342	\$940,540	\$916,115	\$949,511
All Other	\$757,021	\$741,132	\$741,132	\$741,132
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,698,363	\$1,681,672	\$1,657,247	\$1,690,643

Justification:

The Board of Licensure in Medicine was established in 1896 to safeguard the lives and health of the people of Maine through regulation of medical practice. The board, funded solely from fees from its licensees, is charged to license and establish the minimum qualifications and standards of medical practice, grant or withhold the privilege to practice medicine after examining the qualifications of physician and physician assistant applicants, and biennially review these professionals based upon appropriate continuing medical education and professional conduct; discipline and enforce the Medical Practice Act, Title 24, to investigate complaints and allegations of noncompliance with the laws and board rules relating to physicians, surgeons and physician assistants, to hold public disciplinary hearings and take action in the form of probation, censure, reprimand, fine, suspension, or license revocation; educate and provide appropriate clinical and professional standards for licensees, educate the public, through the board's consumer assistant, regarding acceptable clinical care, and make detailed reports to the public and to national databases regarding discipline. The board also coordinates with other state and international regulators regarding cross-border licensing, medical practice and professional performance, and cross-border drug issues.

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Reallocates the cost and related STA-CAP charges of one Consumer Assistant Specialist position from 100% Board of Licensure in Medicine program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 90% Board of Licensure in Medicine program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 10% Board of Osteopathic Licensure program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

Ref. #: 2859

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote:

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	(\$6,124)	(\$6,383)
All Other	(\$107)	(\$112)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$6,231)	(\$6,495)

Justification:

This reallocation is mutually beneficial to the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine. This change will reduce the resources used by the Board of Medicine to better reflect their use and need of this position while allowing the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to utilize the skills of the Consumer Assistance and Hearing Coordinator position without the full outlay of resources required to fund a new position.

**LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.770	0.770	0.770	0.770
Personal Services	\$941,342	\$940,540	\$909,991	\$943,128
All Other	\$757,021	\$741,132	\$741,025	\$741,020
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,698,363	\$1,681,672	\$1,651,016	\$1,684,148

Manufactured Housing Board 0351

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$26,619
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$26,619

Justification:

The Manufactured Housing Board protects the public by licensing and regulating manufacturers, dealers of manufactured housing doing business in Maine and all mobile home parks in the state to protect the occupants from safety and health issues. The board enforces federal manufacturing and installation specifications for this kind of housing, inspects installations of manufactured housing units and assists consumers in resolving complaints with manufacturers and dealers. The board also administers the state warranty law applicable to manufactured housing. This program represents the United States Housing and Urban Development agency for the State of Maine and is authorized to discipline licensees when warranted.

Manufactured Housing Board 0351

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected available resources.

Ref. #: 2839

Committee Vote:

IN
(13-0)

AFA Vote:

		2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
All Other		(\$4,133)	(\$4,133)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL		(\$4,133)	(\$4,133)

Justification:

This request reduces allocation in the Manufactured Housing Board program to bring expenses in line with available resources.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD 0351

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$22,486	\$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,619	\$26,619	\$22,486	\$22,486

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND				
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144
	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Personal Services	\$609,872	\$603,001	\$604,848	\$617,239
All Other	\$479,528	\$479,548	\$479,548	\$479,548
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,089,400	\$1,082,549	\$1,084,396	\$1,096,787

Justification:

The State Board of Nursing was established to protect the public through regulation of nursing practice to maintain high professional standards. The primary responsibilities are to license, by examination or endorsement, all applicants qualified to practice as registered nurses, licensed practical nurses or advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) - which include certified registered nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives and clinical nurse specialists; to renew the licenses of all qualified registered nurses and practical nurses and APRNs; to investigate complaints of unsafe nursing practice or any violation of laws relating to nursing and determine, in collaboration with the Attorney General, if the case should be presented for a formal hearing; to adopt rules and regulations governing licensure of nurses and other matters within its jurisdiction; and approve curriculum for programs of training that prepare certified nursing assistants to perform selected nursing services when such services are delegated by a registered nurse. Additional responsibilities of the board are to prescribe curricula and establish standards for educational programs preparing persons for licensure as registered nurses or as licensed practical nurses; to approve nursing educational programs in the State that meet the requirements of law and the standards established by the board; to survey all such nursing educational programs as deemed necessary to determine that the requirements of the law and board standards are being maintained; to deny or withdraw approval from such nursing educational programs for failure to meet requirements; and to approve the credentials of registered nurses who have completed an educational program that prepares the registered nurse to function as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: Provides funding for legal services and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2855

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$77,655	\$82,701
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77,655	\$82,701

Justification:

This request provides allocation for an increase in legal services and related STA-CAP charges. The State Board of Nursing program has increased their use of Attorney General services as a result of increased case reviews and related actions. Utilizing these legal services helps the board to fulfill its regulatory purpose to protect the public health and welfare of Maine citizens in the area of nursing service.

**NURSING - BOARD OF 0372
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144	\$10,144
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$609,872	\$603,001	\$604,848	\$617,239
All Other	\$479,528	\$479,548	\$557,203	\$562,249
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,089,400	\$1,082,549	\$1,162,051	\$1,179,488

Optometry - Board of 0385

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,771	\$46,793	\$48,313	\$48,783
All Other	\$28,043	\$28,044	\$28,044	\$28,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$74,814	\$74,837	\$76,357	\$76,827

Justification:

The State Board of Optometry was established to protect the public through the regulation of the practice of optometry in the State of Maine by maintaining high professional standards. The responsibilities of the board are to examine and license qualified applicants to practice the profession of optometry in the State of Maine, to renew all licenses upon payment of a specified fee and proof that the licensee attended the required educational programs approved by the board, and to revoke, refuse or suspend any license for violation of the laws relating to optometry. The board also investigates all complaints and cases of noncompliance with optometry laws, rules and regulations, conducts hearings and brings all such cases to the attention of the proper prosecuting officer.

Optometry - Board of 0385

Initiative: Provides funding for out-of-state travel and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2874

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	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$6,369	\$6,369
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,369	\$6,369

Justification:

The State Board of Optometry requires additional allocation to cover out-of-state travel expenses and related STA-CAP charges, for staff and board members to attend the annual Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry conference. The annual conference allows the board to stay current with nationwide changes and trends in optometry regulation.

**OPTOMETRY - BOARD OF 0385
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,771	\$46,793	\$48,313	\$48,783
All Other	\$28,043	\$28,044	\$34,413	\$34,413
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$74,814	\$74,837	\$82,726	\$83,196

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$10,236

\$10,236

Justification:

This request increases allocation for hearing officer, medical record review, case evaluator services and related STA-CAP charges. These costs are anticipated to rise as a result of an increase in reviews requested by the board.

Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the technology costs associated with a website update and related STA-CAP charges in fiscal year 2017-18.

