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**November 18, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
October 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Fecteau called the October 25, 2021 meeting of the 130th Legislative Council to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Jackson, Senator Vitelli, Senator Daughtry, Senator Timberlake and Senator Pouliot

Representatives: Speaker Fecteau, Representative Dunphy, Representative Talbot Ross, Representative Dillingham and Representative Stetkis

Legislative Officers: Darek Grant, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Suzanne Gresser, Executive Director
Edward Charbonneau, Revisor of Statutes
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Nik Rende, Director, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director

Speaker Fecteau convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 7, 2021 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for October 7, 2021 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Daughtry. Second by President Jackson. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, submitted the written report found in the agenda packet.

Studies Report

Danielle Fox, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, submitted the written studies report found in the agenda packet.

Speaker Fecteau indicated, without objection, that he would present the Personnel Committee's report later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for 130th Legislature, Second Regular Session

Ms. Gresser presented the proposed Document Service fee schedule submitted by Clerk of the House, Robert Hunt, for the Second Regular Session. The fees remain the same as the First Regular Session.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves proposed Document Service Fee Schedule for the 130th Legislature Second Regular Session. Motion by Representative Talbot Ross. Second by Representative Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

Item #2: Legislative Council meeting schedule for 2022

Ms. Gresser reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the Legislative Council for 2022.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approve the 2022 Legislative Council meeting schedule. Motion by Senator Vitelli. Second by Representative Dunphy. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0-0-0).**

Item #3: Procedures for Deciding Legislative Bill Requests and Consideration of Bill Requests for the Second Regular Session.

Ms. Gresser reviewed the procedures for the review of Legislative Bill Requests and the proposed protocol for deciding those requests.

Motion: That the Legislative Council approves the proposed protocol for deciding Legislative Bill Requests. Motion by Senator Timberlake. Second by Representative Talbot Ross. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

The Legislative Council proceeded to consider and vote on three hundred twenty-nine (329) bill requests in accordance with the adopted protocol, and using an electronic voting system. The Legislative Council authorized one hundred seven (107) bills for introduction in the Second Regular Session, and tabled four (4) bill requests. Three (3) bill requests were withdrawn by the sponsors prior to the Legislative Council's vote. The Legislative Council's action on the bill requests is attached.

Speaker Fecteau returned to an agenda item that had been deferred, and presented a report from a Council Committee.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Speaker Fecteau reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier today to consider Collective Bargaining. Ms. Gresser briefed the committee about recent collective bargaining negotiations with MSEA. This item will be discussed later in today's meeting.

The Legislative Council then returned to the other items on the agenda.

Item #4: Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Matters and Employment Terms and Conditions for Certain Legislative Employees

Motion: That in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405, sub§ 6, the Legislative Council enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiations. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Representative Dunphy. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0-0).**

The Legislative Council entered into an executive session at 12:49 p.m. At the conclusion of its executive session, on a motion by Senator Daughtry, seconded by Representative Dillingham, the Legislative Council voted unanimously to end its executive session at 1:03 p.m. and reconvene its regular meeting during which the following motion regarding collective bargaining was made.

Motion: That pursuant to its authority under 26 MRSA, §979-A, sub-§5, the Legislative Council of the 130th Legislature ratify the collective bargaining agreement for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 that was negotiated and tentatively agreed to by the authorized representatives of the Legislative Council and the Maine Service Employees Association on October 14, 2021. Further, that the Legislative Council authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of this Agreement; Further, that upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council exercise its right to adopt the revisions to its personnel policies, pending agreement from the respective authorities, to apply personnel policies and benefit provisions that are comparable to those contained in the aforementioned ratified collective bargaining agreement; and direct its Executive Director to incorporate as appropriate and administer those provisions. Motion by Speaker Fecteau. Second by Rep. Dillingham. **Motion passed unanimously (10-0-0).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

Senator Vitelli asked for clarification on the upcoming dates for appeal. Speaker Fecteau confirmed with staff that November 1st is the deadline for bill sponsors to file appeals of bills that were not accepted by the Legislative Council at today's meeting, and the Legislative Council would meet to consider appeals on November 18th.

President Jackson asked staff if they could provide regular updates on sales tax revenue generated by sales of adult use marijuana and medical marijuana.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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	Action
Representative Alley of Beals	
LR 2270	FAILED
An Act To Help the Lobster Industry Respond to New Federal Rules and Regulations	
Representative Andrews of Paris	
LR 2282	FAILED
An Act To Protect Financial Privacy by Prohibiting the Surveillance of Financial Transactions	
LR 2283	FAILED
An Act To Stimulate Economic Recovery for Hourly Workers Paid Overtime at Time and a Half for Tax Year 2022	
LR 2371	FAILED
An Act To Improve Pathways to Certain Professional Licenses By Removing the Good Moral Character Requirement	
Representative Arford of Brunswick	
LR 2348	FAILED
An Act To Address the Urgent Need for Primary Care Providers in Maine By Licensing Medical School Graduates as Assistant Physicians	
Representative Babbidge of Kennebunk	
LR 2417	FAILED
An Act To Establish the Commission on the Future of Maine's Intertidal Lands	
Senator Bailey of York	
LR 2367	FAILED
An Act To Promote Affordable Housing by Allowing the Adoption of Subdivision Standards Established by the Maine State Housing Authority	
LR 2396	PASSED
An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed	
Senator Baldacci of Penobscot	
LR 2224	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child	

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	Action
Senator Baldacci of Penobscot	
LR 2280 An Act To Establish the Office of the Inspector General of Maine Child Protection	FAILED
LR 2281 Resolve, To Direct the University of Maine System To Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County	FAILED
LR 2285 An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process	PASSED
LR 2286 An Act To Ensure All Maine Children Have a Healthy Start by Providing Health Care Coverage	FAILED
LR 2291 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Child Protection Laws	FAILED
LR 2430 An Act To Reduce the Sales Tax on Automobiles	FAILED
LR 2431 An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives	PASSED
LR 2432 An Act To Combat Unwanted Telephone Solicitations	FAILED
LR 2433 An Act To Expand the Scope of the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program	FAILED
LR 2459 An Act To Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff	FAILED
LR 2469 An Act Regarding Syringe Exchange Programs	FAILED
LR 2470	FAILED

