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COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair  
Representative Melanie Sachs, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Craig Hickman, Senate Chair <sup>PO-CH</sup>  
Representative Laura Supica, House Chair <sup>PO-LS</sup>  
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

DATE: March 4, 2024

RE: Recommendations on the Governor’s Proposed Supplemental Budget, LD 2214

On February 27, 2024, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs reviewed the items in the Governor’s proposed supplemental budget pertaining to the agencies under the committee’s jurisdiction. Senator Timberlake and Representatives Andrews and Hymes were absent from the work session and Representatives Montell and Boyer were absent for portions of the work session. All other members were present for the entirety. Please find attached the supplemental budget report-back document, which indicates the committee’s vote on each initiative and language part.

The committee did not take a vote on the following initiatives, as they are under the jurisdiction of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

1. Ref. #790: This initiative establishes 3 Office Specialist II positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.
2. Ref. #795: This initiative provides funding for leased space to relocate the Division of Corporations, Uniform Commercial Code, and Commissions staff.

The following initiatives were supported unanimously by those present:

1. Ref. #35: This initiative provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions effective June 22, 2022 and for the approved reorganization of 4 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Other Special Revenue Funds.

2. Ref. #185 & #186: This initiative provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Carpenter position to a Building Maintenance Coordinator position and transfers the position from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.
3. Ref. #187: This initiative provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator I position, retroactive to January 27, 2023.
4. Ref. #188: This initiative provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Oil & Hazardous Material Specialist II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position, retroactive to February 8, 2023.
5. Ref. #770: This initiative adjusts funding to align with revenue changes approved in the December 2023 Revenue Forecast.

A majority of the committee present voted to approve the remaining initiatives and language parts R and S, except for the following initiatives, which a majority of those members present oppose:

1. Ref. #11 & #12: This initiative provides funding for the approved range change of 12 Liquor Licensing Inspector positions from range 22 to range 25 effective June 14, 2022 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reclassifications in the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.
2. Ref. #32: This initiative provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions effective June 22, 2022 and for the approved reorganization of 4 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Other Special Revenue Funds.

Additionally, of the committee members present at the time of the work session, all except for Representative Rudnicki voted to include in the supplemental budget an ongoing appropriation of \$140,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services in order to establish two military sexual trauma liaisons at community-based organization. Senator Timberlake and Representatives Andrews, Boyer and Hymes were absent.

This appropriation was included in the majority committee amendment to LD 1783, but was removed in a subsequent Senate amendment before being enacted as Public Law 2023, chapter 474. The committee voted unanimously to include this language in a committee bill pursuant to the annual report on Sexual Assault and Harassment in the Maine National Guard (LR 3317) as well. Senator Timberlake and Representatives Andrews and Hymes were not present at the time of the vote on the committee bill. The language for the committee bill is included.

Thank you for your consideration of the recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
Maureen Dawson, OFPR Analyst, AFA Committee  
Justin Purvis, Clerk, AFA Committee

LR #3117  
Committee Bill – VLA  
DRAFT

Title: An Act to Establish Military Sexual Trauma Liaison Positions at Community-based Organizations

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Purchased Social Services 0228**

Initiative: Provides ongoing appropriations for two military sexual trauma liaisons at community-based organizations.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$140,000	\$140,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$140,000</u>	<u>\$140,000</u>

**SUMMARY**

This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 3, subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph 25.

This bill appropriates ongoing funds for two military sexual trauma liaisons at community-based organizations.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions effective June 22, 2022 and for the approved reorganization of 4 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Other Special Revenue Funds.

Ref. #: 32 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	In: Reps. Malon, Montell, Williams & Sen. Brenner	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services	Out: Reps. Supica, Collings, Rielly, Rudnicki & Sen. Hickman	\$0	\$76,953	\$45,336
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Boyer	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$76,953</b>	<b>\$45,336</b>

**Justification:**

Bureau of Human Resources determined that the employee initiated retroactive reclassification request should result in a reclassification of the positions based on work being performed.

**Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264**

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources for the Office of Cannabis Policy Adult Use program.

Ref. #: 33 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	In: Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Montell, Rielly, Williams & Sens. Hickman & Brenner	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	Out: Rep. Rudnicki	\$0	\$0	\$571,117
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	Absent: Sen. Timberlake and Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Boyer	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$571,117</b>

**Justification:**

This initiative provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources for the Office of Cannabis Policy Adult Use program.

**Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved range change of 12 Liquor Licensing Inspector positions from range 22 to range 25 effective June 14, 2022 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reclassifications in the Alcoholic Beverage Fund.

