

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INTERIM STUDY GROUPS ESTABLISHED BY  
THE 1ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 123RD LEGISLATURE (2007)**

**Interim Studies and Short-term Committees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorized By</b>	<b>Report Date</b>
Working Group to Study Prevalence & Cost of Hearing Loss & Use of Hearing Aids in Maine's Elderly Population	Resolve 100	12/7/07 to LAB & HHS Committees*
Alternative Education Programs Committee	Resolve 124	12/19/07 to EDU Committee*
Council on Financial Literacy	Resolve 126	1/15/09 to Legislature
Study Promotion, Expansion & Regulation of Harness Racing Industry	Resolve 128	12/5/07 to ACF Committee*
Study Effectiveness, Timeliness and Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss	Resolve 133	12/7/07 to Legislature
Commission to Develop Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children	Resolve 136	12/1/07 to HHS, BRED, TAX, EDU, AFA Committees & Leg. Council*
Tribal-State Work Group	Resolve 142	12/5/07 to Legislature, Governor & Tribal Governments*
Steering Committee to Streamline State Government	PL 240, Part QQQ	1/8/08 to Leg Council*
Business & Economic Committee to Study Business Compliance	PL 434	11/1/07 (Council approved committee study) PL 434 authorizes BRED Committee to submit legislation *
Community Preservation Advisory Committee	PL 458	Changes repeal date from 6/1/08 to 6/1/12
Marine Resources Committee Review of Maine's Groundfishing Industry	JO, SP 689	<i>To be conducted during 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
Commission to Develop Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Access, Retention & Completion for Low-wage, Low-skilled Adults	JO, SP 717	12/5/07 to LAB & EDU Committees*
Health & Human Services Committee to Review MaineCare Program	JO, SP 720	None *
Health & Human Services Committee Review of Eligibility for & Transitioning of MaineCare Program	JO, SP 724	None *
Committee to Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police	JO, SP 725	12/5/07 to TRA & CRJ Committees*
Marine Resources Committee to Study Depletion of Finfish in Gulf of Maine	JO SP 726	None *
TRA Committee to Study Certain Transportation Matters	JO SP 731	None *
Commission to Study Primary Care Medical Practice	JO, SP 732	12/5/07 to HHS Committee*
Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity	JO, HP 1018	1/2/08 to Legislature*
Criminal Justice Committee to Study Prison Industries Program	JO, HP 1334	1/15/08 to Legislature*

### Council Authorized Interim Committee Studies

Study Outdated and Unnecessary Laws and Rules	Business, Research & Economic Development
Review of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act	Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Review of Lyme Disease	Insurance and Financial Services
Study of Solid Waste Management	Natural Resources
Review of the Need for Sesquicentennial Commission	State and Local Government
Review of Property Tax	Taxation

### New Ongoing Committees and Boards (and revised existing Boards and Commissions)

Name	Authorized By	Report Date
Riverfront Community Development Review Panel	PL 39	NA
Board of Speech-language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dealing and Fitting	PL 369	(Combines two existing Boards)
Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board	PL 420	Progress Rep. 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. of March Annually to BRED Comm. & Gov.
Technical Advisory Group on Surface Water Ambient Toxic Monitoring	PL 445	Annually 3/31 to NAT & MAR Committees
Dirigo Health Board of Trustees	PL 447	Revised membership
Public Health Work Group	Resolve 114	Revised membership
Marine Resources Advisory Council	PL 240, QQ-2	Revised membership
Atlantic Salmon Commission	PL 240, QQ-4	Gov. appoints at-large member, subject to confirmation by legislature
Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Advisory Council	PL 240, QQ-6	
Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees (PS 1941, c. 37)	PL 240, XXX	Revised membership

