

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:**

**6-Feb REVENUE SHARING and PROPERTY TAXES**

10:00 AM

- Treasurer of the State, Office of
  - Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund
  - State – Municipal Revenue Sharing

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Elderly Tax Deferral Program
- Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
- Homestead Property Tax Exemption - Mandate Reimbursement
- Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement
- Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement
- Veterans Organization Tax Reimbursement
- Veterans Tax Reimbursement
- Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement
- *Language (Part "G" restricts the Homestead Property Tax Exemption to those 65 and older and reduces the municipal reimbursement for taxes lost from the exemption.)*
- *Language (Part "K" permanently sets the transfer to the Local Government Fund at 2%)*

**7-Feb BETR/BETE AND TELECOMMUNICATION TAX**

1:00 PM

- Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
  - Mandate-BETE-Reimburse Municipalities
  - *Language (Part "H" repeals the excise tax and the property tax exemption on telecommunications equipment)*
  - *Language (Part "T" phases out the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement and transitions certain property into the Business Equipment Tax Exemption Program)*

**9-Feb ADMINISTRATION, TAX EXPENDITURES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS**

~~1:00 PM~~ **Note: This portion of the Taxation Hearing Block has been moved to 3:00 pm Tuesday, March 7th**

**10-Feb INCOME & ESTATE TAXES AND SALES & SERVICE PROVIDER TAXES**

10:00 AM

- Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
  - *Language (Part "D" makes changes to individual and corporate income taxes)*
  - *Language (Part "E" makes changes to sales and use taxes and service provider taxes and amends certain sales tax exemptions for various nonprofits.)*
  - *Language (Part "F" eliminates Maine estate tax for decedents dying on or after 1/1/2018)*

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:**

**13-Feb CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

10:00 AM **Note: This portion of the Education Hearing Block has been moved to 10:00 AM, Friday, March 3rd**

**14-Feb HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AGENCIES**

1:00 PM

Cultural Affairs Council, Maine State

- New Century Program Fund

Arts Commission, Maine

- Arts – Administration
- Arts – General Grants Program
- Arts – Sponsored Program

Historic Preservation Commission, Maine

- Historic Commercial Rehabilitation Fund
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Historic Preservation Revolving Fund

Historical Society, Maine

- Historical Society

Humanities Council, Maine

- Humanities Council

Library, Maine State

- Administration – Library
- Maine Public Library Fund
- Maine State Library
- Statewide Library Information System

Museum, Maine State

- Maine State Museum
- Maine State Museum - Operating Fund
- Research and Collection – Museum

Public Broadcasting Corporation, Maine

- Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

Finance Authority of Maine

- Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund
- FHM – Dental Education
- FHM – Health Education Centers
- Student Financial Assistance Programs

Community College System, Board of Trustees of the Maine

- Bring College to ME Program
- Community College System - Maine Quality Centers
- Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees

Maritime Academy, Maine

- Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino
- Maritime Academy – Operations

University of Maine, Board of Trustees of the

- Casco Bay Estuary Project – University of Southern Maine
- Debt Service – University of Maine System
- Educational & General Activities – UMS
- Maine Economic Improvement Fund
- University of Maine Scholarship Fund
- *Language (Part “PPPPP” authorizes new Maine Governmental Facilities Authority borrowing for capital repairs and improvements within the State and Local Government hearing block.)* **Testimony on this part may also be given during the State and Local Government: Administrative and Financial Services hearing block.**

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:**

15-Feb  
10:00 AM

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- *Language (Part "Z" – authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of State Police motor vehicles)*

Public Safety, Department of

- State Police
- Traffic Safety-Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- Turnpike Enforcement
- *Language (Part "NNNNN" changes the allocation of positions and All Other in the Bureau of State Police program from 35% Highway Fund and 65% General Fund to 100% General Fund.)*

Secretary of State, Department of

- Administration – Motor Vehicles
- Driver Education and Evaluation Program
- Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund
- *Language (Part "XXX" transfers the administration of the Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) to the Department of the Secretary of State.)* **Testimony on this part may also be given during the Human Services: Substance Abuse and Mental Health hearing block.**

