

REPORT DATE: 02/3/2025

MAR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY (LD #1-376)



132ND LEGISLATURE/ FIRST SESSION

MAR POSITION KEY		LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE KEY	
S Support	ACF Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	IFW Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	
O Oppose	AFA Appropriations & Financial Affairs	JUD Judiciary	
M Monitor	CJ Criminal Justice & Public Safety	LBHS Labor	
NFNA Neither	EDU Education & Cultural Affairs	MR Marine Resources	
For nor	EUT Energy, Utilities & Technology	PER Personnel Committee	
Against	ENR Environment & Natural Resources	SLG State & Local Government	
(will	GOV Government Oversight	RUL Rules	
testify)	HHS Health & Human Services	TAX Taxation	
	HCIFS Health Cov, Insurance & Financial Services	TRA Transportation	
	HOU Housing & Econ Development	VLA Veterans & Legal Affairs	

BILL #	Sponsor	Title	LC Review	Committee	Status	MAR Position
1	President Mattie Daughtry	An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities, Homes and Infrastructure	1/8/2025	AFA	Public Hearing; Housing and Economic Development (Joint); February 11, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 206	3M
3	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Adopt Eastern Daylight Time Year-round Contingent on Federal Approval	1/8/2025	SLG	Public Hearing; State and Local Government (Joint); February 5, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4
4	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Adopt Eastern Standard Time Year-round	1/8/2025	SLG	Public Hearing; State and Local Government (Joint); February 5, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4
7	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Residents 65 Years of Age or Older	1/8/2025	TAX	Referred in concurrence to Taxation Committee.	3M
9	Senator Craig Hickman	An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure	1/8/2025	VLA	Public Hearing; Veterans and Legal Affairs (Joint); February 3, 2025 10:00am (EST); State House, Room 437	4
10	Senator James Libby	An Act to Add Political Affiliation as a Protected Class to the Maine Human Rights Act	1/8/2025	JUD	Public Hearing; Judiciary (Joint); February 5, 2025 9:30am (EST); State House, Room 438	3M
24	Senator Russell Black	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation	1/8/2025	ACF	Public Hearing; Housing and Economic Development (Joint); February 11, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 206	4

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27	Senator Anne Carney	An Act to Amend and Simplify Certain Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing and Permitting Laws	1/8/2025	IFW	Public Hearing; Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Joint); February 3, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 206	3M
29	President Mattie Daughtry	Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Lower Road Rail Use Advisory Council	1/8/2025	TRA	Referred in concurrence to Transportation Committee	4
30	President Mattie Daughtry	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth	1/8/2025	TRA	Referred in concurrence to Transportation Committee	4
32	Senator Stacey Guerin	An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing	1/8/2025	EUT	Public Hearing; Energy, Utilities and Technology (Joint); February 6, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 211	3M
36	Senator Denise Tepler	An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection	1/8/2025	ENR	Voted - OTP-AM (in the joint)	3M
39	Representative William Pluecker	An Act to Require Forest Landowners to Report the Registration or Sale of Their Forest Carbon Credits	1/8/2025	ACF	Work Session; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 4, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4
41	Representative Kristen Cloutier	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	1/8/2025	TAX	Work Session; Taxation (Joint); February 11, 2025 2:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	4
50	Representative Janice Dodge	An Act to Provide the Right of First Refusal to Towns in Which the University of Maine System and Similar Quasi-independent State Entities Are Selling Property	1/8/2025	SLG	Public Hearing; State and Local Government (Joint); February 10, 2025 10:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	30
53	Representative Jennifer Poirier	An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday	1/8/2025	SLG	Public Hearing; State and Local Government (Joint); February 10, 2025 10:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	4
65	Representative Victoria Doudera	An Act to Update the Definition of 'Coastal Wetlands' Under the Natural Resources Protection Act	1/8/2025	ENR	Public Hearing; Environment and Natural Resources (Joint); January 27, 2025 10:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 216	3M

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68	Representative Kristen Cloutier	An Act to Amend the State Tax Laws	1/8/2025	TAX	Work Session; Taxation (Joint); February 11, 2025 2:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	3M
103	Representative William Pluecker	An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exceptions in the Use Regulation Law	1/16/25	ACF	Work Session; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 4, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
121	Senator Russell Black	An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of "Litter"	1/16/25	CJPS	Public Hearing; Criminal Justice and Public Safety (Joint); February 3, 2025 9:30am (EST); State House, Room 436	3M
124	Senator Craig Hickman	An Act to Protect the Right to Food	1/16/25	ACF	Public Hearing; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 11, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
128	Senator Teresa Pierce	An Act to Support Permitting of Certain Multifamily Housing Developments Under the Site Location of Development Laws	1/16/25	HOU	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	2S
130	Senator Henry Ingwersen	An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination	1/16/25	ACF	Public Hearing; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 6, 2025 9:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
133	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Nuisance Dogs	1/16/25	ACF	Public Hearing; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 6, 2025 9:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
140	Senator Joseph Baldacci	An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	2S
146	Senator Peggy Rotundo	An Act to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May be Taken in a Year	1/29/25	TAX	Public Hearing; Taxation (Joint); February 5, 2025 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	3S
161	Representative John Ducharme	Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul and Modernization of the State Subdivision Laws	1/29/25	HOU	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
169	Representative Tavis Hasenfus	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Estate Recovery and Planning for Long-term Care	1/29/25	HHS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M
183	Representative Billy Bob Faulkingham	An Act to Cap Publicly Owned Land Area at No More than 50 Percent of Any County	1/29/25	ACF	Public Hearing; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 6, 2025 9:00am (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M