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	Action
Senator Baldacci of Penobscot	
Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Corrections To Develop Alternative Responses to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Emergency Calls	
LR 2471	FAILED
An Act To Assist Communities in Dealing with Homelessness by Providing State Funding	
Senator Bennett of Oxford	
LR 2173	FAILED
An Act Regarding the Application of Antimicrobial Agents by School Facilities Staff	
LR 2215	FAILED
An Act To Provide for a Religious Exemption from All Vaccine Mandates	
Representative Berry of Bowdoinham	
LR 2122	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit a Regulated Utility from Disconnecting Service to a Designated Public Safety Facility without 60 Days' Advance Notice	
LR 2124	FAILED
An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Specify the Percentage Increase or Decrease in the Delivery Portion of an Electricity Customer's Bill in All Communications Relating to Delivery Rate Adjustments	
LR 2492	PASSED
An Act To Support Employees of the Riverview Psychiatric Center and Riverview Psychiatric Center Outpatient Services	
LR 2493	FAILED
An Act To Improve Intensive Behavioral Health and Public Safety Case Management Services by Providing a Pay Increase to Intensive Case Managers	
Representative Bickford of Auburn	
LR 2378	PASSED
An Act To Create Affordable Agricultural Homesteads	
Senator Black of Franklin	
LR 2220	FAILED

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		Action
Senator Black of Franklin		
	An Act To Allow Plantations To Vote on Adult Use Marijuana Facilities and Stores and Medical Marijuana Facilities and Stores	
LR 2400		FAILED
	An Act To Create the Logging Contractor Relations Program	
LR 2480		FAILED
	Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection To Assess the Ecological Effects of Glyphosate-containing Herbicide Formulations and Other Herbicide Formulations Sprayed for Forest Management	
Representative Blume of York		
LR 2327		FAILED
	An Act To Encourage Climate Change Education in Maine Public Schools	
Senator Breen of Cumberland		
LR 2144		PASSED
	An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants	
LR 2146		FAILED
	An Act To Exempt Specialty License Plates Already in the Process of Being Created from the Moratorium on the Approval of Any New Motor Vehicle Registration Plates	
LR 2163		WITHDRAWN
	An Act To Promote Workforce Development in Maine	
LR 2247		FAILED
	An Act To Improve the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program	
LR 2510		PASSED
	An Act To Protect School Officials from Harassment and Abuse	
Representative Brennan of Portland		
LR 2120		FAILED
	An Act Regarding Compensation for College Athletes in the University of Maine System	

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	Action
Representative Brennan of Portland	
LR 2130	FAILED
Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop Protocols and Plans for Ensuring That All Relevant Services Are Included in an Individualized Education Program	
LR 2131	PASSED
Resolve, Regarding MaineCare Funding for Maine Schools	
LR 2152	FAILED
An Act Regarding College Tuition Waivers for Disadvantaged Students	
Senator Brenner of Cumberland	
LR 2187	FAILED
Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Conduct a Study of Rate Design for Customers Whose Administrative Customer Charges Exceed Their Overall Utility Bill	
LR 2252	PASSED
An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws	
LR 2268	FAILED
An Act To Provide Tax Benefits to Persons Constructing Accessory Dwelling Units on Residential-zoned Property	
LR 2329	PASSED
An Act To Address Burnout among Nurses and improve Patient Care	
LR 2330	FAILED
An Act To Adjust the Personal Property Tax Exemption for Farm Machinery	
LR 2331	FAILED
An Act To Enable Participation in the Physical Therapy Compact	
LR 2412	WITHDRAWN
An Act To Establish the Position of Deputy Secretary of State for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Department of the Secretary of State	
Representative Bryant of Windham	
LR 2177	FAILED
An Act Regarding Abandoned Motor Vehicle Fines and Disposal	

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	Action
Representative Bryant of Windham	
LR 2304	FAILED
An Act To Increase the Limit for Storage Fees for Abandoned Vehicles	
Representative Caiazzo of Scarborough	
LR 2360	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Testing Requirements for Adult Use Marijuana	
Representative Cardone of Bangor	
LR 2248	FAILED
An Act To Limit Parking Reserved for Persons with Disabilities to Vehicles Transporting Persons with Disabilities	
Senator Carney of Cumberland	
LR 2402	PASSED
An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes	
Senator Chipman of Cumberland	
LR 2263	FAILED
An Act To Improve the Property Tax System	
Senator Claxton of Androscoggin	
LR 2277	FAILED
An Act To Enhance Access to, Education Regarding and Patient and Community Safety in Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Program	
LR 2278	PASSED
An Act To Support Improvements in Child Protective Services	
LR 2279	PASSED
An Act Regarding the So-called Leveraging Investments so Families Can Thrive Report Produced by the Department of Health and Human Services	
LR 2284	FAILED
An Act To Promote Nonprofit Organizations That Support the Training and Safety of Service and Working Dogs through a Sales Tax Exemption	
LR 2335	PASSED
An Act To Establish the 340B Drug Pricing Nondiscrimination Act	

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	Action
Senator Claxton of Androscoggin	
LR 2355	PASSED
An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care	
Representative Cloutier of Lewiston	
LR 2261	FAILED
An Act To Restore Funding to the State's Tobacco Prevention and Control Program	
Representative Collings of Portland	
LR 2434	FAILED
An Act To Protect Communities from Water Extraction That Is Detrimental to Aquifers	
LR 2457	PASSED
An Act To Review State Lands or Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki Tribes	
LR 2458	FAILED
An Act To Add a Tribal Member to the Baxter State Park Authority	
LR 2483	FAILED
An Act To Increase the Tax on Mining Operations to 10 Percent	
LR 2500	FAILED
An Act To Place a 3 Percent Income Tax Surcharge on Incomes over \$1,000,000	
LR 2509	FAILED
An Act Regarding Tribal Gaming	
LR 2516	FAILED
Resolve, To Study Discrimination in Section 8 Rental Housing	
Representative Copeland of Saco	
LR 2464	FAILED
Resolve, To Create a Task Force To Study the Water Quality of Saco Bay and To Determine Pollution Sources	
LR 2465	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Copeland of Saco An Act To Protect Access to Workers' Compensation Benefits	
Representative Corey of Windham LR 2388 An Act To Ensure the Integrity of County and Regional Dispatchers through the Use of Polygraph Examinations	FAILED
Representative Costain of Plymouth LR 2324 An Act To Require the Immediate Transfer of Individuals in County Jails to State Mental Health Facilities upon Completion of Judicial Review of Involuntary Hospitalization Proceedings	FAILED
Representative Crafts of Newcastle LR 2467 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Electrical Work and Equipment on Boats	FAILED
Representative Craven of Lewiston LR 2141 An Act To Safeguard the Privacy of Individuals Applying for Guardianship in Probate Court	FAILED
LR 2142 An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem	PASSED
LR 2249 An Act To Provide Personal Mailboxes to All Tenants of Multiple-dwelling Houses	FAILED
LR 2429 An Act To Make MaineCare Rules Pertaining to Global Home and Community-based Services Waiver Programs and Person-centered Planning and Settings Major Substantive Rules	PASSED
Representative Crockett of Portland LR 2265 An Act To Allow Wine Retailers with 2 or More Licensed Facilities To Freely Transfer Wine between Approved Facilities	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Cuddy of Winterport	
LR 2473	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Maine Citizens Benefit from Renewable Energy Generation Projects by Establishing Job Quality and Hiring Standards	
Senator Curry of Waldo	
LR 2119	PASSED
An Act To Enhance the Child Welfare Ombudsman Program	
LR 2143	PASSED
An Act To Clarify and Update the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program	
LR 2441	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the Boundary between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay	
LR 2456	PASSED
An Act To Build More Sustainable Rural Ambulance Services	
Senator Cyrway of Kennebec	
LR 2184	FAILED
An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs for Drug Treatment Facilities	
Senator Daughtry of Cumberland	
LR 2258	FAILED
An Act To Allow Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets	
LR 2262	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management for Mountain Bike Trails	
LR 2297	FAILED
An Act To Establish a Drinking Water Quality Council in the State	
LR 2347	PASSED
An Act To Establish the Maine Spaceport Corporation	
LR 2375	PASSED
An Act To Expand Nursing Education Programs	