Ref. #: 2864

One Time

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2017-18

2018-19

\$5,118

\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$5,118

\$0

Justification:

The Board of Osteopathic Licensure requires additional allocation to update their website and related STA-CAP charges. The updated website would be more user friendly for licensees and the general public.

Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383

Initiative: Provides funding for general operations costs associated with rulemaking, board member travel and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2865

Committee Vote:

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(13-0)

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

2017-18

2018-19

\$5,118

\$5,118

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

\$5,118

\$5,118

Justification:

This request increases allocation for rulemaking, board member travel and related STA-CAP charges. An increase in allocation for rulemaking will allow the board more flexibility in responding to changes in the field. The current composition of the board includes some members who are traveling from a farther distance than previously appointed board members, this has caused in increase in travel costs.

Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in legal services and related STA-CAP charges.

Ref. #: 2866

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$2,196	\$1,371
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,196	\$1,371

Justification:

This request provides allocation for an increase in legal services costs and the STA-CAP charges associated with those expenses.

**OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$77,124	\$75,780	\$84,192	\$85,069
All Other	\$157,480	\$151,624	\$174,437	\$168,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$234,604	\$227,404	\$258,629	\$253,569

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$42,660	\$42,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,421,960	\$15,587,329
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$15,464,620	\$15,629,989

Sec. A-61. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$121,424	\$121,072	\$123,575	\$124,612
All Other	\$39,086	\$39,086	\$39,086	\$39,086
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$160,510	\$160,158	\$162,661	\$163,698

Justification:

The Division of Building Codes and Standards exist to adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes and provide training for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers, and third-party inspectors.

Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

Initiative: Eliminates one Office Specialist I position and associated All Other costs.

Ref. #: 3088

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$68,160)	(\$68,771)
All Other	(\$38,409)	(\$38,404)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$106,569)	(\$107,175)

Justification:

This request eliminates one Office Specialist I position due to transfer of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD). The duties of the position will be assigned to existing staff within DECD. A corresponding initiative is being submitted by DECD.

Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

Initiative: Reallocates one Public Safety License Inspection Supervisor position and related All Other costs from 50% Division of the Uniform Building Codes and Standards program and 50% Office of the State Fire Marshal program to 100% Office of the State Fire Marshal program within the same fund.

Ref. #: 3089

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	(\$55,415)	(\$55,840)
All Other	(\$677)	(\$682)

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

(\$56,092) (\$56,523)

Justification:

This request reallocates 50% of one Public Safety License Inspection Supervisor due to transfer of the Division of Building Codes and Standards program to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

**DIVISION OF BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS Z073
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$121,424	\$121,072	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$39,086	\$39,086	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$160,510	\$160,158	\$0	\$0

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2017-18 2018

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$0 \$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$0 \$0

Sec. A-69. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community Z169

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND All Other	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$864,475
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$864,475

Justification:

Provides funds for the only statewide women's economic development organization in Maine to provide programs which offer skills development and support in career planning, entrepreneurship, and financial planning.

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community Z169

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased personnel costs to deliver core workforce, financial and microenterprise services in person and online.

Ref. #: 3243

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND All Other	\$33,125	\$50,175
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$33,125	\$50,175

Justification:

This initiative covers negotiated cost of living and benefit increases for the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program.

**MAINE CENTERS FOR WOMEN, WORK AND COMMUNITY Z169
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND All Other	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$897,600	\$914,650
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$864,475	\$864,475	\$897,600	\$914,650

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018
 GENERAL FUND	\$897,600	\$914,650
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$897,600	\$914,650

Sec. A-70. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	108.000	108.000	108.000	108.000
Personal Services	\$9,172,626	\$9,082,522	\$9,405,318	\$9,568,060
All Other	\$2,117,885	\$2,174,059	\$2,174,059	\$2,174,059
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,290,511	\$11,256,581	\$11,579,377	\$11,742,119

Justification:

The Workers' Compensation Board serves the employees and employers of the state by ensuring compliance with the workers' compensation laws, ensuring the prompt payment of benefits legally due, resolving disputes through the agency's dispute resolution process and facilitating labor-management cooperation.

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Secretary Legal position from 70 hours to 80 hours biweekly.

Ref. #: 3253

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services		\$7,595	\$7,982
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$7,595	\$7,982

Justification:

This position is being reorganized to meet operational needs. Hours are increased from 70 hours to 80 hours biweekly to support an Administrative Law Judge. The increase in baseline revenue authorized by Public Law 2015, chapter 469 provides the resources to cover the increased costs.

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Assistant II position to an Office Associate II position.

Ref. #: 3254

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services		\$6,213	\$6,490
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		\$6,213	\$6,490

Justification:

This approved position is being reorganized to meet operational needs. Reorganization will put staff in all offices performing similar duties, supporting Claims Resolution Specialists, in parity. The increase in baseline revenue authorized by Public Law 2015, chapter 469 provides the resources to cover the increased costs. This is a continuation of I-A-7021 in the supplemental budget submission for fiscal year 2016-17.

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in operational expenses.

Ref. #: 3255

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

	2017-18	2018-19
	\$244,410	\$280,591

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

	\$244,410	\$280,591
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Justification:

This initiative will realign budgeted expenditures to more accurately reflect the agency's expenditure trends for professional services, travel, insurance, OIT, general operation and STA-CAP charges. The increase in revenue authorized by Public Law 2015, chapter 469 provides the resources to cover the increased costs.

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Assistant II position to a Secretary position.

Ref. #: 3256

Committee Vote:

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services

	2017-18	2018-19
	\$3,730	\$5,295

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL

	\$3,730	\$5,295
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Justification:

The position provides clerical and administrative support, in conjunction with one other position (Secretary Legal), to 4 para-professional and professional staff. This approved reorganization will permit the incumbent to perform higher level support functions needed by the evolving workload of the office and ensure the position is classified consistent with other staff performing similar duties. This is a continuation of I-A-7020 in the supplemental budget submission for fiscal year 2016-17.

**ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	108.000	108.000	108.000	108.000
Personal Services	\$9,172,626	\$9,082,522	\$9,422,856	\$9,587,827
All Other	\$2,117,885	\$2,174,059	\$2,418,469	\$2,454,650
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,290,511	\$11,256,581	\$11,841,325	\$12,042,477

Employment Rehabilitation Program 0195

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000

Justification:

The Employment Rehabilitation Fund was established for the sole purpose of making payments in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 101, et seq.

Pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 355, employers are entitled to reimbursement for certain wage loss benefits if an employee that has completed rehabilitation efforts suffers a subsequent injury that is more serious because of the first injury. Employers may also be entitled to a wage credit when hiring employees that have successfully completed rehabilitation programs pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 217.

Evaluations for rehabilitation conducted pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 217, subsection 1 must be paid from the Employment Rehabilitation Fund.