Ref. #: 11 For Both Ref. #11 & #12 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	In: Sen. Brenner & Reps. Collings, Montell	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services	Out: Sen. Hickman & Reps. Supica, Malon, Rielly, Rudnicki, Williams	\$0	\$177,634	\$58,283
	Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Boyer			

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0      \$177,634      \$58,283

Ref. #: 12      Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	<b>See Ref. #11.</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services		\$0	\$91,577	\$72,128
All Other		\$0	(\$91,577)	(\$72,128)
<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Justification:**

Bureau of Human Resources determined that the employee-initiated reclassification request should result in an upgrade of the positions from range 22 to range 25 based on the work being performed. The cost of reclassifications and retroactive payments for General Fund positions require additional funding. The cost of reclassifications and retroactive payments for positions budgeted in the Alcoholic Beverage Fund is funded by a transfer from All Other to Personal Services.

**Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 12 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions effective June 22, 2022 and for the approved reorganization of 4 Field Investigator positions to OCP Compliance Inspector positions. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Other Special Revenue Funds.

Ref. #: 35      Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>In: Unanimous (9)</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps.</b>	\$0	\$172,771	\$112,544
All Other	<b>Andrews, Hymes &amp; Boyer</b>	\$0	\$5,955	\$3,879
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$178,726</b>	<b>\$116,423</b>

**Justification:**

Bureau of Human Resources determined that the employee initiated retroactive reclassification request should result in a reclassification of the positions based on work being performed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$254,587</b>	<b>\$103,619</b>
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$178,726</b>	<b>\$687,540</b>
<b>STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$433,313</b>	<b>\$791,159</b>

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

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management 0109**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone, Maine.

Ref. #: 190                      One Time                      Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$460,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$460,000</b>

This vote also includes Language Part S-2.

**Notes:** In: Sen. Brenner & Reps. Collings, Malon, Montell, Rielly & Williams

See Part S-2 Out: Sen. Hickman & Reps. Supica & Rudnicki

**Justification:** Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Boyer & Hymes

Provides one-time funding for environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site at the Limestone facility.

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Establishes a non-lapsing account and authorizes a transfer of \$180,000 from the Military Training and Operations General Fund to fund costs associated with Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 390-D, "Paid leave pending completion of sexual harassment or sexual assault investigation".

Ref. #: 184    Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_    AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Services	In: Sens. Hickman & Brenner & Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Montell, Rielly & Williams	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other		\$0	\$0	\$126,000
	Out: Rep. Rudnicki	\$0	\$0	\$54,000
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Boyer &amp; Hymes</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>

**Justification:**  
Public Law 2023, chapter 474, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma" provided one-time funding in fiscal year 2024-25 for the cost of paid leave for individuals who are a victim or responding party of sexual harassment or a sexual assault. Paid leave must be granted to a victim or responding party during any pending investigation of sexual harassment or sexual assault. Funding should be placed in a non-lapsing fund so that it is available in the event there is a case where a victim or responding party needs to be placed on paid administrative leave.

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Carpenter position to a Building Maintenance Coordinator position and transfers the position from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.

Ref. #: 185

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

Ref. #185 & 186 voted together -  
In: Unanimous (9)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	0.000	0.000	(1,000)
	\$0	\$0	\$1,251
	\$0	\$0	\$1,251

Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps.  
Andrews, Boyer & Hymes

Ref. #: 186

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	0.000	0.000	1.000
	\$0	\$0	\$3,378
	\$0	\$0	\$3,378

**Justification:**

This is an approved management initiated reorganization to provide for the additional duties and responsibilities required of the position. The current job classification is not sufficient to provide for coordination and supervision of complex Military Bureau building sustainment and repair projects. Additionally, this request transfers headcount between funds.

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Environmental Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator I position, retroactive to January 27, 2023.

Ref. #: 187

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

Personal Services

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

In: Unanimous (9)

Absent: Sen.  
Timberlake & Reps.  
Andrews, Boyer &  
Hymes

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	\$12,515	\$13,398
	\$0	\$12,515	\$13,398

**Justification:**

This is an approved employee-initiated reclassification retroactive to January 27, 2023 to provide for the additional duties and responsibilities required of the position. The reclassification is required to meet the increase demands of the Maine Army National Guard environmental program in management of PFAS, Climate Resilience, expansion of Military Training sites, Tribal and Environmental Justice, and federal reporting requirements.

**Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Oil & Hazardous Material Specialist II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position, retroactive to February 8, 2023.

Ref. #: 188

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND**

Personal Services

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL

In: Unanimous (9)

Absent: Sen.  
Timberlake & Reps.  
Andrews, Boyer &  
Hymes

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	\$8,700	\$9,984



FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,700	\$9,984
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**Justification:**

This is an approved employee-initiated reclassification retroactive to February 8, 2023 to provide for the additional duties and responsibilities required of the position. The reclassification is required to meet the increase demands of the Maine Army National Guard hazardous material management program to include management of PFAS, hazardous waste regulatory changes, fuel tank removal program, remediation of legacy hazardous material storage facilities and small arms ranges, and federal reporting requirements.