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	Action
Senator Daughtry of Cumberland	
LR 2454	FAILED
An Act To Allow the Use of Speed Traps with Cameras To Promote Public Safety	
Senator Davis, Sr. of Piscataquis	
LR 2164	PASSED
An Act Regarding the Retirement of Law Enforcement Officers under the Participating Local District Retirement Program	
LR 2169	FAILED
An Act Regarding Illegal School Entry	
LR 2175	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Statewide Fire Code	
LR 2176	FAILED
An Act To Prevent the Theft of Catalytic Converters	
LR 2231	PASSED
Resolve, To Name Bridges in the Town of Milo for Veterans Who Died during the Vietnam War	
Senator Deschambault of York	
LR 2303	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Property by Surveillance Cameras	
LR 2361	FAILED
An Act To Establish the Safe Homes Program	
Senator Diamond of Cumberland	
LR 2133	PASSED
An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Child Welfare Services Ombudsman by Providing for Increased Staffing	
LR 2134	PASSED
An Act To Prioritize the Prosecution of Child Murder Cases	
LR 2228	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit the Use of License Plate Coverings That Obstruct a Clear View of the Plate	

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Senator Diamond of Cumberland	
LR 2232 An Act To Establish Ongoing Monitoring of Maine's Child Protective Services	PASSED
LR 2288 An Act To Address Employee Retention at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and the Computer Crimes Unit in the Department of Public Safety	PASSED
Senator Dill of Penobscot	
LR 2159 An Act To Provide Funding for the Purchase of Maine Public Employees Retirement System Service Credit at a Subsidized Cost by Certain Persons Who Served in the Armed Forces of the United States	FAILED
LR 2179 An Act To Allow Deferment of a Moose Permit When More than One Is Granted to the Same Household	FAILED
LR 2180 An Act To Expand the Acreage Available for Agricultural Use by the Department of Corrections	PASSED
LR 2181 An Act To Allow the Department of Corrections To Dig a Well in the Bud Leavitt Wildlife Management Area	FAILED
LR 2182 An Act To Restrict the Sale of Used Catalytic Converters	FAILED
LR 2253 An Act To Allow for Expungement of Certain Criminal Records and To Expunge Criminal and Civil Records Related to Marijuana Activities Legalized by the Voters of Maine	FAILED
LR 2260 An Act To Change the Requirements for the Sales of Used Catalytic Converters	PASSED
LR 2474 An Act Providing for Nondiscrimination in Access to Anatomical Donation and Organ Transplantation	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Dillingham of Oxford	
LR 2301 An Act To Authorize Certain Off-premises Sales of Adult Use Marijuana	PASSED
LR 2438 An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to the Use of Medical Marijuana and Workers' Compensation	PASSED
LR 2439 An Act To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To Clarify and Amend the Rules Related to Micropigmentation Practitioners	PASSED
Representative Dodge of Belfast	
LR 2395 Resolve, To Protect Funding for the State Employee Health Care Program	FAILED
Representative Dunphy of Old Town	
LR 2332 An Act To Allow Unorganized Territory School Staff To Receive Annualized Pay	PASSED
Representative Evangelos of Friendship	
LR 2254 An Act To Amend the Composition and Powers of the Deadly Force Review Panel	FAILED
LR 2255 An Act To Repeal the Law Regarding the County Jail Reimbursement Fee	FAILED
Representative Evans of Dover-Foxcroft	
LR 2271 An Act To Encourage Job Growth in the Forestry Sector through Tax Incentives	PASSED
LR 2451 An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine	PASSED
Senator Farrin of Somerset	
LR 2127	FAILED

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	Action
Senator Farrin of Somerset	
An Act Regarding the Authorization of Services Performed by Emergency Medical Services Personnel	
LR 2149	FAILED
An Act To Prevent State Government from Influencing Health Care Decisions	
Representative Faulkingham of Winter Harbor	
LR 2422	FAILED
An Act To Retain and Expand Job Opportunities in the Health Care Industry	
LR 2463	FAILED
An Act To Create a Legal Defense Fund for the Maine Lobster Industry	
Representative Fay of Raymond	
LR 2210	PASSED
An Act To Continue Supporting Safe Drinking Water for Maine Families	
LR 2453	PASSED
An Act To Increase Maine's Veterinary Workforce and Keep Maine Farms Healthy through a Scholarship Program	
Speaker Fecteau of Biddeford	
LR 2299	PASSED
An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions	
LR 2356	PASSED
An Act To Promote Labor Education	
LR 2468	TABLED
An Act To Require Cultural Competency Training in State-licensed Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities and Independent Living Facilities	
Representative Geiger of Rockland	
LR 2340	FAILED
An Act To Make State Education Subsidies More Equitable	
LR 2354	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Geiger of Rockland	
An Act To Create a Livable Wage across Maine	
LR 2410	FAILED
An Act To Transition to Publicly Funded Early Childhood Education	
LR 2411	FAILED
An Act To Address Overdue Maintenance at Owls Head State Park	
Representative Gere of Kennebunkport	
LR 2390	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act	
LR 2481	FAILED
An Act To Improve the Educational Climate and Safety in Maine Schools by Reducing Bias and Harassment	
Representative Gramlich of Old Orchard Beach	
LR 2504	FAILED
An Act To Protect the Public from Exposure to Toxic Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Fish Consumption	
LR 2505	PASSED
An Act To Strengthen Child Sexual Abuse Laws and the Sex Offender Registry Protocol	
LR 2506	FAILED
An Act To Implement Best Practices Regarding Children's Behavioral and Mental Health Care	
LR 2507	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Low-income Families and Children with Special Needs Can Access Aftercare School Programs	
Representative Greenwood of Wales	
LR 2488	FAILED
An Act To Protect Maine Citizens from Discrimination by Including Vaccination Status as a Protected Class	
LR 2495	FAILED