The costs of implementing plans must be paid from the Employment Rehabilitation Fund if an employer refuses to pay voluntarily. These expenditures may be recovered if the plan is successful.

**EMPLOYMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM 0195
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000

Workers' Compensation Board 0751

Alternative: BASELINE BUDGET

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820	\$10,820	\$10,820
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,820	\$20,820	\$20,820	\$20,820

Justification:

This program is the account established to support the official business of the board of directors and it is funded within the available current services funds. This account funds the board members' per diem and travel expenses.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0751
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

	History 2015-16	History 2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820	\$10,820	\$10,820
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,820	\$20,820	\$20,820	\$20,820

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

\$11,987,145 \$12,188,297

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$11,987,145 \$12,188,297

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 153 Committee Vote: _____ AFA Vote: _____

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$1,481	\$1,484
All Other	(\$1,481)	(\$1,484)
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 2453 Committee Vote: IN AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$7,706	\$2,939
All Other	(\$7,706)	(\$2,939)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 2466 Committee Vote: IN AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$7,706	\$2,938
All Other	(\$7,706)	(\$2,938)

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

PART Q

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Sec. Q-1. Rename Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program within the University of Maine System is renamed the New Ventures Maine program.

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This Part changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program to the New Ventures Maine program to reflect the name currently used by the University of Maine System.

PART NNN

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Sec. NNN-1. Transfer; unexpended funds; Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program; Other Special Revenue Funds balance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$68,163 no later than June 30, 2018 from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART NNN
SUMMARY

This Part requires the State Controller to transfer \$68,163 from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by the close of fiscal year 2017-18.

PART OOO

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IN 13-0

Sec. OOO-1. Transfer; unexpended funds; Economic Opportunity program; Other Special Revenue Funds balance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$78 no later than June 30, 2018 from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART OOO
SUMMARY

This Part requires the State Controller to transfer \$78 from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by the close of fiscal year 2017-18.

PART PPP

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IN 13-0

Sec. PPP-1. Transfer; unexpended funds; Job Retention Program; Other Special Revenue Funds balance. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,765 no later than June 30, 2018 from the Job Retention Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Economic and Community Development to the General Fund unappropriated surplus.

PART PPP
SUMMARY

This Part requires the State Controller to transfer \$2,765 from the Job Retention Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund by the close of fiscal year 2017-18.

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PART ZZZZ

Sec. ZZZZ-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

5. Range 86. The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 86:

Director of Labor
Standards; State Archivist;
Director, Division of Land Use Planning, Permitting and Compliance;
~~Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission;~~
Child Welfare Services Ombudsman; and
Director of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Sec. ZZZZ-2. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 405, Pt. D, §4, is further amended to read:

6. Range 85. The salaries of the following state officials and employees are within salary range 85:

Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency;
~~Members, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission;~~
Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management;
Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services; and
Executive Analyst, Board of Environmental Protection.

Sec. ZZZZ-3. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §144, is further amended to read:

2. Salaries. The members of the commission shall receive a fixed weekly salary set by the Commissioner of Labor in accordance with Title 2, ~~section 626, section 1401-B,~~ subsection 1-C, and shall be paid from the Employment Security Administration Fund.

Sec. ZZZZ-4. 26 MRSA §1081, sub-§4, is enacted to read:

4. Removal. Members must be sworn and may be removed by the Governor for inefficiency, willful neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but only with the review and concurrence of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters upon hearing in executive session or by impeachment. Before removing a commission member, the Governor shall notify the President of the Senate and the

PART ZZZZ

Speaker of the House of Representatives of the removal and the reasons for the removal.

Sec. ZZZZ-5. 26 MRSA §1401-B, sub-1-B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 467, §5, is further amended to read:

B. The commissioner shall appoint to serve at the commissioner's pleasure and set the salaries of the:

- (1) Deputy Commissioner;
- (2) Director of Legislative Affairs;
- (3) Director of Operations;
- (3) Director of Communications;
- (5) Director, Bureau of Labor Standards;
- (6) Director, Bureau of Employment Services;
- (7) Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services;
- (8)Director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation.

Sec. ZZZZ-6. 26 MRSA §1401-B, sub§-1, ¶C, is enacted to

read: C. The commissioner shall set the salaries of:

- (1)Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission; and
- (2)Members, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission.

PART ZZZZ SUMMARY

Section 1 of this Part removes the requirement that the salaries of the Director of Labor Standards and the Chair of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission be subject to adjustment by the Governor. This change will allow the Department of Labor to reorganize the positions to a Public Service Executive II positions, in keeping with the classification of other bureau directors in the department.

Section 2 of this Part removes the requirement that the salaries of the members of the

Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission be subject to adjustment by the Governor. This change will allow the Department of Labor to reorganize it to a Public Service Executive II position.

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PART AAAAA

Sec. AAAAA-1. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§14, ¶¶ A and B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 657, §2 and affected by PL 1995, c. 657, §10, is further amended to read:

A. The Director of Unemployment Compensation or a representative of the commissioner duly authorized by the commissioner to do so shall determine whether an employing unit is an employer and whether services performed for or in connection with the business of the employing unit constitute employment, and shall give written notice of the determination to the employing unit. Unless the employing unit, within 30 calendar days after notification was mailed to its last known address, files an appeal from that determination to the Division of Administrative Hearings, the determination is final.

B. After a determination has been made under paragraph A, the Director of Unemployment Compensation or a representative of the commissioner may within one year reconsider the determination in the light of additional evidence and make a redetermination and shall give written notice of the redetermination to the employing unit. Unless the employing unit, within 30 calendar days after notification was mailed to its last known address, files an appeal from that redetermination to the Division of Administrative Hearings, the redetermination is final.

Sec. AAAAA-2. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§14, ¶C, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §145, is repealed.

Sec. AAAAA-3. 26 MRSA §1082, sub-§14, ¶D, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §472, is further amended to read:

D. Appeal. The employer or the commissioner may appeal the decision of the Division of Administrative Hearings to the commission, which may affirm, modify or reverse the decision upon review of the record. The commission may hold further hearing or may remand the case to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the taking of additional evidence. Upon appeal of such determination or redetermination, the commission shall after affording the employing unit a reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, make findings of fact and render its decision which may affirm, modify, or reverse the determination of the Director of Unemployment Compensation or its representative. Such hearings shall be conducted in accordance with Title 5, section 9051 et seq. The commission shall notify the parties to the proceeding of its findings of fact and decision, and such decision shall be subject to appeal pursuant to Title 5, section 11001 et seq. In the absence of appeal therefrom, the determination of the commission, together with the record of the proceeding under this subsection, shall be admissible in any subsequent material proceeding under this chapter, and if supported by evidence, and in the absence of fraud, shall be conclusive, except as to errors of law, upon any employing unit which was a party to the proceeding under this subsection.