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:**

15-Feb  
1:00 PM

Corrections, Department of

- Administration – Corrections
- Adult Community Corrections
- Bolduc Correctional Facility
- Capital Construction / Repairs / Improvements – Corrections
- Charleston Correctional Facility
- Correctional Center
- Correctional Medical Services Fund
- Corrections Food
- Corrections Industries
- County Jail Operations Fund
- Departmentwide – Overtime
- Downeast Correctional Facility
- Justice – Planning, Projects & Statistics
- Juvenile Community Corrections
- Long Creek Youth Development Center
- Mountain View Youth Development Center
- Office of Victim Services
- Parole Board
- Prisoner Boarding
- Southern Maine Women’s Reentry Center
- State Prison
- *Language (Part “V” allows the municipal tax assessment for correctional services to be greater than the base assessment.)*
- *Language (Part “JJJ” authorizes the Department to use unexpended Personal Services balances for Capital Expenditures.)*
- *Language (Part “KKK” Authorizes the transfer of positions and available balances by financial order.)*
- *Language (Part “LLL” authorizes the Department to transfer certain funds between accounts within the same fund to pay for overtime expenses)*
- *Language (Part “MMM” lapses balances from the Prisoner Boarding program General Fund account to the Unappropriated Surplus in FY18.)*

Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of

- Administration – Maine Emergence Management Agency
- Emergency Response Operations
- Stream Gaging Cooperative Program

Corrections, State Board of

- Electronic Monitoring Fund – State Board of Corrections

Fire Protection Services Commission, Maine

- Maine Fire Protection Services Commission

Public Safety, Department of

- Administration – Public Safety
- Background Checks – Certified Nursing Assistants
- Capitol Police, Bureau of
- Computer Crimes
- Consolidated Emergency Communications
- Criminal Justice Academy
- Drug Enforcement Agency
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Marshall – Office of
- Highway Safety DPS
- *Language (Part “HHHHH” eliminates the requirement that all indoor pyrotechnic events be monitored by the State Fire Marshall or designee and eliminates the associated fee.)*
- *Language (Part “LLLLL” authorizes Fire Inspectors in the State Fire Marshal’s Office to execute or serve criminal and civil violation process against offenders of the Life Safety Code.)*
- *Language (Part “MMMMM” eliminates the fee schedule for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the department.)* **Testimony on this part may also be given during the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development hearing block.**

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:**

**16-Feb**

1:00 PM

Attorney General, Department of

- Administration – Attorney General
- Chief Medical Examiner – Office of
- Civil Rights
- District Attorneys Salaries
- FHM – Attorney General
- Human Services Division
- Victims’ Compensation Board
- *Language (Part "CCC" allows employees in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to use assigned state-owned vehicles to commute between home and work.)*
- *Language (Part "DDD" authorizes the Attorney General to set the compensation of the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.)*
- *Language (Part "EEE" increases the fee paid to a nonsalaried medical examiner or medicolegal death investigator and changes their mileage reimbursement rate.)*
- *Language (Part "FFF" increases the fees for the provision of report documents and slides by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.)*
- *Language (Part "GGG" increases the fees for a required cremation certificate and allows the fee to be waived.)*

Human Rights Commission, Maine

- Human Rights Commission – Regulation

Indian Tribal-State Commission, Maine

- Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

Indigent Legal Services, Maine Commission on

- Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Judicial Department

- Courts – Supreme, Superior and District
- ~~FHM – Judicial Department~~
- Judicial - Debt Service
- *Language (Part "XXXX" increases the compensation for active retired judges and provides for a specified raise for judges and justices of the state courts in each year of the biennium.)*
- *Language (Part "YYYY" refines and clarifies statutes related to record services and allows the Supreme Judicial Court to raise or establish certain fees in order to fund certain administrative costs.)*

Pine Tree Legal Assistance

- Legal Assistance

Public Defender, Office of the

- Office of the Public Defender
- *Language (Part "UUUU" establishes a statewide public defender system.)*

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:**

17-Feb

10:00 AM

Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative

- Lobster Promotion Fund

Marine Resources, Department of

- Bureau of Marine Science
- Bureau of Policy and Management
- Bureau of Public Health
- Marine Patrol – Bureau of
- Marine Science, Management and Enforcement Fund

· *Language (Part "QQ" transfers the Maine Coastal Program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Marine Resources.)* **Testimony may also be given in the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Block.**

· *Language (Part "EEEE" establishes new surcharges on licenses to be paid into a newly established a Coastal Fisheries, Research Management and Opportunity Fund, Other Special Revenue Fund account.)*

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:**

**21-Feb NON-DHHS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES**

10:00 AM

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of  
 · Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Children’s Trust Incorporated (Board of Maine)  
 · Maine Children’s Trust Incorporated