**Directs a Department, Office or Committee to Conduct a Study or Review**

Name	By	Authorized By	Report Date
Working Group to Improve Professional Development Opportunities for County Officials	Intergovernmental Advisory Commission	Resolve 3	1/15/08 to SLG Committee*
Conduct Workshop on Humane Livestock Handling and Slaughtering Practices	Dept. of Agriculture	Resolve 10	1/2/08 to ACF Committee*
Review and Assess Distance Learning Opportunities for Public High School Students	DOE	Resolve 11	1/15/08 to EDU Committee*
Maine's Agricultural Creative Economy Sector Study (ACES)	Dept. of Ag & Dept. of Labor	Resolve 13	12/5/07 ACF & BRED Committees*
Study Cost of Extending Rail Service	DOT & NNE Passenger Rail Authority	Resolve 18	1/15/08 to TRA Committee*
Review Development Opportunities of Special Purpose School Teachers	DOE	Resolve 20	10/1/07 to EDU Committee*
Study Invasive Terrestrial Plant Species	Dept of Agriculture	Resolve 21	2/1/08 to ACF Committee*
Study Increasing Number of Great Ponds with Access for Persons with Disabilities	Depts. of DOC & IFW	Resolve 22	1/3/08 to ACF Committee
Working Group to Develop Combat Veterans License Plate Decals	Director, Bureau of Veterans' Services & SOS	Resolve 23	11/20/07 to TRA Committee*
Working Group to Examine Laws Governing Eligibility & Documentation requirements for Driver Licenses and ID Cards	Secretary of State	Resolve 24	1/15/08 to TRA Committee *
Develop a Program that Supports Recycling of Fluorescent Lamps	DEP & PUC	Resolve 25	1/1/08 to NAT Committee*
Stakeholders to Review Planning Activities for Aging Population	DHHS	Resolve 29	123 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session to HHS Committee
Study Best Practice Treatment & Clinical Practice Guidelines of Tobacco Cessation Treatment	DHHS	Resolve 34	1/15/08 to HHS Committee*
Report on Promotion of Chronic Disease Prevention and Care	DHHS & Adv. Council on Health Systems Dev.	Resolve 36	1/31/07 to HHS Committee
Report on Standards of Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with Respect to Value of Hydropower Generation	DEP	Resolve 37	1/31/08 to UTE Committee*
Rural Working Groups to Develop Plan for Economic Development & Growth in those Counties	DECD	Resolve 38	2/1/08 to BRED Committee
Working Group to Review Existing Programs & Efforts for	Dept. of IFW	Resolve 39	12/30/07 to IFW Committee*

Maintaining Deer Habitat			
Review and Estimate Annual Value of Uncollected Bottle Deposits	Dept. of Agriculture	Resolve 40	1/15/08 to BRED Committee*
Review Before and After School Care Programs	DHHS	Resolve 41	3/1/08 to HHS Committee*
Study Relocation of York Toll Booth	ME Turnpike Authority	Resolve 45	12/15/07 to TRA Committee
Development of Model Building Code Plan	SPO, DECD, Fire Marshal, DPFR & Historic Preservation Comm.	Resolve 46	2/15/08 to BRED Committee*
Review of Possibility of Basing Hospital Reimbursement under the MaineCare Program	DHHS	Resolve 48	1/15/08 to HHS Committee*
Study and Development of Water Quality Criteria for Nutrients in State Coastal Waters	DEP	Resolve 49	1/31/08 to NAT Committee*
Review of Training Curriculum & Skills of Certified Nursing Assistants	State Board of Nursing	Resolve 50	1/15/08 to HHS Committee
Study of Policy Options for Alternative Fuel Incentives to Stimulate Use of Biofuels	Office of Energy Independence	Resolve 51	1/15/08 to UTE Committee*
Study Status of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Authorized in MRSA 38, sec. 579	Public Advocate & PUC	Resolves 52	1/1/09 to UTE Committee*
Review of Reentry of Electric Utilities into Energy Supply Business	PUC	Resolve 54	1/15/08 to UTE Committee*
Work Group to Review Postpartum Mental Health Education	DHHS	Resolve 58	1/15/08 to HHS Committee*
Review Current Policy-making & Structure of Energy Policy in State Government	Office of Energy Independence	Resolve 59	1/1/08 to UTE Committee*
Report on Use of Restraints in Nursing Facilities	DHHS	Resolve 60	1/1/08 (& 09, 10) to HHS Committee
Report on Proper Levels of Care for the Elderly and Disabled	DHHS	Resolve 61	11/1/07 to HHS Committee*
Working Group to Review Statutory Language in Regards to Persons with Disabilities	Dev. Disabilities Council	Resolve 62	11/1/07 to HHS Committee*
Working Group to Clarify Requirements of Municipal Internal Control Observation Program	Dept. of Audit	Resolve 66	1/15/08 to SLG Committee*
Working Group to Facilitate Management of Upper Saco River Recreation Corridor	Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands, DOC	Resolve 67	12/15/07 to ACF Committee
Study Retail Placement & Marketing of Spirits, Beer and Wine with Regard to Minors	Bureau of Liquor Licensing	Resolve 68	1/30/08 to LVA Committee*
Review Use & Authority of Parenting Coordinators in Other States	Family Law Advisory Commission	Resolve 69	12/15/07 to JUD Committee*