Sec. AAAAA-4. 26 MRSA §1226, as amended by PL 1995, c. 657, §6, and affected

PART AAAAA

by PL 1995, c. 657, §10, is further amended to read:

§1226. Appeal of determination or assessment

1. Appeal to the commission.

A. An employer may appeal determinations by the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representatives made under sections 1082(14), 1221, 1222, and 1225, and 1228, or an assessment made under section 1225, to ~~the~~ the Division of Administrative Hearings by filing an appeal, in accordance with regulations that the commission prescribes, within 30 days after notification is mailed to the employer's last known address as it appears in the records of the bureau or, in the absence of such mailing, within 30 days after the notification is delivered. If the employer fails to perfect this appeal, the assessment or determination is final as to law and fact.

B. Upon appeal from such assessment or determination the ~~commission~~ Division of Administrative Hearings shall, after affording the appellant and the commissioner's designated representative a reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, make finding of facts and render its decision, which may affirm, modify or reverse the action of the designated representative. The conduct of the hearings shall be governed by regulations of the commission consistent with Title 5, section 9051 et seq. ~~The commission~~ Division of Administrative Hearings shall promptly notify the parties to the proceeding of its finding of facts and its decision. The decision shall be subject to appeal to the commission, which may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Division of Administrative Hearings based on the evidence presented or it may remand the case to the Division of Administrative Hearings for further hearing pursuant to the commission's regulations. The decision of the commission shall be subject to appeal pursuant to Title 5, section 11001 et seq. The commissioner shall have the right to appeal a final decision of the ~~Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission~~ Commission to the Superior Court.

**PART AAAAA
SUMMARY**

This Part moves the original jurisdiction of employer unemployment appeals cases from the gubernatorial appointed Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Division of Administrative Hearings within the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation of the Maine Department of Labor to conform with federal law.

This Part also revises the statutes to meet Section 303(a)(3) of the Federal Social Security Act requires that the first level of appeals hearings must be conducted by a "merit-staffed governmental employee" in order to meet the impartial hearing requirement of section 303(a)(3). For the purposes of this provision, merit-staffed means that the individuals are subject to personnel standards based on a merit system and are not political appointees.

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PART BBBBB

Sec. BBBBB-1. 26 MRS §1166, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §1, is repealed.

**PART BBBBB
SUMMARY**

This Part allows any unencumbered balance in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund to be carried forward into the subsequent year to be used for the same purpose without specific legislative approval.

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Amend Part CCCCC with the following highlighted changes.

Sec. CCCCC-1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub- §3, as amended by PL 2009, c. 466, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Weekly benefit for partial unemployment. Each eligible individual who is partially unemployed in any week must be paid a partial benefit for that week. The partial benefit is equal to the weekly benefit amount less the individual's weekly earnings in excess of \$25-\$100, effective the first full benefit week beginning on or after January 1, 2018. The following amounts are not considered wages for purposes of this subsection:

- A. Amounts received from the Federal Government by a member of the National Guard and organized reserve, including base pay and allowances;
- B. Amounts received as a volunteer firefighter or as a volunteer emergency medical services person;
- C. Amounts received as an elected member of the Legislature; and
- D. Earnings for the week received as a result of participation in full-time training under the United States Trade Act of 1974 as amended by the United States Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009 up to an amount equal to the individual's most recent weekly benefit amount.

Sec. CCCCC-2. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§§3, 4 and 4-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 107, §§1, 2, is further amended to read:

3. Experience rating record.

A. At the time the status of an employing unit is ascertained to be that of an employer, the commissioner shall establish and maintain, until the employer status is terminated, for the employer an experience rating record, to which are credited all the contributions that the employer pays on the employer's own behalf. This chapter may not be construed to grant any employer or individuals in the employer's service prior claims or rights to the amounts paid by the employer into the fund. Benefits paid to an eligible individual under the Maine Employment Security Law must be charged against the experience rating record of the claimant's ~~most recent subject employers~~ in a ratio inversely proportional to the claimant's employment beginning with the most recent employer effective January 1, 2018 or to the General Fund if the otherwise chargeable experience rating record is that of an employer whose status as such has

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been terminated; except that no charge may be made to an individual employer but must be made to the General Fund if the commission finds that:

(1) The claimant's separation from the claimant's last employer was for misconduct in connection with the claimant's employment or was voluntary without good cause attributable to the employer;

(2) The claimant has refused to accept reemployment in suitable work when offered by a previous employer, without good cause attributable to the employer;

(3) Benefits paid are not chargeable against any employer's experience rating record in accordance with section 1194, subsection 11, paragraphs B and C;

(5) Reimbursements are made to a state, the Virgin Islands or Canada for benefits paid to a claimant under a reciprocal benefits arrangement as authorized in section 1082, subsection 12, as long as the wages of the claimant transferred to the other state, the Virgin Islands or Canada under such an arrangement are less than the amount of wages for insured work required for benefit purposes by section 1192, subsection 5;

(6) The claimant was hired by the claimant's last employer to fill a position left open by a Legislator given a leave of absence under chapter 7, subchapter 5-A, and the claimant's separation from this employer was because the employer restored the Legislator to the position after the Legislator's leave of absence as required by chapter 7, subchapter 5-A;

(7) The claimant was hired by the claimant's last employer to fill a position left open by an individual who left to enter active duty in the United States military, and the claimant's separation from this employer was because the employer restored the military serviceperson to the person's former employment upon separation from military service; or

(8) The claimant was hired by the claimant's last employer to fill a position left open by an individual given a leave of absence for family medical leave provided under Maine or federal law, and the claimant's separation from this employer was because the employer restored the individual to the position at the completion of the leave.

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A-2. No charge shall be made to an individual employer or governmental entity for benefits paid to any individual whose base-period wages include wages for previously uncovered services as defined in section 1043, subsection 19, paragraph C to the extent that the unemployment compensation fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to section 121 of PL 94-566. No charge shall be made to an employer or governmental entity for benefits paid to any individual if eligibility for such benefits would not have

been established but for the use of wages paid for previously uncovered services.

B. The commissioner shall classify employers in accordance with their actual experience in the payment of contributions on their own behalf and with respect to benefits charged against their "experience rating records" and shall submit in his annual report to the Governor, the results of the actual experience in payment of contributions on behalf of the individual employers and with respect to benefits charged to their "experience rating records" together with the recommendations relative to the advisability of the continuance of the rates based on benefit experience.

C.

~~C-1. Beginning March 14, 2014, for the purposes of paragraph A, the experience rating record of the most recent subject employer may not be charged with benefits paid to a claimant whose work record with such employer totaled 5 consecutive weeks or less of total or partial employment, but in such case the most recent subject employer with whom the claimant's work record exceeded 5 consecutive weeks of total or partial employment must be charged, if such employer would have otherwise been chargeable had not subsequent employment intervened.~~

D. This subsection shall apply only to employers subject to payment of contributions as provided in subsections 1 and 2.

E. An employer's experience rating record may not be relieved of charges relating to an erroneous payment from the fund if the bureau determines that:

(1) The erroneous payment was made because the employer or agent of the employer was at fault for failing to respond timely or adequately to a written or electronic request from the bureau for information relating to the claim for unemployment compensation; and

(2) The employer or agent of the employer has established a pattern of failing to respond timely or adequately to written or electronic requests from the bureau for information relating to claims for unemployment compensation.