Disability Rights Center  
 · Disability Rights Center

Executive Department – Office of the Governor  
 · Ombudsman Program

Health Data Organization, Maine  
 · Maine Health Data Organization  
 · *Language (Part "WWW" authorizes the organization to transfer up to a certain amount of available Personal Services balances in a specified Other Special Revenue Funds account to All Other.*

Hospice Council, Maine  
 · Maine Hospice Council

**21-Feb HOSPITALS AND PHYSICIANS**

1:00 PM

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)  
 · *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (reimbursement of Critical Access Hospitals at 101% of cost*  
 · *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (establishing parity with facility based and non facility based primary care provides.)*  
 · *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (rebased the hospital tax year)*  
 · *Language (Part "IIII" updates the base year for the hospital tax to 2014 in perpetuity)*

**MAINECARE ELIGIBILITY**

· *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (elimination of MaineCare eligibility for 19&20 year olds.)*  
 · *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (elimination of MaineCare eligibility for parents earning greater than 40% of the federal poverty limit.)*

**22-Feb PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

10:00 AM

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)  
 · Additional Support for Persons in Retraining and Employment  
 · Disability Determination - Division of  
 · Food Supplement Administration  
 · General Assistance – Reimbursement to Cities & Towns  
 · Office for Family Independence  
 · State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income  
 · Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
 · *Language (Part "ZZZ" repeals the General Assistance program.)*  
 · *Language (Part "EEEE" makes individuals who have been convicted of a drug felony ineligible for TANF benefits.)*  
 · *Language (Part "FFFF" makes changes to the TANF program; establishes a fund to pay federal fines imposed on the State for noncompliance with federal requirements; requires annual reporting to the committee of jurisdiction of fines owed; and requires the committee of jurisdiction to report out a bill appropriating the amount necessary to pay the federal fines.)*  
 · *Language (Part "GGGG" – changes the disability determination cut-off and eliminates the requirement to provide temporary coverage.)*  
 · *Language (Part "HHHH" – eliminates General Assistance eligibility to certain non-citizens*  
 · *Language (Part "JJJJ" prohibits the department from obtaining waivers from the USDA that would expand access in the Statewide Food Supplement program.)*  
 · *Language (Part "KKKK" repeals the provisions that require the department to provide a food supplement program, supplemental security income, and financial assistance to certain non-citizens.)*

23-Feb	DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION
10:00 AM	
	Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)
	· Data, Research and Vital Statistics
	· Departmentwide
	· Division of Administrative Hearings
	· Division of Audit
	· Division of Contract Management
	· Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
	· Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services
	· Medical Care - Payments to Providers (Baseline only: Initiatives will be heard within the relevant categories)
	· Office of Advocacy - BDS *
	· Office of MaineCare Services
	· Office of the Commissioner
	· Office of the Commissioner District Operations
	· <i>Language (Part "LLLL" contains transition provisions for the consolidation of programs and accounts from the former Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to the Department of Health and Human Services.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "MMMM" –gives the department the authority to transfer appropriations within MaineCare related accounts in the 2018-2019 biennium)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "NNNN" authorizes the transfer of any available appropriations, including those in Personal Services between MaineCare, MaineCare-related and non-MaineCare related accounts and to transfer available Personal Services balance between the Riverview and Dorothea Dix programs.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "RRRR" changes the name of the Office of the Commissioner program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "SSSS" changes the name of the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "TTTT" –gives the department the authority to adopt emergency rules to implement certain provisions of this bill)</i>
	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>
	Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)
	· Community Services Block Grant
	· Multicultural Services
	· Purchased Social Services
23-Feb	PUBLIC HEALTH
1:00 PM	
	Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)
	· Aids Lodging House
	· Bone Marrow Screening Fund
	· Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund
	· Community Family Planning
	· Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund
	· Dental Disease Prevention
	· Drinking Water Enforcement
	· Hypertension Control
	· Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund
	· Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
	· <i>Medical Care - Payments to Providers ( moved Fund for a Healthy Maine funding from Maine CDC to focus on direct healthcare for low-income member services)</i>
	· <i>Medical Care - Payments to Providers (moves Fund for a Healthy Maine funding from Maine CDC to focus of tobacco prevention to MaineCare recipients.)</i>
	· Maine School Oral Health Fund
	· Maine Water Well Drilling Program
	· Maternal and Child Health
	· Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match
	· Medical Use of Marijuana Fund
	· Plumbing – Control Over
	· Prescription Drug Academic Detailing
	· Rape Crisis Control
	· Risk Reduction
	· Sexually Transmitted Diseases
	· Tuberculosis Control Program
	· Universal Childhood Immunization Program