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		Action
Representative Greenwood of Wales		
	An Act To Protect Maine Families by Removing Department of Health and Human Services Administrative Appeal Hearings from Department Oversight	
LR 2499		FAILED
	An Act To Restore Religious and Philosophical Exemptions from Vaccination Requirements	
LR 2515		FAILED
	An Act To Protect Students in Maine Public Schools from Mandatory Masking	
Representative Grohoski of Ellsworth		
LR 2377		FAILED
	An Act To Improve Safety for Personnel Providing Public Services along Roads	
LR 2391		PASSED
	An Act To Define "Discrete Electric Generating Facility"	
LR 2489		FAILED
	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Clean Energy Economy through the Use of Community Choice Aggregation Entities	
Senator Guerin of Penobscot		
LR 2162		FAILED
	An Act To Allow Health Care Workers To Direct Their Own Health Care Choices	
Representative Harnett of Gardiner		
LR 2256		FAILED
	An Act To Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel	
LR 2382		PASSED
	An Act To Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act	
LR 2414		PASSED
	An Act Clarifying the Right to Legal Representation for Individuals Subject to Guardianship	

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	Action
Representative Hasenfus of Readfield	
LR 2466	FAILED
Resolve, Directing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species To Recommend Ways To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations	
Representative Hepler of Woolwich	
LR 2316	PASSED
An Act To Provide Funding to Municipalities Severely Infested with Browntail Moths	
Senator Hickman of Kennebec	
LR 2121	PASSED
Resolve, Authorizing the Maine National Guard To Sell Certain Property in Hallowell	
LR 2123	PASSED
An Act To Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan To Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner	
LR 2339	PASSED
An Act To Help Alleviate Maine's Housing Shortage through Changes to Zoning Laws	
LR 2440	PASSED
An Act To Strengthen the Maine Civil Rights Act	
LR 2511	PASSED
An Act To Restructure the Administration of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	
Representative Hutchins of Penobscot	
LR 2337	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Free Expression on Campuses of the University of Maine System by Promoting Campus Clubs	
LR 2338	FAILED
An Act To Ensure the Participation of Parents and Taxpayers at Local School Board Meetings	
LR 2342	FAILED
An Act To Protect Voter Integrity and Voter Authority over Absentee Ballots	

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	Action
Representative Hutchins of Penobscot	
LR 2343	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Protection of the Ocean Bottom within Maine's 3-mile Boundary	
Representative Hymanson of York	
LR 2171	FAILED
An Act To Establish a Commission To Study the Health Effects of 5G Cellular Towers	
LR 2172	FAILED
An Act To Allow Certain Nonresidents Access to Department of Health and Human Services Waiting Lists for Services	
LR 2482	FAILED
Resolve, To Ensure the Continuation of Services to Maine Children and Families through the Alternative Response Program	
President Jackson of Aroostook	
LR 2160	PASSED
An Act To Establish a Disaster Relief Fund for Potato Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions	
LR 2161	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Charter of the St. Francis Water District	
LR 2167	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the Role of the Legislature in Sustaining Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry and To Promote Healthy Rivers	
LR 2275	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Caribou Utilities District Charter To Include Broadband Services	
LR 2287	FAILED
An Act To Fix Split Retirement Benefits for Certain State Employees	
LR 2289	FAILED
An Act To Create the Office of Federal Liaison for Maine's Heritage Lobster Industry	
LR 2290	PASSED

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	Action
President Jackson of Aroostook	
An Act To Address Inequality in Retirement for Department of Corrections Supervisors	
LR 2298	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Access to Prescription Contraceptives	
LR 2326	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the Laws Related to Online Raffle Tickets To Reflect the True Intent of Those Laws	
LR 2359	PASSED
An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education	
LR 2398	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Equitable Geographic Access to Long-term Care Services in the Department of Health and Human Services	
LR 2416	PASSED
An Act To Support Health Care Workers by Providing Hazard Reimbursements and Hazard Pay	
LR 2425	PASSED
Resolve, To Assist Long-term Care Facilities	
Senator Keim of Oxford	
LR 2147	FAILED
An Act To Protect Autonomy in Medical Care	
Representative Kryzak of Acton	
LR 2436	FAILED
An Act To Amend the State's Tax Laws	
Representative Landry of Farmington	
LR 2225	FAILED
An Act To Promote the Accessibility and Transparency of Maine's School Boards	
Senator Lawrence of York	
LR 2305	PASSED

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	Action
Senator Lawrence of York	
An Act To Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District	
LR 2427	FAILED
An Act To Update Maine's Felony Drug Possession Law	
Representative Libby of Auburn	
LR 2419	FAILED
An Act Regarding Guaranteed Educational Access Resources for Students	
LR 2428	FAILED
An Act To Clarify Medical Exemption Allowances under State Law	
LR 2449	FAILED
An Act To Ensure Services for Seniors during a State of Emergency by Waiving the Certificate of Need Requirement for Nursing and Long-term Care Facilities	
Representative Lookner of Portland	
LR 2251	FAILED
An Act To Prevent the Use of Prone Restraints on Youths Held in Department of Corrections Facilities	
LR 2475	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit the Use of Choke Holds and Prone Restraints by Public Employees	
Senator Luchini of Hancock	
LR 2132	PASSED
An Act To Make Permanent the Changes to the Liquor Laws Made by Public Law 2021, Chapters 3 and 91	
LR 2165	FAILED
An Act Regarding the Payment of College Athletes	
LR 2226	PASSED
An Act To Create a Framework for Maine's Spirits Contract	
LR 2307	PASSED
Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Provide Notice of Nursing Home Closures	