A determination of the bureau not to relieve charges pursuant to this paragraph is subject to appeal as other determinations of the bureau with respect to the charging of employers' experience rating records.

4. Employer's experience classifications. The commissioner shall compute annually contribution rates for each employer based on his own experience rating record and shall designate a contribution rate schedule.

A. The standard rate of contributions shall be 5.4%. No contributing employer's rate may

be varied from the standard rate, unless and until his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year; each contributing employer newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions at the average contribution rate, rounded to the next higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by contributing employers for the 12-month period immediately preceding the last computation date, provided such rate may not exceed 3.0% nor be less than 1%; provided that, with respect to the rate year beginning January 1, 1986, and each rate year thereafter, the rate shall not exceed 4.0% nor be less than 1% and until such time as his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year, and for rate years thereafter his contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with subsections 3 and 4.

B. Subject to paragraph A, each employer's contribution rate for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year is based upon the employer's experience rating record and determined from the employer's reserve ratio, which is the percent obtained by dividing the amount by which, if any, the employer's contributions credited from the time the employer first or most recently became an employer, whichever date is later, and up to and including June 30th of the preceding year, including any part of the employer's contributions due for that year paid on or before July 31st of that year, exceed the employer's benefits charged during the same period, by the employer's average annual payroll for the 36-

consecutive-month period ending June 30th of the preceding year. The employer's contribution rate is the percent shown on the line of the following table on which in column A there is indicated the employer's reserve ratio and under the schedule within which the reserve multiple falls as of September 30th of each year. The following table applies for each 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year as determined by paragraph C. ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, each employer's contribution rate computed and effective as of July 1, 1981, is for the 6-month period ending December 31, 1981.~~

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer

Reserve Ratio

When Reserve Multiple is:

Equal to or	Less	over	2.37-	2.23-	2.09-	1.95-	1.81-	1.67-	1.53-
more than	Than	2.50	2.50	2.36	2.22	2.08	1.94	1.80	1.66

Column A

Schedules

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
19.0% and over		0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%
18.0%	19.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%
17.0%	18.0%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%
16.0%	17.0%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%
15.0%	16.0%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%
14.0%	15.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%
13.0%	14.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%
12.0%	13.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%
11.0%	12.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%
10.0%	11.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%
9.0%	10.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%
8.0%	9.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
7.0%	8.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%
6.0%	7.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%
5.0%	6.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%
4.0%	5.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%
3.0%	4.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%
2.0%	3.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%
1.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%
.0%	1.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%
-1.0%	.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%
-2.0%	-1.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%
-3.0%	-2.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
-4.0%	-3.0%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%

-5.0%	-4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%
-6.0%	-5.0%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%
-7.0%	-6.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%
-8.0%	-7.0%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
-9.0%	-8.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%
-10.0%	-9.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%
-11.0%	-10.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%
-12.0%	-11.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%
under	-12.0%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer Reserve Ratio		When Reserve Multiple is:								
Equal to or more than Column A	Less than	1.39-1.52	1.25-1.38	1.11-1.24	.97-1.10	.83-.96	.68-.82	.45-.67	under .45	
		Schedules								
	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P		
19.0% and over	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.4%		
18.0%	19.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	
17.0%	18.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.6%	
16.0%	17.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.7%	
15.0%	16.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.8%	
14.0%	15.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.9%	
13.0%	14.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%	
12.0%	13.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	3.1%	
11.0%	12.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%	
10.0%	11.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%	
9.0%	10.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.4%	
8.0%	9.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%	
7.0%	8.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.6%	
6.0%	7.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%	
5.0%	6.0%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%	
4.0%	5.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%	
3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	
2.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.3%	
1.0%	2.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%	
.0%	1.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%	

-1.0%	.0%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%
-2.0%	-1.0%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	5.0%
-3.0%	-2.0%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	5.1%
-4.0%	-3.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	5.2%
-5.0%	-4.0%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.3%
-6.0%	-5.0%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.4%
-7.0%	-6.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.5%
-8.0%	-7.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%
-9.0%	-8.0%	4.6%	4.7%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.7%
-10.0%	-9.0%	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.9%
-11.0%	-10.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	6.1%
-12.0%	-11.0%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	6.3%
under	-12.0%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%

C. To designate the contribution rate schedule to be effective for a rate year, a reserve multiple must be determined. The reserve multiple must be determined by dividing the fund reserve ratio by the composite cost rate. The determination date is September 30th of each calendar year, and the schedule of contribution rates to apply for the 12-month period commencing January 1st, is determined by this reserve multiple, except that for the 1998 and 1999 rate years Schedule P is in effect.

D. As used in this section, the words "contributions credited" and "benefits charged" mean the contributions credited to and the benefits paid and chargeable against the "experience rating record" of an employer as provided in subsection 3, including all contributions due and paid on or before July 31st following the computation date and all benefits paid and chargeable on or before the computation date.

E. The commissioner:

(1) Shall promptly notify each employer of his rate of contributions as determined for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year pursuant to this section. The determination shall become conclusive and binding upon the employer unless, within 15 days after the mailing of notice thereof to his last known address or in the absence of mailing, within 15 days after the delivery of the notice, the employer files an application for review and redetermination, setting forth his reasons therefor. If the commission grants the review, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be granted an opportunity for a hearing, but no employer shall have standing, in any proceedings involving his rate of contributions or contribution liability, to contest the chargeability to his "experience rating record" of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to section 1194, except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which these benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for him and only in the event that he was not a party to the determination, redetermination or decision or to any other proceedings under this chapter in which the character of these services was determined. The employer shall be promptly notified of the commission's denial of his application, or the commission's redetermination, both of which shall be subject to appeal pursuant to Title 5, section 11001 et seq; and

(2) Shall provide each employer at least monthly with a notification of benefits paid and chargeable to his experience rating record and any such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed in such manner and within such period as the commission may prescribe, shall become conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. Such redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for hearing, and the commission's findings of fact in connection therewith, may be introduced in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of contributions of any employer for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of any year and shall be entitled to the same finality as is provided in this section with respect to the findings of fact made by the commission in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rates of an employer.

F. Notwithstanding any other inconsistent law, any employer, who has been notified of the employer's rate of contribution as required by paragraph E, subparagraph (1), for any year commencing January 1st, may voluntarily make payment of additional contributions, and, upon that payment, is entitled to promptly receive a recomputation and renotification of the employer's contribution rate for that year, including in the calculation the additional contributions so made. Any such additional contribution must be made during the 30-day period following the date of the mailing to the employer of the notice of the employer's

contribution rate in any year, unless, for good cause, the time of payment has been extended by the commissioner for a period not to exceed an additional 10 days.