- *Language (Part "AAAA" repeals the Bone Marrow Screening program and eliminates the designation on the individual tax return refund check-off.)*
- *Language (Part "BBBB" repeals the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund program.)*
- *Language (Part "CCCC" reassigns the application fee for a retail tobacco license from the General Fund to and Other Special Revenue Fund account.)*
- *Language (Part "DDDD" repeals the Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund program and eliminates the designation on the individual tax return refund check-off.)*

**24-Feb 10:00 AM ELDER SERVICES & DUALY ELIGIBLE MEMBERS**

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)

- Independent Housing With Services
- Low-Cost Drugs to Maine’s Elderly
- Maine Rx Plus Program
- PNMI Room and Board
- Nursing Facilities
- Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services
- Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office
- *Language (Part "YYY" repeals the, inactive, Maine Rx Plus program.)*

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADULT MENTAL HEALTH**

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)

- Bridging Rental Assistance Program
- Consent Decree \*
- Disproportionate Share – Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Disproportionate Share – Riverview Psychiatric Center
- Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- Driver Education and Evaluation Program - Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- Forensic Services \*
- ~~*Medical Care – Payments to Providers (change in reimbursement for outpatient services under sections 65 and 28 of the MaineCare Manual.)*~~ **THERE IS NO PROPOSED INITIATIVE RELATED TO THIS TOPIC**
- Mental Health Services – Community
- Mental Health Services – Community Medicaid
- Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
- Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed
- Riverview Psychiatric Center
- *Language (Part "XXX" transfers the administration of the Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) to the Department of the Secretary of State.)* **Testimony on this part may also be given during the Transportation: Secretary of State hearing block.**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)

- Consumer-directed Services
- Crisis Outreach Program
- Developmental Services – Community
- Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare
- Developmental Services Waiver – Supports
- Medicaid Services – Developmental Services
- *Medical Care – Payments to Providers (increase in the annual cap for Section 29 services.)*
- Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions
- Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment
- *Language (Part "OOOO" allows dedicated family support services funds within the Developmental Services - Community program to be transferred to support individuals receiving services from two programs in the Office of Aging and Disability Services.*
- *Language (Part "PPPP" authorizes transfer of available Personal Services or All Other balances from the Developmental Services - Community program account to the Crisis Outreach Program account.*

**BRAIN INJURY**

Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)

- Brain Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury Seed
- Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential/Community Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
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Health and Human Services, Department of (Formerly DHS)
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· Office of Child and Family Services – Central
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· Office of Child and Family Services – District
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· Child Care Food Program
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· Child Care Services
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· Child Support
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· Head Start
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· Homeless Youth Program
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· IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
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<del>· Medical Care – Payments to Providers (change in reimbursement for outpatient services under sections 65 and 28 of the MaineCare Manual.)</del> <b>THERE IS NO PROPOSED INITIATIVE RELATED TO THIS TOPIC</b>
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· Maine Children's Growth Council
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· Mental Health Services – Child Medicaid
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· Mental Health Services – Children
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· Special Children's Services
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· State Funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance
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· Language Part "QQQQ" authorizes the transfer of appropriations within the Office of Child and Family Services related to the cost of administering the child welfare program.)
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To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:	
27-Feb	
10:00 AM	Auditor, Office of the State
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Audit – Departmental Bureau</li> <li>· Audit – Unorganized Territory</li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “HHH” – renames the Audit - Departmental Bureau program.)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “III” – renames the Audit -Unorganized Territory program.)</i></li> </ul>
	Executive Department
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Administration – Executive – Governor’s Office</li> <li>· Blaine House</li> <li>· Office of Policy and Management</li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “GG” Sections 1-6 moves the function of preparing long range economic projections from the Office of Policy and Management to the Commissioner Office within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and expands its mission beyond economic goals.) Section 7 falls under the jurisdiction of the Joint Committee on Taxation.</i></li> </ul>
	Municipal Bond Bank, Maine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Maine Municipal Bond Bank – Maine Rural Water Association</li> </ul>
	Secretary of State, Department of
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Administration – Archives</li> <li>· Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations</li> </ul>
	Treasurer of the State, Office of
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Administration – Treasury</li> </ul>
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Administration – Human Resources</li> <li>· Budget – Bureau of the</li> <li>· Buildings &amp; Grounds Operations</li> <li>· Bureau of General Services – Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund</li> <li>· Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements – Administration</li> <li>· Central Administrative Applications</li> <li>· Central Fleet Management</li> <li>· Central Services – Purchases</li> <li>· Debt Service – Government Facilities Authority</li> <li>· Financial and Personnel Services – Division of</li> <li>· Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services - Administration</li> <li>· Information Services</li> <li>· Leased Space Reserve Fund Program</li> <li>· Office of the Commissioner – Administrative &amp; Financial Services</li> <li>· Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration</li> <li>· Purchases – Division of</li> <li>· Risk Management – Claims</li> <li>· State Controller – Office of the</li> <li>· Statewide Radio Network System</li> <li>· Workers’ Compensation Management Fund Program</li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “L” Establishes the Office of Commissioner program and authorizes a transfer of remaining balances in the Information Services Program to be carried into the new program.</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “O” moves risk management from the Bureau of General Services to the Office of the State Controller.)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “P” allows for public contributions to the Bureau of General Services for the maintenance, repair and construction of state facilities.)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “Y” authorizes the department to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management System)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “U” transfers funds from the General Fund into the Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services - Administration, Other Special Revenue account)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “AA” authorizes the department to enter into financing arrangements for up to a specified limit for improvements to the State’s technology infrastructure and software.)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “FF” authorizes new Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities up to a specified amount for capital repairs and improvements to and construction of state-owned facilities.)</i></li> <li>· <i>Language (Part “CC” continues the voluntary employee incentive program)</i></li> </ul>