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue changes approved in the December 2023 Revenue Forecast.

Ref. #: 192

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	In: Sens. Hickman & Brenner & Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Montell, Rielly & Williams	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other		\$0	\$11,907	\$12,979
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	Out: Rep. Rudnicki	\$0	\$11,907	\$12,979
	Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Boyer & Hymes			

**Justification:**

This initiative will adjust funding to reflect revenue changes based on the approved December 2023 Revenue Forecast Committee report.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$1,251
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$21,215	\$26,760
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$11,907	\$652,979
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$33,122	\$680,990

**Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations.**

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Gambling Control Board Z002**

Initiative: Adjusts funding to align with revenue changes approved in the December 2023 Revenue Forecast.

Ref. #: 770

Committee Vote: **In: Unanimous (9)**

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

All Other

**Absent: Sen.  
Timberlake &  
Reps. Andrews,  
Boyer & Hymes**

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	(\$72,426)	(\$98)
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$72,426)</b>	<b>(\$98)</b>

**Justification:**

This initiative provides funding for a retroactive payment for an approved employee-initiated reclassification. The retroactive payment amount is based on when the reclassification became effective on November 2, 2020 through when the employee vacated the position on July 30, 2022. The position has since been reorganized to another reclassification.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

**DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

**OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

**DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	(\$72,426)	(\$98)
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$72,426)</b>	<b>(\$98)</b>

Sec. A-31. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.  
 SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 789 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	In: Sens. Hickman & Brenner & Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Rielly & Williams	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	Out: Rep. Rudnicki & Boyer	\$0	\$0	\$112,823
All Other		\$0	\$0	\$11,207
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Hymes &amp; Montell</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$124,030</b>

**Justification:**

This request establishes one Public Relations Specialist position to provide and ensure all information used by the public on all election forms, letters, brochures, pamphlets, signs, social media postings and the website is consistent, complete, accurate, and up-to-date. The position will serve as the Freedom of Access Act Officer for elections, which receives requests for thousands of pages of elections records annually. Additionally, the position will compose responses to public inquiries about voting and elections received daily by the Elections Division. Provides associated All Other funding.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Establishes 3 Office Specialist II positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 790 Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	The committee did not vote on this initiative as it was noted that this provision is within the jurisdiction of the SLG committee.	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.000	0.000	3.000
Personal Services		\$0	\$0	\$257,970
All Other		\$0	\$0	\$33,622
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$291,592</b>

**Justification:**

Corporate, UCC and Commission filings have increased dramatically over the last decade while head count has not. To deal with an extraordinary backlog in processing corporate filings, the division employed 3 temporary workers. Those temporary workers have remained over the last year, and while the backlog has abated, it still remains high due to the pace of filings. These positions would replace temporary workers with permanent staff to process corporate filings, UCC and commissions as well as participate in modernization of corporate services.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692** In: Sens. Hickman & Brenner & Reps. Supica, Boyer, Collings, Malon, Rielly & Williams

Initiative: Provides funding for voter education materials.

Out: Rep. Rudnicki

Ref. #: 791 One Time Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Montell

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other		\$0	\$10,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$10,000	\$0

**Justification:**

This is to ensure there are sufficient materials for printing voter education materials including but not limited to the citizens' guide, I voted stickers, posters and other materials required to distribute to clerks to support the 2024 elections.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for software licenses and maintenance expenses for a rule making application and database to facilitate efficiency and accessibility of agency rulemaking across agencies statewide.

Ref. #: 792

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>In: Sens. Hickman &amp; Brenner &amp; Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Rielly &amp; Williams</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other		\$0	\$50,000	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>Out: Rep. Rudnicki &amp; Boyer</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Hymes &amp; Montell</b>	\$0	\$50,000	\$150,000

**Justification:**

The proposed software assumes multi-agency access and permissions, workflow management, status management, sensitive data management and archiving, notifications and reminders, and a public view. It would enable agencies to track rulemaking more closely and allow the public to easily navigate rules open to public comment and finalized rules as well.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for software licenses and maintenance expenses for a freedom of access act request application and database to facilitate public records requests.