4-A. Employer's experience classifications after January 1, 2000. For rate years commencing on or after January 1, 2000, the commissioner shall compute annually contribution rates for each employer based on the employer's own experience rating record and shall designate a schedule and planned yield.

A. The standard rate of contributions is 5.4%. A contributing employer's rate may not be varied from the standard rate unless the employer's experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the period of 24 consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date applicable to such a year. A contributing employer newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions at a rate equal to the greater of the predetermined yield or 1.0% until the employer's experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the period of 24 consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date applicable to such a year. For rate years thereafter, the employer's contribution rate is determined in accordance with this subsection and subsection 3.

Effective January 1, 2008, the contribution rate must be reduced by the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund predetermined yield as defined in section 1166, subsection 1, paragraph C, except that a contribution rate under this paragraph may not be reduced below 1%.

B. Subject to paragraph A, an employer's contribution rate for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year is based upon the employer's experience rating

record and determined from the employer's reserve ratio. The employer's reserve ratio is the percent obtained by dividing the amount, if any, by which the employer's contributions, credited from the time the employer first or most recently became an employer, whichever date is later, up to and including June 30th of the preceding year, including any part of the employer's contributions due for that year paid on or before July 31st of that year, exceed the employer's benefits charged during the same period, by the employer's average annual payroll for the period of 36 consecutive months ending June 30th of the preceding year. The employer's contribution rate is determined under subparagraphs (1) to (8).

(1) The commissioner shall prepare a schedule listing all employers for whom a reserve ratio has been computed pursuant to this paragraph, in the order of their reserve ratios, beginning with the highest ratio. For each employer, the schedule must show:

- (a) The amount of the employer's reserve ratio;
- (b) The amount of the employer's annual taxable payroll; and
- (c) A cumulative total consisting of the amount of the employer's annual taxable payroll plus the amount of the annual taxable payrolls of all other employers preceding the employer on the list.

(2) The commissioner shall segregate employers into contribution categories in accordance with the cumulative totals under subparagraph (1), division (c). The contribution category is determined by the cumulative payroll percentage limits in column B. Each contribution category is identified by the contribution category number in column A that is opposite the figures in column B, which represent the percentage limits of each contribution category. If an employer's taxable payroll falls in more than one contribution category, the employer must be assigned to the lower-numbered contribution category, except that an employer may not be assigned to a higher contribution category than is assigned any other employer with the same reserve ratio.

A Contribution Category	B % of Taxable Payrolls From To	C Experience Factors	D Phase-in Experience Factors 2002 and 2003	E Phase-in Experience Factors 2000 and 2001	
1	00.00	05.00	.30	.38750	.4750
2	05.01	10.00	.35	.43125	.5125
3	10.01	15.00	.40	.47500	.5500
4	15.01	20.00	.45	.51875	.5875
5	20.01	25.00	.50	.56250	.6250
6	25.01	30.00	.55	.60625	.6625
7	30.01	35.00	.60	.65000	.7000
8	35.01	40.00	.65	.69375	.7375

9	40.01	45.00	.70	.73750	.7750
10	45.01	50.00	.75	.78125	.8125
11	50.01	55.00	.80	.82500	.8500
12	55.01	60.00	.90	.91250	.9250
13	60.01	65.00	1.00	1.00000	1.0000
14	65.01	70.00	1.10	1.08750	1.0750
15	70.01	75.00	1.25	1.21875	1.1875
16	75.01	80.00	1.40	1.35000	1.3000
17	80.01	85.00	1.60	1.52500	1.4500
18	85.01	90.00	1.90	1.78750	1.6750
19	90.01	95.00	2.20	2.05000	1.9000
20	95.01	100.00	2.60	2.40000	2.2000

(3-A) Beginning January 1, 200818, the commissioner shall compute a reserve multiple to determine the schedule and planned yield in effect for a rate year. The reserve multiple is determined by dividing the fund reserve ratio by the average benefit cost rate. The determination date is October 31st of each calendar year. The schedule and planned yield that apply for the 12-month period commencing on January 1, 200818 and every January 1st thereafter are shown on the line of the following table that corresponds with the applicable reserve multiple in column A.

A	B	C
Reserve Multiple	Schedule	Planned Yield
Over 1.58 1.57	A	0.6%
1.50 - 1.57	B	0.7%
1.42 - 1.49	C	0.8%
1.33 - 1.41	D	0.9%
1.25 - 1.32	E	1.0%
.50 - 1.24	F	1.1%
.25 - .49	G	1.2%
Under .25	H	1.3%

(4) The commissioner shall compute the predetermined yield by multiplying the ratio of total wages to taxable wages for the preceding calendar year by the

planned yield.

(5) The commissioner shall determine the contribution rates effective for a rate year by multiplying the predetermined yield by the experience factors for each contribution category. Contribution category 20 in the table in subparagraph (2) must be assigned a contribution rate of at least 5.4%. The employer's experience factor is the percentage shown in column C in the table in subparagraph (2) that corresponds with the employer's contribution category in column A, except that the experience factors in column E must be used to determine the contribution rates for rate years 2000 and 2001 and those in column D must be used for rate years 2002 and 2003. Beginning January 1, 2018, for rate years when Schedule A is in effect as defined in subparagraph (3-A), the experience factor in subparagraph (2) for contribution category 1 is assigned an experience factor of 0.00 in column C.

(6) If, subsequent to the assignment of contribution rates for a rate year, the reserve ratio of an employer is recomputed and changed, the employer must be placed in the position on the schedule prepared pursuant to subparagraph (1) that the employer would have occupied had the corrected reserve ratio been shown on the schedule. The altered position on the schedule does not affect the position of any other employer.

(7) In computing the contribution rates, only the wages reported by employers liable for payment of contributions into the fund and net benefits paid that are charged to an employer's experience rating record or to the fund are considered in the computation of the average benefit cost rate and the ratio of total wages to taxable wages.

(8) Beginning January 1, 2008, all contribution rates must be reduced by the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund predetermined yield as defined in section 1166, subsection 1, paragraph C, except that contribution category 20 under this paragraph may not be reduced below 5.4%.