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· *Language (Part "PPPPP" authorizes new Maine Governmental Facilities Authority borrowing for capital repairs and improvements within the University of Maine System.)* **Testimony on this part may also be given during the Education and Cultural Affairs: University of Maine System hearing block.**

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Technology Services, Department of

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· Statewide Radio Network System

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· Technology Services

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· *Language (Part "R" creates the Department of Technology Services.)*

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<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:</b>	
<b>28-Feb</b>	
1:00 PM	Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on Governmental
	· Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commission on
	Secretary of State, Department of
	· Elections and Commissions
	Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Department of
	· Administration – Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
	· Loring Rebuild Facility
	· Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund
	· Military Educational Benefits
	· Military Training & Operations
	· Veterans Services
	Public Safety, Department of
	· Gambling Control Board
	· Licensing and Enforcement – Public Safety
	· <i>Language (Part "IIIII" authorizes the Gambling Control Board to administer and enforce all applicable chapters for beano and bingo games.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "JJJJJ" moves the oversight of beano and bingo games from the Chief of the State Police to the Gambling Control Board.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "KKKKK" transfers the authority to issue games of chance licenses from the Chief of State Police to the Gambling Control Board.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "OOOOO" transfers balances from Gambling Control Board Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General fund at the end of FY19.)</i>
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	· Alcoholic Beverages – General Operations
	· Lottery Operations
	· <i>Language (Part "BB" provides that lotteries may include certain draw games.)</i>

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Economic Development:**

**1-Mar** (note the early start time)

**9:00 AM** Labor, Department of

- Administration – Bureau of Labor Standards
- Administration – Labor
- Blind and Visually Impaired – Division for the
- Employment Security Services
- Employment Services Activity
- Labor Relations Board
- Regulation and Enforcement
- Rehabilitation Services
- Safety Education and Training Programs
- State Workforce Investment Board
- Workforce Research

· *Language (Part "ZZZZ" moves the Director of Labor Standards; the Chair, Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission; and the Members of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission from those subject to adjustment by the Governor to being set by the commissioner; includes the Director among those positions appointed by the commissioner; allows the commissioner to set the salaries of all the positions appointed by the commissioner; allows the commissioner to set salaries of the members of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission; and allows the governor to remove members of the Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission with the review and concurrence of the legislative committee of jurisdiction.)*

· *Language (Part "AAAAA" moves the jurisdiction of employer unemployment appeals cases from the Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Division of Administrative Hearings within the Employment Security Services program and makes other changes to statute related to the first level of appeals hearings.)*

· *Language (Part "BBBBB" repeals the requirement that expenditure of unencumbered funds remaining at the end of the year of funds in the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund require legislative approval.)*

· *Language (Part "CCCCC" increases the weekly benefit for partial unemployment and updates the experience rating and lowest tax schedule.)*