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184	Representative John Ducharme	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process	1/29/25	JUD	Public Hearing; Judiciary (Joint); February 12, 2025 9:30am (EST); State House, Room 438	3M
191	Representative Tavis Hasenfus	An Act to Support Maine Businesses by Establishing a Pass-through Entity Tax and Tax Credit	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M
209	Representative Drew Gattine	An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year	1/29/25	AFA	Work Session Held (in the joint)	3M
210	Representative Drew Gattine	An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Endi	1/29/25	AFA	Public Hearing; Appropriations and Financial Affairs (Joint); February 3, 2025 10:00am (EST); State House, Room 228	3M 3O (2/5/25) (oppose section QQ around sweeping of RETT funds to general \$10 Mil over 2-yrs)
215	Representative Tavis Hasenfus	An Act to Establish a Program to Assist Residents of Large Recovery Residences	1/29/25	HHS	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M
223	Representative Kristen Cloutier	An Act to Amend the Mining Excise Tax Laws	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	3M
225	Representative Michael Brennan	An Act to Reduce Property Taxes and Finance Public School Construction and Education Through a 3 Percent Sales Tax on Hotel and Lodging Place Rentals	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	2M
226	Representative Reagan Paul	An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections	1/29/25	ENR	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES. In concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	4
228	Representative Robert Foley	An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise	1/29/25	ENR	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	3S

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229	Representative Ann Matlack	An Act to Bring Fairness in Income Taxes to Maine Families by Adjusting the Tax Brackets and Tax Rates	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	20
244	Senator Rachel Talbot Ross	An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Indigent Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities	1/29/25	CJPS	Public Hearing; Criminal Justice and Public Safety (Joint); February 10, 2025 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 436	3M
255	Senator Joseph Baldacci	An Act to Support Mobile Home Residents in Purchasing Their Mobile Home Parks	1/29/25	HOU	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 23, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	3M
257	Senator Trey Stewart	An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing	1/29/25	EUT	Public Hearing; Energy, Utilities and Technology (Joint); February 6, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 211	3M
260	Representative Holly Sargent	RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law	1/29/25	JUD	The RESOLUTION was REFERRED to the Committee on JUDICIARY pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.	3M
261	Representative Stephan Bunker	An Act Regarding the Authority of Municipalities to Regulate Timber Harvesting	1/29/25	ACF	Public Hearing; Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (Joint); February 11, 2025 1:00pm (EST); Cross Building, Room 214	3M
264	Representative Allison Hepler	An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption	1/29/25	TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	3S
269	Representative Victoria Doudera	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	1/29/25	ENR	The Resolve was REFERRED to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed. (in the House)	3M
274	Representative Lydia Crafts	An Act Making Unified Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2025, J	1/29/25	TRA	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M

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275	Representative Lydia Crafts	An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2	1/29/25	TRA	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M
276 (Concept)	Representative Tiffany Roberts	An Act Regarding Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	1/29/25	IFW	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE in concurrence (in the Senate)	3M
287	Representative Adam Lee	An Act to Require and Encourage Safe and Interconnected Transportation Construction Projects		HOU	On motion of Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle, the Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.	3M
288	Representative Kristen Cloutier	An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws		TAX	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on TAXATION pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	3M
291	Representative Jennifer Poirier	An Act to Eliminate the Lodging Tax on Campground Sites and Revert to Using the Current Sales Tax		TAX	Public Hearing; Taxation (Joint); February 12, 2025 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	3M
319	Representative Traci Gere	An Act to Allow Residential Housing on Church Property Located in Commercial Zones		HOU	The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401. (in the House)	3S
326	Representative William Bridgeo	An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemption Provided to Individuals Who Are Legally Blind		TAX	Public Hearing; Taxation (Joint); February 11, 2025 1:00pm (EST); State House, Room 127	3M
353	Senator Henry Ingwersen	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State		JUD	Public Hearing; Judiciary (Joint); February 12, 2025 9:30am (EST); State House, Room 438	2S
356	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Require Notification of Certain Outdoor Pesticide Applications		ACF	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	3M
358	Senator Richard Bennett	An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds		SLG	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	2O

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359	Representative Bruce Bickford	An Act to Prohibit Net Energy Billing by Certain Customers		EUT	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	3M
362	Senator Russell Black	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Replenish the Land for Maine's Future Program		AFA	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	4
365	Senator Chip Curry	An Act to Respond to the Housing Affordability and Accessibility Crisis in Maine		HOU	Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025 and REFERRED to the Committee on HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 (in the Senate)	3M