C. The commissioner shall:

(1) Promptly notify each employer of the employer's rate of contributions as determined for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of each year. The determination is conclusive and binding upon the employer unless within 30 days after notice of the determination is mailed to the employer's last known address or, in the absence of mailing, within 30 days after the delivery of the notice, the employer files an application for review and redetermination, setting forth the employer's reasons. If the commission grants the review, the employer must be promptly notified and must be granted an opportunity for a hearing. An employer does not have standing in any proceedings involving the employer's rate of contributions or contribution liability to contest the chargeability to the employer's experience rating record of any benefits paid in

accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to section 1194, except upon the ground that the services for which benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for the employer and only when the employer was not a party to the determination, redetermination or decision or to any other proceedings under this chapter in which the character of the services was determined. The employer must be promptly notified of the commission's denial of the employer's application or the commission's redetermination, both of which are subject to appeal pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7; and

(2) Provide each employer at least monthly with a notification of benefits paid and chargeable to the employer's experience rating record. In the absence of an application for redetermination filed in the manner and within the period prescribed by the commission, a notification is conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. A redetermination made after notice and opportunity for hearing and the commission's findings of fact may be introduced in subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of contributions of an employer for the 12-month period commencing January 1st of any year and has the same finality as provided in this section with respect to the findings of fact made by the commission in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rates of an employer.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, contributions may not be reduced by the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund predetermined yield as defined in section 1166, subsection 1, paragraph C for any rate year in which contribution rate schedule H under paragraph B is to be in effect

**PART
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SUMMARY**

Section 1 of this Part updates the weekly benefit for partial unemployment from \$25 to \$100 to incentivize reemployment and connection to the workforce.

Section 2 of this Part updates the experience rating and the lowest tax schedule to make Maine unemployment tax rates more equitable. The chargeability of benefit charges is revenue neutral.

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**PART
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Sec. DDDDD-1. Department of Labor; Vacancy review after reorganization.

The Department of Labor is currently undergoing reorganizations to modernize the systems and service delivery within the Employment Security Services program and Employment Services Activity program. These reorganizations could lead to position eliminations. The Commissioner

of the Department of Labor is authorized to identify positions to be eliminated on or before June 30, 2019 and shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

Sec. DDDDD-2. Calculation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the

State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of savings from the position eliminations and adjust by financial order upon approval of the Governor, no later than June 30, 2019. These eliminations are considered adjustments to authorized position count, appropriations and allocations.

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SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes the Department of Labor to identify positions to eliminate as the result of ongoing reorganizations.

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Sec. FFFFF-1. Rename Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation is renamed the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers program.

**PART FFFFF
SUMMARY**

This Part renames the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers program.

PART GGGGG

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Sec. GGGGG-1. 5 MRSA c. 393 is enacted to read:

Minority Report = Technical
amendment to Part GGGGG
(has been approved by DECD)
→ see amendment language below

Chapter 393: Building Codes and Standards

§13180. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Board. "Board" means the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board established in section 12004-G, subsection 5-A.

2. Building official. "Building official" means a building official appointed pursuant to Title 25, section 2351-A.

3. Code. "Code" means the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code adopted pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103.

4. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Office of Community Development, Department of Economic and Community Development.

5. Division. "Division" means the Division of Building Codes and Standards established in section 13181.

6. Third-party inspector. "Third-party inspector" means a person certified by the State to conduct inspections under Title 30-A, section 4451 for compliance with the code. A 3rd-party inspector may not hold a pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any building for which the 3rd-party inspector issues an inspection report pursuant to section 13182 and may not serve as a 3rd-party inspector in any municipality where that 3rd-party inspector has been appointed as a building official or code enforcement officer.

§13181. Division of Building Codes and Standards

1. Established. The Division of Building Codes and Standards is established within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development to provide administrative support and technical assistance to the board in executing its duties pursuant to Title 10, section 9722, subsection 6.

2. Duties. The Director will assign staff that, certified in building standards pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 2-A, paragraph E, for the Division of Building Codes and Standards shall attend meetings of the board, keep records of the proceedings of the board and carry out the duties of the board, including but not limited to providing technical support and public outreach for the adoption of the code, amendments, conflict resolutions and interpretations. Technical support and public outreach must include, but may

not be limited to:

- A. Providing nonbinding interpretation of the code for professionals and the general public; and
- B. Establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible website to publish general technical assistance, code updates and interpretations and post-training course schedules.

§13182. Municipal Inspection Options

The code must be enforced in a municipality that has more than 4,000 residents. The code must be enforced through inspections that comply with the code through any of the following means:

- 1. Building officials. Building officials and local code enforcement officers;
- 2. Interlocal agreements. Interlocal agreements with other municipalities that share the use of building officials certified in building standards pursuant to Title 10, section 9723;
- 3. Contractual agreements. Contractual agreements with county or regional authorities that share the use of building officials certified in building standards pursuant to Title 10, section 9723; and
- 4. Third-party inspectors. Reports from 3rd-party inspectors certified pursuant to Title 10, section 9723 submitted to the building official prior to obtaining a certificate of occupancy in Title 25, section 2357-A that are obtained pursuant to independent contractual arrangements between the building owner and 3rd-party inspector or the municipality and 3rd-party inspector.

§13183. Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund

The Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development to fund the activities of the division under this chapter and the activities of the board under Title 10, chapter 1103 and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A. Revenue for this fund is provided by the surcharge established by Title 25, section 2450-A and deposited to the Fund. Any balance of the fund may not lapse, but must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

pursuant to Title 25, section 2374.

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in Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A

Sec. GGGGG-2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 633, §5, is further amended to read:

- 1. Establishment.** The Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, established

in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A and located within the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development, is established to adopt, amend and maintain the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, to resolve conflicts between the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and the fire and life safety codes in Title 25, sections 2452 and 2465 and to provide for training for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors.

Sec. GGGGG-3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, is amended to read:

3. Ex officio member; chair. The ~~Commissioner~~Director of Public Safety~~the Office of Community Development~~, or the ~~commissioner's~~director's designee, serves as an ex officio member and as the chair of the board. The chair is a nonvoting member, except in the case of a tie of the board. The chair is responsible for ensuring that the board maintains the purpose of its charge when executing its assigned duties, that any adoption and amendment requirements for the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code are met and that training and technical assistance is provided to municipal building officials.

Sec. GGGGG-4. 10 MRSA §9723, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 699, §6, is amended to read:

1. Appoint committee; establish requirements. The board shall appoint a 5-member training and certification committee, referred to in this section as "the committee," to establish the training and certification requirements for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors. For purposes of this section, "3rd-party inspector" has the same meaning as set forth in Title ~~255~~, section ~~2374~~13180, subsection 6.

Sec. GGGGG-5. 10 MRSA §9723, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

2. Training program standards; implementation. The committee shall direct the ~~training coordinator~~ of the Division of Building Codes and Standards, established in Title ~~255~~, section ~~2372~~13181, to develop a training program for municipal building officials, local code enforcement officers and 3rd-party inspectors. The Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development, pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, shall implement the training and certification program established under this chapter.