· *Language (Part "DDDDD" allows the Department of Labor to identify and eliminate positions.)*

**Workers' Compensation Board**

- Administration – Workers' Compensation Board
- Employment Rehabilitation Program
- Workers' Compensation Board

**1-Mar**

**1:00 PM** Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of

- Administrative Services – Professional and Financial Regulation
- Dental Practice – Board of
- Engineers – Board of Registration for Professional
- Licensing and Enforcement
- Licensure in Medicine – Board of
- Manufactured Housing Board
- Nursing – Board of
- Optometry – Board of
- Osteopathic Licensure – Board of
- *Language (Part "FFFFF" renames the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers program.)*

**Public Safety, Department of**

- Division of Building Codes and Standards
- *Language (Part "GGGGG" relocates the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to the Department of Economic Development and transfers any remaining balances in the Other Special Revenue account to the Community Development Block Grant program.)*
- *Language (Part "MMMMM" eliminates the fee schedule for construction, reconstruction or repairs submitted to the department.) **Testimony on this part may also be given during the Criminal Justice and Public Safety hearing block.***

**Centers for Innovation**

- Centers for Innovation

**Development Foundation, Maine**

- Development Foundation

- Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education
  - Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education

**Economic and Community Development, Department of**

- Administration – Economic and Community Development
- Applied Technology Development Center System
- Business Development
- Communities for Maine’s Future Fund
- Community Development Block Grant Program
- International Commerce
- Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program
- Maine Coworker Development Program
- Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund
- Maine Economic Growth Council
- Maine Research and Development Evaluation Fund
- Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission
- Maine State Film Office
- Maine Workforce Opportunities Marketing Fund
- Office of Innovation
- Office of Tourism
- Renewable Energy Resources Fund
- *Language (Part "NNN" transfers remaining funds from the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund.)*
- *Language (Part "OOO" transfers remaining funds from the Economic Opportunity program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund.)*
- *Language (Part "PPP" transfers remaining funds from the Job Retention Program program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the General Fund.)*

**Finance Authority of Maine**

- Small Enterprise Growth Fund

**Foundation for Blood Research**

- Scienceworks for ME

**Housing Authority, Maine State**

- Housing Authority – State
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance – MSHA
- Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program
- Shelter Operating Subsidy

**University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the**

- Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community
- *Language (Part "Q" changes the name of the Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community program.)*

<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:</b>	
<b>2-Mar</b>	
1:00 PM	Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of
	· Administrative Services – IF&W
	· ATV Safety and Educational Program
	· Boating Access Sites
	· Camp North Woods
	· Endangered Nongame Operations
	· Enforcement Operations – IF&W
	· Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations
	· Landowner Relations
	· Licensing Services – IF&W
	· Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund
	· Office of the Commissioner – IF&W
	· Public Information and Education, Division of
	· Resource Management Services – IF&W
	· Search and Rescue
	· Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management
	· Whitewater Rafting – IF&W
	· Whitewater Rafting Fund
	· <i>Language (Part "VVVV" suspends the application of the fiscal stability program)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "WWW" transfers funds from one account to another to purchase one replacement aircraft engine in each year of the biennium.)</i>



**Note: The Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Hearing Block has been moved TO Friday, March 10th**

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:**

**3-Mar CHARTER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

10:00 AM **Note: This portion of the Education Hearing Block was rescheduled FROM Monday February 13th**

Charter School Commission, State  
 · Maine Charter School Commission

Education, State Board of  
 · State Board of Education

Education, Department of  
 · Adult Education  
 · Charter School Program  
 · Child Development Services  
 · Commission To End Student Hunger  
 · Criminal History Record Check Fund  
 · Digital Literacy Fund  
 · Education in Unorganized Territory  
 · FHM – School Breakfast Program  
 · Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services  
 · General Purpose Aid for Local Schools (GPA)  
 · Higher Education and Educator Support Services  
 · Leadership Team  
 · Learning Systems Team  
 · Learning Through Technology  
 · Maine Commission for Community Service  
 · Maine HIV Prevention Education Program  
 · National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund  
 · National Board Certification Scholarship Fund  
 · Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund  
 · Retired Teacher Group Life Insurance  
 · Retired Teacher Health Insurance  
 · School Finance and Operations  
 · Special Services Team

· *Language (Part "C" establishes the Total Cost of Education K-12 for FY18, the state contribution and the annual target state share percentage and makes changes to certain programs funded through the department.)*