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	Action
Senator Luchini of Hancock	
LR 2373	PASSED
An Act Regarding Contributing to Candidates and Political Action Committees	
LR 2484	PASSED
An Act To Clarify the Exemption from Income Tax and Pass-through Entity Withholding Tax Liability for Certain Out-of-state Suppliers of Spirits Purchased by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations	
Representative Madigan of Waterville	
LR 2317	PASSED
An Act Regarding Access to Telehealth Behavioral Health Services during Public Health Emergencies	
LR 2318	FAILED
An Act To Establish Limits on the Number of Hours Worked By and Workloads of Child Protective Services Workers	
LR 2319	FAILED
An Act To Establish a Board To Oversee County Officials	
LR 2320	FAILED
An Act To Exempt Sanitizing Products from Sales Tax and Other State Fees	
LR 2383	FAILED
An Act To Protect MaineCare Recipients from Prior Authorization and Step Therapy for Medications Addressing Serious Mental Illness	
LR 2490	FAILED
An Act To Protect Children in Shared Custody	
LR 2491	FAILED
An Act To Improve Services for Persons Who Are Experiencing Homelessness	
Representative Martin of Eagle Lake	
LR 2385	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Education Service Centers	
LR 2418	PASSED

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	Action
Representative Martin of Eagle Lake	
An Act To Provide Clarity and Assistance to Rural Maine Providers in the Implementation of the Medicaid Home and Community-based Services Waiver Rule	
LR 2497	FAILED
An Act Regarding Green Crab Fishing	
Representative Mason of Lisbon	
LR 2276	PASSED
An Act To Require Law Enforcement Agencies To Retain Serial Numbers of Stolen Firearms	
Representative Mathieson of Kittery	
LR 2156	FAILED
An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver Districts	
Representative Matlack of St. George	
LR 2501	FAILED
An Act To Provide Municipal Shellfish Conservation Programs Greater Flexibility in Protecting Restricted Shellfish Growing Areas	
Senator Maxmin of Lincoln	
LR 2357	PASSED
An Act To Improve the Calculation of Payments from Schools That Send Tuition Students to Career and Technical Education Programs	
LR 2460	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Legislative Review of Rules for Maine's Medical Use of Marijuana Act	
LR 2476	PASSED
An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws	
Representative McCrea of Fort Fairfield	
LR 2230	TABLED
An Act To Clarify the Retroactive Granting of Sick Leave Days to Public School Employees Affected by COVID-19	
LR 2435	FAILED

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	Action
Representative McCrea of Fort Fairfield	
An Act To Provide Quality Child Care in Northern Maine	
Representative McCreight of Harpswell	
LR 2233	PASSED
An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Counseling Compact To Address Inequities in Access to Clinical Counseling Services and Increase Maine's Provider Workforce	
LR 2386	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Safe Entry and Access for People Seeking Health Care	
Representative McDonald of Stonington	
LR 2158	PASSED
An Act To Extend the Legal Hours for Harvesting Lobster in the Month of September	
LR 2334	FAILED
An Act To Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Discharge into Maine's Waterways	
LR 2384	FAILED
An Act To Promote Community Health and Safety by Supporting Overdose Prevention Services	
Representative Meyer of Eliot	
LR 2341	FAILED
An Act To Develop Maine's Workforce and Improve Economic Security for Maine's Families	
Representative Millett of Cape Elizabeth	
LR 2145	PASSED
An Act To Strengthen the Governance of the Maine Community College System and University of Maine System	
LR 2155	FAILED
Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor To Analyze the Prevalence of Maine Citizens Suffering from Long-term Symptoms Related to Acute COVID-19 Infection	
LR 2245	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Millett of Cape Elizabeth	
An Act To Establish Green Building Standards for Maine	
LR 2323	PASSED
An Act To Ensure Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Adults with Disabilities	
LR 2403	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave	
Senator Miramant of Knox	
LR 2188	FAILED
An Act To Enact the Maine Workplace Transparency Act To Regulate Employment Arbitration Agreements	
LR 2219	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Traffic Safety Laws To Prevent Risky Pedestrian Road Activity	
Senator Moore of Washington	
LR 2217	FAILED
An Act To Establish Statewide Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders	
LR 2512	FAILED
An Act To Address Maine's Suicide and Opioid Crises through the Construction of Affordable Recovery Facilities in Underserved Areas of the State	
Representative Morales of South Portland	
LR 2314	FAILED
An Act To Reduce Homelessness by Improving the General Assistance Program for Recipients and Landlords	
LR 2333	FAILED
An Act To Improve Access to Behavioral Health Services by Limiting Cost Sharing by Insurers	
Representative Moriarty of Cumberland	
LR 2189	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Criminal Use of Laser Pointers	

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	Action
Representative Moriarty of Cumberland	
LR 2368	FAILED
An Act To Amend the Credit for Educational Opportunity	
Representative Morris of Turner	
LR 2325	FAILED
An Act To Regulate Litigation Financing	
LR 2415	FAILED
An Act To Promote Diversity in Financial Product Offerings by Changing the Minimum Nonforfeiture Amount for Deferred Annuities to 0.15%	
LR 2472	FAILED
An Act Regarding Free Access to Accident Reports	
Representative O'Connell of Brewer	
LR 2136	FAILED
Resolve, To Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy To Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists	
Representative O'Neil of Saco	
LR 2446	FAILED
An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses	
LR 2477	FAILED
An Act To Protect the Privacy of Maine Residents	
LR 2478	FAILED
An Act To Create a Task Force To Study and Catalog the Use of Artificial Intelligence in State Government	
LR 2487	FAILED
An Act Regarding Board of Environmental Protection Review of Projects of Statewide Significance	
Representative Perkins of Oakland	
LR 2374	FAILED
An Act To Establish Certain Exemptions to Required Immunizations	

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	Action
Representative Perry of Calais	
LR 2358	WITHDRAWN
An Act To Define "Substance-exposed Infant"	
Representative Perry of Bangor	
LR 2135	FAILED
An Act To Require That Information Regarding the Distance between the Pupils of a Patient's Eyes Be Included Free of Charge on All Eye Prescriptions	
LR 2392	FAILED
An Act To Allow for a Standard Deviation in Potency for the Manufacturing of Adult Use Edible Marijuana Products	
LR 2393	FAILED
An Act To Modernize Maine's Rental Vehicle Industry and Equalize the Tax Rate Imposed on Rental Vehicles	
LR 2479	FAILED
An Act To Modernize Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Laws	
Representative Pierce of Falmouth	
LR 2259	FAILED
An Act To Prevent COVID-19 Transmission in Maine Schools	
LR 2401	PASSED
An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices	
Representative Pluecker of Warren	
LR 2221	FAILED
Resolve, To Protect Maine's Egg Producers	
LR 2227	PASSED
Resolve, To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals	
LR 2370	FAILED
An Act To Standardize Department of Corrections Reporting to the Legislature	