Sec. GGGGG-6. 10 MRSA §9724, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 408, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Limitations on home rule authority. This chapter provides express limitations on municipal home rule authority. The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code must be enforced in a municipality that has more than 4,000 residents and that has adopted any building code by August 1, 2008. Beginning July 1, 2012, the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code must be enforced in a municipality that has more than 4,000 residents and that has not adopted any building code by August 1, 2008. The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code must be enforced through inspections that comply with Title 25, section 237313182.

Sec. GGGGG-7. 10 MRSA §9724, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 408, §5, is amended to read:

1-A. Municipalities up to 4,000 residents. A municipality of up to 4,000 residents may not adopt or enforce a building code other than the Maine Uniform Building Code, the Maine Uniform Energy Code or the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or Title 255, chapter 314393, the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building Code, the Maine Uniform Energy Code or the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code do not apply in a municipality that has 4,000 or fewer residents except to the extent the municipality has adopted that code pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. GGGGG-8. 25 MRSA §2353-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 582, §4, is further amended to read:

The building official shall inspect each building during the process of construction so far as may be necessary to see that all proper safeguards against the catching or spreading of fire are used, that the chimneys and flues are made safe and that proper cutoffs are placed between the timbers in the walls and floorings where fire would be likely to spread, and may give such directions in writing to the owner or contractor as the building official considers necessary

concerning the construction of the building so as to render the building safe from the catching and spreading of fire. For a building official in a municipality that is enforcing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code pursuant to Title 10, section 9724, unless the municipality is enforcing that code by means of 3rd-party inspectors pursuant to Title 5, section 237313182, subsection 4, the building official shall inspect each building during the process of construction for compliance with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code adopted pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103.

Sec. GGGGG-9. 25 MRSA §2357-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 582, §6, is further amended to read:

A building in a municipality of more than 2,000 inhabitants may not be occupied until

the building official has given a certificate of occupancy for compliance with the inspections required by section 2353-A. A building in a municipality of more than 2,000 inhabitants that has adopted or is enforcing the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code pursuant to Title 10, section 9724 may not be occupied until the building official has given a certificate of occupancy for compliance with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code adopted pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103, and in accordance with the required enforcement and inspection options provided in Title 5, section 237313182. The building official may issue the certificate of occupancy upon receipt of an inspection report by a certified 3rd-party inspector pursuant to Title 5, section 237313182, subsection 4. The municipality has no obligation to review a report from a 3rd-party inspector for accuracy prior to issuing the certificate of occupancy. If the owner permits it to be so occupied without such certificate, the owner must be penalized in accordance with Title 30-A, section 4452. In case the building official for any cause declines to give that certificate and the builder has in the builder's own judgment complied with section 2353-A, an appeal may be taken pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4103, subsection 5 or through an alternative appeal process that has been established by ordinance pursuant to Title 10, section 9724, subsection 5. If on such appeal it is decided that section 2353-A has been complied with, the owner of the building is not liable to a fine for want of the certificate of the building official.

Sec. GGGGG-10. 25 MRSA §2359, as amended by PL 2009, c. 261, Pt. B, §9, is further amended to read:

An owner or occupant of a building who refuses to permit a building official to enter the building or willfully obstructs the building official in the inspection of the building as required by Title 5, chapter 393 and Title 25, chapters 313, and 315 to 321 must be penalized in accordance with Title 30-A, section 4452.

Sec. GGGGG-11. 25 MRSA §2450-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 424, Pt. A, §13, is amended to read:

In addition to the fees established in section 2450, a surcharge of 4¢ per square foot of occupied space must be levied on the existing fee schedule for new construction, reconstruction, repairs, renovations or new use for the sole purpose of funding the activities of the Technical

Building Codes and Standards Board with respect to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, established pursuant to Title 10, chapter 1103, the activities of the Division of Building Codes and Standards under chapter 314 and the activities of the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A, except that the fee for review of a plan for the renovation of a public school, including the fee established under section 2450, may not exceed \$450. Revenue collected from this surcharge must be deposited into the Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund in the Department of Public Safety and transferred to the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Title 5, section

13183.

Sec. GGGGG-12. 25 MRSA c. 314 is repealed; Sections 2371, 2372 and 2373 are repealed.
⊛ Add amendment to 25 M.R.S. §2374 (attached)

Sec.GGGGG-13. Transfer balances. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the close of fiscal year 2016-17, the Department of Public Safety shall transfer after the deduction of all allocations, financial commitments, other designated funds or any other transfer authorized by statute, any remaining balance in the Division of Building Codes and Standards program, Other Special Revenue Funds account related to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code pursuant to Title 10, to the Community Development Block Grant Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Sec.GGGGG-14. Transfer of authority enforce rules; rulemaking exemption. Notwithstanding the provision of any other law, rules that have been promulgated by the board and are in effect on the effective date of this legislation shall continue to remain in effect and be enforceable by the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Maine Administrative Procedure Act does not apply to any changes that must be made to such rules to reflect the relocation of the board from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

PART GGGGG SUMMARY

This Part relocates the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Economic and Community Development. This Part also authorizes the Department of Public Safety to transfer, at the end of fiscal year 2016-17, any balance remaining in the Division of Building Codes and Standards program, Other Special Revenue Funds account related to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Community Development Block Grant Program.

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* Add to Part GGGGG as part of minority report amendment
to Part GGGGG

Maine Revised Statutes

Title 25: INTERNAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chapter 314: Building Codes and Standards

§2374. UNIFORM BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS FUND

The Uniform Building Codes and Standards Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the Department of Public Safety to fund the activities of the division under this chapter and the activities of the board under Title 10, chapter 1103 and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A. Revenue for this fund is provided by the surcharge established by section 2450-A. The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development shall together determine an amount to be transferred annually from the fund annually transfer the balance of the fund for training and certification under Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-A to the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4451, subsection 3-B. Any balance of the fund may not lapse, but must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

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Add the following to the bill:

Sec. 1. Transfer by October 15, 2017. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$57,368 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Licensing and Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation no later than October 15, 2017.

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

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Allocates funds for the service center and STA-CAP charges associated with requiring individuals practicing midwifery in the State to be licensed by January 1, 2020.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$3,480	\$3,057
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,480	\$3,057

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs associated with requiring individuals practicing midwifery in the State to be licensed by January 1, 2020. These costs include the per diem and All Other costs associated with adding 2 members to the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers and for contracted staffing services to assist the board in establishing the new licensing requirements for individuals practicing midwifery in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$2,345	\$2,345
All Other	\$65,463	\$18,664
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$67,808	\$20,989

**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$71,288	\$24,046
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$71,288	\$24,046

SUMMARY

This amendment includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations totaling \$71,288 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$24,046 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation for the costs associated with requiring individuals practicing midwifery in the State to be licensed by January 1, 2020.

This amendment also includes a one-time corresponding transfer of funds from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Licensing and Enforcement, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation in fiscal year 2017-18 to support these costs. The costs associated with the licensure of individuals practicing midwifery in the State are anticipated to be funded through licensing fee revenues in future fiscal years.