· *Language (Part "QQQ" changes an appointed position title.)*

· *Language (Part "RRR" eliminates reference to supervision for the school nurse consultant position.)*

· *Language (Part "SSS" authorizes the commissioner's designee to appoint and supervise a director of early childhood special education.)*

· *Language (Part "TTT" repeals reporting requirement of the Child Development Services System to the legislative committee of oversight and replaces it with a reporting requirement to the Commissioner or Commissioner's Designee.)*

· *Language (Part "UUU" – transfers from General Fund to the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Service in each year of the biennium)*

· *Language (part "VVV" authorizes the Department to enter into lease-purchase agreements for portable learning devices and support systems for student and educators.)*

**Please Note:** this hearing will **NOT** include Part "HH" (the COLA freeze) which will be heard in conjunction with other retirement issues

<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:</b>	
<b>6-Mar</b>	
10:00 AM	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of · Solid Waste Management Fund
	Environmental Protection, Department of · Administration – Environmental Protection · Air Quality · Board of Environmental Protection Fund · Land Resources · Maine Environmental Protection Fund · Performance Partnership Grant · Remediation and Waste Management · Water Quality
	Finance Authority of Maine · Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program
	New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission · Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee
	Saco River Corridor Commission · Saco River Corridor Commission
	St. Croix International Waterway Commission · St. Croix International Waterway Commission

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<b>To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committees on Insurance and Financial Services:</b>	
<b>6-Mar</b>	
1:00 PM	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	· Accident – Sickness – Health Insurance
	· Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance
	Dirigo Health
	· Dirigo Health Fund
	Professional and Financial Regulation, Department of
	· Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection
	· Financial Institutions – Bureau of
	· Insurance – Bureau of
	· Office of Securities

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**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology:**

<b>6-Mar</b>	
3:00 PM	ConnectME Authority
	· Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund
	· <i>Language Part "W" changes the name and moves the program to the Department of Economic and Community Development .</i>
	Economic and Community Development, Department of
	· Office of Broadband Development
	Efficiency Maine Trust
	· Efficiency Maine Trust
	Executive Department
	· Governor's Energy Office
	· Public Advocate
	Public Utilities Commission
	· Cost Recovery Fund
	· Emergency Services Communication Bureau
	· Oversight and Evaluation Fund
	· Public Utilities – Administrative Division

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<b>To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:</b>	
<b>7-Mar</b>	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE</b>
	Treasurer of the State, Office of
	· Debt Service
	<b>LEGISLATURE</b>
	Law and Legislative Reference Library
	Legislature
	· Interstate Cooperation, Commission on
	· Legislature
	· State House and Capitol Park Commission
	· Study Commissions – Funding
	Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, Office of
	State House Preservation and Maintenance, Reserve Fund for

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**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation:**

**7-Mar ADMINISTRATION, TAX EXPENDITURES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMS**

**3:00 PM Note: This portion of the Taxation Hearing Block was rescheduled FROM February 9th**

Administrative and Financial Services, Department of

- Bureau of Revenue Services Fund
- Maine Board of Tax Appeals
- Revenue Services – Bureau of
- Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund – Finance
- County Tax Reimbursement
- *Language (Part "J" – eliminates the Maine Board of Tax Appeals)*
- *Language (Part "S" – continues authorization for each individual tax expenditure provided by statute except where specifically changed in the enacted budget - testimony will be taken on reports completed pursuant to MRS Title 3 sections 999 and 1000.)*
- *Language (Part "T" – implements a program to develop the expertise of Revenue Agents and Property Tax Assessors)*
- *Language (Part "GG" Section 7 repeals certain reporting requirements of the Office of Policy and Management related to tax burden reduction goals.) All other sections of Part "GG" will be heard in the State and Local Government hearing block.*