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	Action
Representative Pluecker of Warren	
LR 2376	FAILED
Resolve, To Study Driver's License Suspensions	
Representative Poirier of Skowhegan	
LR 2404	FAILED
An Act To Expand Working Hours for Minors	
Senator Pouliot of Kennebec	
LR 2137	FAILED
An Act To Allow Bars with an Occupancy of 30 or Fewer Persons To Have Only One Bathroom	
LR 2138	FAILED
An Act To Allow Organizations Other Than Schools To Have Yellow Buses with Red Flashing Lights and Stop Signs	
LR 2139	FAILED
An Act To Allow a Person To Appeal a Suspension of Driving Privileges That Is Based on a Doctor's Report to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles	
LR 2150	FAILED
An Act To Prohibit Mandatory Vaccinations	
LR 2154	FAILED
An Act Regarding the Expansion of the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Civilian Employees of the Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory and Computer Crimes Unit	
LR 2214	FAILED
An Act Regarding the Novel Engineering Journeyman Training Program	
LR 2229	FAILED
Resolve, To Address Maine's Direct Access Worker Shortage	
Senator Rafferty of York	
LR 2309	FAILED
An Act To Increase Student Learning Potential through the Use of High-impact Tutoring	
LR 2336	FAILED

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		Action
Senator Rafferty of York		
	An Act To Protect Consumers' Privacy by Giving Them Greater Control of Their Data	
LR 2426		FAILED
	An Act To Establish the State of Maine Infrastructure Bank	
Representative Rielly of Westbrook		
LR 2234		FAILED
	An Act To Amend the Authorizing Statutes of the Maine Commission for Community Service To Incorporate the Maine Climate Corps and Address Climate Challenges	
LR 2235		FAILED
	An Act To Require Emergency Contact and Crisis Hotline Numbers To Be Included on Student Identification Cards	
Representative Roberts of South Berwick		
LR 2420		FAILED
	An Act To Increase Access to Driver's Licenses for Adults	
LR 2423		FAILED
	An Act To Increase Access to Driver Education	
LR 2448		FAILED
	Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of General Contractors	
LR 2455		PASSED
	An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partnership	
Representative Roeder of Bangor		
LR 2272		FAILED
	An Act To Remove Discriminatory Restrictions Regarding Real Property	
LR 2273		PASSED
	An Act To Allow Pharmacists To Dispense an Emergency Supply of Chronic Maintenance Drugs	
Representative Rudnicki of Fairfield		
LR 2486		FAILED

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	Action
Representative Rudnicki of Fairfield An Act To Ensure In-state Tuition for Postsecondary Students Who Are Maine Residents for the Purpose of Voting	
Representative Sachs of Freeport LR 2185 An Act To Require the Use of Mufflers on Airboats	FAILED
Representative Salisbury of Westbrook LR 2485 An Act Concerning School Security Alarms	FAILED
Representative Sampson of Alfred LR 2407 An Act To Promote Government Accountability for Maine's COVID-19 Recovery	FAILED
LR 2409 Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Methods To Mitigate the Impacts of the Opioid Epidemic on Rural Communities	FAILED
LR 2413 An Act To End the Public Health Emergency	FAILED
Senator Sanborn of Cumberland LR 2170 An Act Regarding Point-of-dispensing Sites for Immunizations against COVID-19	PASSED
LR 2363 An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds	PASSED
LR 2364 Resolve, To Identify and Report Prescription Drugs with Unsupported Price Increases	FAILED
Representative Sheehan of Biddeford LR 2461	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Sheehan of Biddeford	
An Act To Support Restaurants in the State through Service Charge Revenues	
LR 2462	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Name Changes	
Representative Stetkis of Canaan	
LR 2442	FAILED
An Act To Establish Education Curriculum Transparency	
Senator Stewart of Aroostook	
LR 2125	FAILED
An Act To Exempt Certain Motor Vehicle Dealers from Display Area Size Requirements	
LR 2129	FAILED
An Act Regarding Persons Whose Parental Rights Have Been Terminated	
LR 2269	FAILED
An Act To Guarantee Grandparents the Right to Visitation with Their Grandchildren	
Representative Stover of Boothbay	
LR 2292	FAILED
An Act To Clarify the Application of the Maine Human Rights Act to Persons Actively Using Illegal Drugs in Recovery Residences or Sober Living Facilities	
LR 2294	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Charter of the Boothbay Harbor Sewer District To Set the Terms of Its Trustees at 3 Years	
LR 2313	PASSED
An Act To Address the Economic Impact of Federal Closures on Maine's Lobster Industry	
LR 2399	PASSED
An Act To Improve the Maine Child Welfare Services Ombudsman Program by Providing Additional Resources	

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Representative Supica of Bangor		
LR 2447	An Act To Remove a Significant Administrative Burden from Maine Marijuana Businesses That Use the State's Marijuana Tracking System	FAILED
Representative Sylvester of Portland		
LR 2372	An Act To Establish a Worker and Employer Bill of Rights	FAILED
LR 2421	An Act To Support Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder	FAILED
LR 2445	An Act To Strengthen Water Districts and Keep Maine's Water Clean	FAILED
LR 2452	Resolve, To Study the Legislature as a Workforce and Suggest Improvements To Ensure a Citizens' Legislature	FAILED
Representative Talbot Ross of Portland		
LR 2140	An Act To Establish the Provision of Emergency Medical Services as an Essential Service	PASSED
LR 2352	An Act To Expand Access to Mental Health and Crisis Care	PASSED
LR 2353	An Act Regarding Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Procedures and Outcomes in State Correctional Facilities	TABLED
LR 2498	Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues	PASSED
LR 2502	An Act To Facilitate Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine	PASSED
LR 2503		PASSED