Ref. #: 793

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>In: Sens. Hickman &amp; Brenner &amp; Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Rielly &amp; Williams</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other		\$0	\$20,585	\$14,585
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>Out: Rep. Rudnicki &amp; Boyer</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Hymes &amp; Montell</b>	\$0	\$20,585	\$14,585

**Justification:**

The proposed software is a single-solution approach to fulfilling public records requests and managing appeals. Designed to track requests from receipt through completion and to facilitate public access to those requests, the solution will reduce staff hours dedicated to FOAA requests and increase public trust.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 794

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>In: Sens. Hickman &amp; Brenner &amp; Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Rielly &amp; Williams</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	<b>Out: Rep. Rudnicki &amp; Boyer</b>	\$0	\$0	\$95,165
All Other	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Hymes &amp; Montell</b>	\$0	\$0	\$11,207
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$106,372</b>

**Justification:**

The Elections Division will need an administrative position to serve as a person of contact for visitors and to process incoming phone calls at the Burton M. Cross Office Building, This function is currently provided by Corporations, Uniform Commercial Code, and Commissions staff, but since there isn't sufficient space at the Burton M. Cross Office Building, Corporations is relocating to a different building with the corresponding staff.

**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

Initiative: Provides funding for leased space to relocate the Division of Corporations, Uniform Commercial Code, and Commissions staff.

SLG

Ref. #: 795

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>The committee did not vote on this initiative as it was noted that this provision is within the jurisdiction of the SLG committee.</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other		\$0	\$0	\$253,294
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$253,294</b>

**Justification:**

Current office space for Elections and for the Corporations, UCC and Commissions staff is insufficient. This initiative seeks to provide funding for office space outside of the Burton M. Cross Office Building and provide funding for the related relocation expenses for the Division of Corporations.

**Elections and Commissions 0693**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position through August 31, 2026 to serve as an Election Security Navigator and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 797

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>In: Sens. Hickman &amp; Brenner &amp; Reps. Supica, Collings, Malon, Rielly &amp; Williams</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
Personal Services	<b>Out: Rep. Rudnicki &amp; Boyer</b>	\$0	\$0	\$108,758
All Other	<b>Absent: Sen. Timberlake &amp; Reps. Andrews, Hymes &amp; Montell</b>	\$0	\$0	\$41,242
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>

**Justification:**

This establishes a limited-period Public Service Coordinator I to serve as an Election Security Navigator to aid municipalities in establishing a baseline of cybersecurity protections for elections security. The cybersecurity navigator would support municipalities in identifying cybersecurity risks, cataloguing networks and systems, advising municipalities on the implementation of Elections Baseline Security controls, and providing technical assistance and training to municipalities to support them in accessing EI-ISAC membership, state and federal cyberhygiene and cybersecurity training and transitioning from the .com and .org domains to the .gov domains. This position will be funded through an approved Homeland Security grant with the Department of Maine Emergency Management Agency from 9/1/23 to 8/31/26.

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**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,585</b>	<b>\$939,873</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,585</b>	<b>\$1,089,873</b>

In: Sen. Brenner & Reps. Boyer, Collings, Malon, Rielly & Williams

Out: Sen. Hickman & Rep. Supica & Rudnicki

**PART R** Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Montell

**Sec. R-1. Carrying provision; Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance of the \$400,000 provided under Public Law 2021, chapter 398, in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program, General Fund account, All Other line category at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to fiscal year 2024-25 to continue the environmental closure activities at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

#### **PART R SUMMARY**

This Part continues one-time funding for environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone. Two sequential contracts are required to first, conduct a full background investigation and sampling plan and second, use the results of the first contract to develop remedial actions plans. Given the environmental and weather conditions of Northern Maine, the investigation and sampling plan will not be complete until late spring. As the second contract "Statement of Work" is reliant on the results of the investigation and sampling, there will not be enough time left in fiscal year 2023-24 to complete and award this portion of closure activity. Therefore, a portion of the \$400,000 provided under PL 2021, chapter 398 will be needed in fiscal year 2024-25.

#### **PART S**

**Sec. S-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Military Reserve Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$75,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Maine Military Reserve Fund, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1523, within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the purpose of settling outstanding obligations of the Maine Military Authority.

**Sec. S-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Administration – Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024 the State Controller shall transfer \$460,000 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration – Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management, Other Special Revenue Fund account, for the purpose of funding one-time environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

#### **PART S SUMMARY**

This Part requires the transfer of \$75,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Military Reserve Fund to settle outstanding obligations of the Maine Military Authority. This Part also requires the transfer of \$460,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Administration – Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management, Other Special Revenue Fund account, for the purpose of funding one-time environmental closure activity costs at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

**Part S**

**Sec. S-1:**

**In: Sens. Hickman & Brenner & Reps. Supica, Boyer, Collings, Malon, Rielly & Williams**

**Out: Rep. Rudnicki**

**Absent: Sen. Timberlake & Reps. Andrews, Hymes & Montell**

**Sec. S-1: See ref. #190**