Property Tax Review, State Board of

- Property Tax Review - State Board of

Treasurer of the State, Office of

- Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund

<b>To be heard by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:</b>	
<b>8-Mar</b>	<b>RETIREMENT</b>
10:00 AM	
	Education, Department of
	· Teacher Retirement
	Retirement System, Maine Public Employees
	· Retirement System – Retirement Allowance Fund
	· Retirement System – Subsidized Military Service Credit
	· <i>Language (Part "HH" eliminates cost of living adjustments to retirement benefits for State Employees and Teachers for FY18 and FY19.)</i>
	<b>OTHER</b>
	Administrative and Financial Services, Department of
	· Executive Branch Departments and Independent Agencies - Statewide
	· General Fund Reserve and Fixed Transfer Fund
	· <i>Language (Part "M" establishes the General Fund Reserve and Fixed Transfer Fund from which year end fixed transfers may be made to the Retiree Health Insurance Fund (with a change in the amount); the Capital Construction and Improvements Reserve Fund; and to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "N" makes changes to the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission by staggering terms; changing reporting requirement and increases the required number of meetings.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "X" recognizes an increase in attrition rate fin the judicial and executive branches and removes the attrition requirement in the District Attorneys Salaries for the biennium.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "DD" authorizes the department to eliminate positions and adjust authorized position count and appropriations and allocations by financial order upon approval of the Governor by the end of FY19.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "EE" requires the department review vacant and filled positions regardless of funding source and authorizes the elimination of positions to achieve specified General Fund savings and to adjust appropriations and allocations in FY19.)</i>

**To be held in conjunction with the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry:**

<b>10-Mar</b>	<b>Note: This Hearing Block was moved from March 3rd</b>
10:00 AM	Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Department of
	· Animal Welfare Fund
	· Beverage Container Enforcement Fund
	· Boating Facilities Fund
	· Certified Seed Fund
	· Coastal Island Registry
	· Division of Agricultural Resource Development
	· Division of Animal Health and Industry
	· Division of Forest Protection
	· Division of Plant Industry
	· Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation
	· Floodplain Management
	· Food Assistance Program
	· Forest Health and Monitoring
	· Forest Recreation Resource Fund
	· Geological Survey
	· Harness Racing Commission
	· Land for Maine's Future
	· Land Management and Planning
	· Maine Coastal Program
	· Maine Conservation Corps
	· Maine Farms for the Future Program
	· Maine Land Use Planning Commission
	· Maine Mosquito Management Fund
	· Maine State Parks Development Fund
	· Maine State Parks Program
	· Milk Commission
	· Municipal Planning Assistance
	· Natural Areas Program
	· Office of the Commissioner
	· Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program
	· Parks – General Operations
	· Pesticides Control, Board of
	· Potato Quality Control – Reducing Inspection Costs
	· Rural Rehabilitation
	· <i>Language (Part "II" consolidates the Rural Rehabilitation program into the current Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "JJ" consolidates 5 Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Harness Racing Commission program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "KK" consolidates 6 Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Division of Animal Health and Industry program and transfers to an account in the current Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "LL" consolidates 2 Other Special Revenue Fund accounts within the Board of Pesticides Control program and moves the Maine Mosquito Management Fund program to the Board of Pesticides Control program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "MM" specifies that the agriculture development fund operates as a unit within the Bureau of Agricultural program which is created in Part "WW" by renaming the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "NN" consolidates an Other Special Revenue Fund account within the Division of Agricultural Resource Development program to an Other Special Revenue account the current Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "OO" consolidates two Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Maine Milk Commission program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "PP" consolidates two Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Animal Welfare Fund program.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "QQ" transfers the Maine Coastal Program from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Department of Marine Resources.)</i> <b>Testimony may have also be given at the Marine Resources hearing block.</b>
	· <i>Language (Part "RR" provides authority for municipalities to appoint local sealers of weights and measures should they opt to do so.)</i>
	· <i>Language (Part "SS" eliminates one Ranger Pilot position.)</i>



- *Language (Part "TT" increases the conservation easement registry fee.)*
- *Language (Part "UU" consolidates the Division of Plant Industry program into Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program account the current Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)*
- *Language (Part "VV" renames the Forest Health and Monitoring program.)*
- *Language (Part "WW" renames the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation program.)*
- *Language (Part "XX" renames the Coastal Island Registry program.)*
- *Language (Part "YY" lapses funds from the balance forward in the Maine Farms for the Future program to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.)*
- *Language (Part "ZZ" lapses funds from the balance forward in the Division of Forestry Protection program to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.)*
- *Language (Part "AAA" all remaining balances in the Beverage Container Enforcement Fund program Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund.)*
- *Language (Part "BBB" transfers \$500,000 from Other Special Revenue Fund accounts chosen by the Commissioner to the General Fund.)*

Baxter State Park Authority

- Baxter State Park Authority

Blueberry Commission of Maine, Wild

- Blueberry Commission

Harness Racing Promotional Board

- Harness Racing Promotional Board

Potato Board, Maine

- Potato Board

University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the

- UM Cooperative Extension – Pesticide Education
- University of Maine Cooperative Extension