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	Action
Representative Talbot Ross of Portland	
An Act To Increase Opportunities in the Cannabis Industry by Removing Restrictions Related to Certain Convictions for Drug Offenses	
LR 2508	PASSED
Resolve, To Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Criminal Records Review Committee	
Representative Tepler of Topsham	
LR 2244	FAILED
An Act To Improve Children's Mental Health by Requiring Insurance Coverage for COVID-19-related Mental Health Treatment	
Representative Theriault of China	
LR 2443	PASSED
An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program	
LR 2444	PASSED
An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters Using the Maine Length of Service Award Program	
Senator Timberlake of Androscoggin	
LR 2148	FAILED
An Act To Preserve the Freedom and Rights of the People of the State of Maine Regarding Vaccinations	
LR 2151	FAILED
Resolve, To Allow Ronald Caron To Sue the State	
LR 2394	FAILED
An Act To Prevent the Prohibition of the Use of Refrigerants	
LR 2496	FAILED
An Act To Give Back Excess Revenue to the People of the State of Maine	
Representative Tuell of East Machias	
LR 2246	FAILED
An Act Requiring Local Approval of the Machias Causeway Replacement Project	

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	Action
Representative Tuell of East Machias	
LR 2405 An Act To Promote Maine Seafood	FAILED
LR 2406 An Act To Incrementally Change the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Penalty for Early Retirement for Members Working as Educators in the System from 1983 to 1993	FAILED
LR 2408 An Act To Address the School Bus Driver Shortage	FAILED
Senator Vitelli of Sagadahoc	
LR 2166 An Act To Establish the Lobster Roll as the Maine State Sandwich	FAILED
LR 2293 An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition	PASSED
LR 2295 An Act To Review Utility Rates	PASSED
LR 2296 An Act To Clarify the Definition and Functions of Long-term Care Pharmacies	FAILED
LR 2300 An Act To Promote Road Safety for Bicyclists and Pedestrians	FAILED
LR 2302 An Act To Facilitate Net Energy Generation Billing	PASSED
LR 2381 An Act To Improve Access to Transcripts and Diplomas	PASSED
Representative Wadsworth of Hiram	
LR 2494 An Act To Exclude Capital Purchases from the Forestry Excise Tax Calculation	FAILED

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	Action
Representative Warren of Hallowell	
LR 2183 An Act Regarding the Maine Information and Analysis Center	FAILED
LR 2366 An Act To Reduce the Percentage of Light Transmittance Required for Motor Vehicle Windows	FAILED
Representative White of Waterville	
LR 2346 An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime	PASSED
LR 2397 An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Sick Leave Reimbursement for School Employees	TABLED
Representative Williams of Bar Harbor	
LR 2424 An Act To Update and Clarify the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act and Provide for Greater Transparency	FAILED
Senator Woodsome of York	
LR 2168 An Act Regarding Credit Checks	FAILED
LR 2267 An Act To Prohibit the Electronic Scanning of Driver's Licenses by Certain Retail Establishments	FAILED
Representative Zager of Portland	
LR 2437 Resolve, To Establish the Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State	PASSED
Representative Zeigler of Montville	
LR 2174 An Act Regarding Public Utility Investments	FAILED

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Action

Representative Zeigler of Montville

LR 2322

FAILED

An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution
from State-owned Waste Facilities

Total number of bills accepted: 107

Total number of bills tabled: 4

Fiscal Briefing

November 18, 2021

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$357.5	\$421.8	\$64.2	18.0%	\$366.4	15.1%
FYTD	\$1,515.4	\$1,708.7	\$193.3	12.8%	\$1,387.0	23.2%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$64.2 million (18.0%) for the month of October and over budget by \$193.3 million (12.8%) for the fiscal year to date.

Individual income tax revenue was over budget by \$24.8 million (16.2%) for the month and by \$53.1 million (7.9%) for the fiscal year to date. For the month of October, a negative variance in individual income tax withholding was offset by positive variances in the other individual income tax lines, and for the fiscal year to date, only individual income tax refunds (more refunds paid than budgeted) was experiencing a negative variance. Corporate income tax revenue was over budget by \$15.1 million (151.3%) for the month and by \$50.4 million (73.4%) for the fiscal year to date. Sales and use tax revenue for October (September sales) was over budget by \$21.9 million (13.3%) for the month and by \$91.6 million (13.2%) for the fiscal year to date.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2022 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Change
October	\$30.6	\$29.6	(\$0.9)	-3.1%	\$29.9	-1.0%
FYTD	\$117.9	\$121.4	\$3.5	3.0%	\$116.2	4.5%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.9 million (-3.1%) for the month of October but over budget by \$3.5 million (3.0%) for the fiscal year to date.

Fuel taxes were under budget by \$1.1 million for the month but over budget by \$1.4 million (1.8%) for the fiscal year to date. Motor vehicle registrations and fees were slightly below budget for the month but over budget by \$1.4 million (4.1%) for the fiscal year to date.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool for October was \$3,800.1 million, an increase from September's average of \$3,758.8 million. The increase was largely the result of increases in the General Fund and Independent Agency Funds balances partially offset by a decrease in Highway Fund balances. The average Highway Fund balance in October was \$38.2 million, a decrease from September's average of \$52.4 million, largely reflecting construction season spending.

4. Economic and Revenue Forecast Meetings

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met on Friday, October 29th to review and update the economic forecast for its November 1st report. The CEFC made relatively minor changes to its April 2021 forecast. Of particular note, the CEFC forecast for personal income was revised up in all years - from 5.0% to 5.2% in 2021, from 0.2% to 0.5% in 2022, from 4.1% to 4.6% in 2023, from 4.3%

to 4.8% in 2024 and from 4.5% to 4.6% in 2025. These revisions reflect stronger assumed wage growth for 2021 through 2024. The CEFC also revised its forecast for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) up for 2021 and 2022, from 2.4% to 4.4% in 2021 and from 2.2% to 3.5% in 2022, leaving 2022 through 2025 unchanged at 2.1% annually. This change reflects higher inflation in recent months due to several forces that the CEFC expects will continue through early 2022, including an uptick in consumer spending due to pent-up demand, supply bottlenecks and rising energy prices.

The CEFC summary of the major changes follows. The Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) is scheduled to meet November 23rd to review and update the revenue forecast to comply with its statutory reporting date of December 1st.