Review State's Tax Increment Financing Accountability & Reporting Policies	DECD	Resolve 70	1/15/08 to BRED & TAX Committees*
Working Group to Review Current Statutes, Rules and Policies with regard to Mental Retardation & Disorders	DHHS	Resolve 78	1/1/08 to HHS Committee*
Report on Development of Plan for Pilot Program Establishing Refueling Stations for Biofuel	SPO & Office of Energy Independence	Resolve 79	1/31/08 to TRA Committee*
Study of Flood Control & Water Storage	DEP & MEMA	Resolve 80	1/15/08 to NAT Committee
Data Report on Last Ten Years of Ethics Violations	Ethics Commission	Resolve 81	2/15/08 to LVA Committee*
Independent Review of DMR, Public Health Division	Maine Sea Grant to issue RFP	Resolve 82	1/15/08 to MAR Committee*
Develop Plan to Create Outdoor Licensed Network	Dept. IFW	Resolve 83	11/15/08 to IFW Committee*
Review of Other States' Concealed Weapon Laws	Dept. of Public Safety & AG	Resolve 84	1/1/08 to CRJ Committee*
Review of Oral Health Care & Sunrise Review	Dept. PFR	Resolve 85	2/15/08 to BRED Committee*
Study Distracted Driving	Dept. of Public Safety	Resolve 86	1/15/08 & 1/15/10 to TRA Committee>(* 124 <sup>th</sup> )*
Working Group to Explore Registry of CNAs	DHHS	Resolve 87	12/1/07 to HHS Committee
Stakeholder Group to Assist Veterans in Need of Shelter	MSHA	Resolve 90	1/15/08 to RED Committee
Development of Process for Payment of Traffic Violation Fines	District Court & Tribal Officers	Resolve 92	1/15/08 to JUD Committee*
Study Feasibility of Increasing Compliance of Model Building energy Code	PUC & MSHA	Resolve 93	1/1/08 to UTE Committee*
Working Group to Study Feasibility of Establishing Bill of Rights for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Children	DOE, MCD & GBSD	Resolve 94	1/31/08 to EDU Committee*
Study of Possible Western Connector Roads in Cumberland and York Counties	DOT & MTA	Resolve 95	2/28/08 to TRA Committee*
Task Force to Evaluate Revisions to Definition of Service Dog	Dept. of Labor	Resolve 96	1/15/08 BRED Committee*
Report on Supporting Creative Economy Businesses	SPO & Arts Commission	Resolve 97	2/15/08 to BRED Committee*
Establish Training Program for Determination of Predominant Aggressors in Domestic Violence Situation	ME Criminal Justice Academy Bd. of Trustees	Resolve 98	4/1/08 to CRJ Committee
Stakeholder Group on Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities	DHHS and DOL	Resolve 101	1/15/08 to LAB Committee
Team to Increase Physical Education for Elementary School Students	DOE, DHHS & Gov's Council on Physical Fitness	Resolve 102	12/31/07 to HHS & EDU Committees*
Working Group to Advance Redevelopment of Mill Buildings	DECD	Resolve 103	12/1/08 to TAX & BRED Committees
Report on Community Integration for Brain Injured Individuals	DHHS	Resolve 105	1/15/08 (& 09) & 4/15/09 to Legislature (*123 <sup>rd</sup> )*
Review State & Federal Activity Relating to Fair Access to	Public Advocate	Resolve 106	2/1/08 to UTE Committee

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Report on Identifying funding Sources for Acquisition Projects by Municipalities & Local Land Trusts	SPO, DOC, IFW	Resolve 108	1/31/08 to ACF Committee*
Review Plans for Passage of Native Diadromous Fish	IFW, DEP, DMR	Resolve 109	1/30/08 to MAR & NAT Committees*
Review MaineCare Reimbursement for Remote Access Medicine & Hospice	DHHS	Resolve 111	1/15/08 to HHS Committee*
Report on Feasibility of Enrolling Legislature as an Employer Group in Dirigo Health	State Employee Health Commission	Resolve 112	12/15/07 to IFS Committee*
Review Licensed Midwifery	Dept. of PFR	Resolve 115	2/15/08 to BRED Committee*
Review Panel of Impact of Funding Publicly Supported Higher ED in the State	UMS, MCS, MMA & FAME	Resolve 119	1/31/08 to EDU Committee*
Report on Settlement of Dispute between Wells-Ogunquit School District	Towns of Ogunquit and Wells	Resolve 129	12/5/07 to EDU Committee*
Study Promoting Permanency & Safety for Children	DHHS	Resolve 137	12/1/07 to HHS Committee*
Report on Streamlining Regulation of Agricultural Composters	Dept. of Agriculture & DEP	Resolve 139	12/3/07 to ACF & NAT Committees*
Study of Dispute Resolution Regarding Representational Fees Report	ME Labor Relations Bd.	PL 415	1/15/08 to LAB Committee*
Working Group to Study Current Offering of USM Remedial College Courses	DOE	PL 240, UUU	2/1/08 to EDU Committee
Rate Standardization Work Group	DHHS	PL 240, AAAA-3	Beginning 7/07 monthly to HHS Committee*
Recommendations to Fully Implement Conversion of School Administrative Districts to Regional School Units	DOE	PL 240, XXXX-47	1/31/08 to EDU Committee*

\*Group or Joint Standing Committee is authorized to submit legislation.