November 2021 vs. April 21 CEFC Forecast

Calendar Years	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Wage & Salary Employment (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 02/2020	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CEFC Forecast 04/2021	-6.4%	4.0%	2.3%	0.7%	0.1%	0.1%
CEFC Forecast 11/2021	-6.4%	3.7%	2.3%	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Difference 11/21 vs. 4/21	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Personal Income (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 02/2020	4.1%	4.0%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
CEFC Forecast 04/2021	7.6%	5.0%	0.2%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%
CEFC Forecast 11/2021	7.9%	5.2%	0.5%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%
Difference 11/21 vs. 4/21	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0.1%
Wage and Salary Income (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 02/2020	4.1%	3.7%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
CEFC Forecast 04/2021	1.4%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
CEFC Forecast 11/2021	2.9%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%
Difference 11/21 vs. 4/21	1.5%	0.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
CPI (Annual Percentage Change)						
CEFC Forecast 02/2020	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
CEFC Forecast 04/2021	1.2%	2.4%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
CEFC Forecast 11/2021	1.2%	4.4%	3.5%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
Difference 11/21 vs. 4/21	0.0%	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

From CEFC October 29, 2021 Meeting

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)

Updated 11/15/21

October 2021 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	October '21 Budget	October '21 Actual	October '21 Variance	Fiscal Year-To-Date				FY 2022 Budgeted Totals	
				Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %		% Change from Prior Year
Sales and Use Tax ¹	165,271,846	187,191,141	21,919,295	691,620,902	783,191,630	91,570,728	13.2%	24.5%	1,805,656,922
Service Provider Tax	4,188,559	4,322,485	133,926	16,754,238	17,125,567	371,329	2.2%	-7.8%	51,000,000
Individual Income Tax	153,300,000	178,104,455	24,804,455	671,300,000	724,432,088	53,132,088	7.9%	22.8%	1,844,500,000
Corporate Income Tax	10,000,000	25,132,520	15,132,520	68,700,000	119,096,688	50,396,688	73.4%	70.5%	220,033,737
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax ²	13,932,129	14,765,991	833,862	51,483,609	53,271,665	1,788,056	3.5%	8.1%	150,427,000
Insurance Companies Tax	8,756,470	6,708,282	(2,048,188)	9,295,523	9,424,667	129,144	1.4%	16.2%	88,250,000
Estate Tax	1,495,679	6,291,270	4,795,591	5,666,903	8,858,259	3,191,356	56.3%	-18.7%	25,850,000
Other Taxes and Fees *	22,901,813	20,090,735	(2,811,078)	52,614,282	51,201,398	(1,412,884)	-2.7%	7.7%	146,319,687
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,048,535	459,835	(588,700)	4,453,257	2,012,115	(2,441,142)	-54.8%	-37.0%	12,416,881
Income from Investments	204,618	556,990	352,372	654,610	1,723,197	1,068,587	163.2%	25.5%	2,937,863
Transfer from Lottery Commission	5,146,398	7,001,996	1,855,598	19,747,177	24,189,024	4,441,847	22.5%	5.6%	60,000,000
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(365,000)	(368)	364,632	(260,000)	(542,792)	(282,792)	-108.8%	-257.3%	(76,150,000)
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(20,157,881)	(22,658,084)	(2,500,203)	(67,304,013)	(78,921,985)	(11,617,972)	-17.3%	-58.9%	(180,250,232)
Other Revenue *	(8,173,628)	(6,186,276)	1,987,352	(9,323,458)	(6,370,688)	2,952,770	31.7%	55.1%	28,158,071
Totals	357,549,538	421,780,972	64,231,434	1,515,403,030	1,708,690,833	193,287,803	12.8%	23.2%	4,179,149,929

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

1 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana sales taxes of \$1.1 million for October and \$3.6 million for the fiscal year to date.

2 / Includes revenue from adult-use marijuana excise taxes of \$0.5 million for October and \$1.9 million for the fiscal year to date.

General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)

Updated 11/15/21

October 2021 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2022 Budgeted Totals
	October '21 Budget	October '21 Actual	October '21 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	Variance %	% Change from Prior Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:									
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	13,331,852	12,528,743	(803,109)	13,331,852	12,528,743	(803,109)	-6.0%	-0.2%	14,813,169
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,766,082	1,227,393	(1,538,689)	5,594,355	5,872,523	278,168	5.0%	31.0%	22,570,549
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,867,183	1,922,006	54,823	8,349,537	8,747,207	397,670	4.8%	62.6%	22,093,824
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	229,538	330,311	100,773	2,460,702	1,890,181	(570,521)	-23.2%	-38.6%	10,438,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	100.0%	6,200,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,198,914	1,854,950	(343,964)	8,795,656	8,137,980	(657,676)	-7.5%	3.6%	26,916,990
- Milk Handling Fee	52,526	203,725	151,199	714,539	583,599	(130,940)	-18.3%	-66.4%	1,777,656
- Racino Revenue	634,241	804,935	170,694	2,638,426	3,634,765	996,339	37.8%	82.4%	7,131,739
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	167,474	147,014	(20,460)	1,292,149	1,297,485	5,336	0.4%	-3.7%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	796,574	454,179	(342,395)	5,980,768	5,376,367	(604,401)	-10.1%	-14.9%	15,989,294
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	857,429	617,479	(239,950)	3,456,298	3,132,548	(323,750)	-9.4%	11.3%	13,864,256
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	22,901,813	20,090,735	(2,811,078)	52,614,282	51,201,398	(1,412,884)	-2.7%	7.7%	146,319,687
Detail of Other Revenue:									
- Liquor Sales and Operations	1,823	100	(1,723)	8,994	6,728	(2,266)	-25.2%	-66.8%	28,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	6,476	0	(6,476)	40,312	0	(40,312)	-100.0%	-100.0%	83,160
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,828,007	2,200,851	372,844	6,038,415	10,062,293	4,023,878	66.6%	-1.2%	22,070,666
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	6,200,000
- Tourism Transfer	(6,082,355)	(6,686,517)	(604,162)	(14,869,000)	(15,473,162)	(604,162)	-4.1%	9.4%	(14,872,600)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	(492,146)	(698,202)	(206,056)	(2,457,306)	(3,747,400)	(1,290,094)	-52.5%	29.6%	(5,992,693)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	(2,869,689)	(3,249,474)	(379,785)	(7,012,000)	(7,391,785)	(379,785)	-5.4%	25.4%	(7,012,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	(565,744)	2,246,966	2,812,710	8,927,127	10,172,639	1,245,512	14.0%	28.7%	27,653,038
Subtotal - Other Revenue	(8,173,628)	(6,186,276)	1,987,352	(9,323,458)	(6,370,688)	2,952,770	31.7%	55.1%	28,158,071
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:									
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreak)	0	146	146	0	601	601	N/A	-52.1%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	(400,000)	(514)	399,486	(400,000)	(52,603)	347,397	86.8%	73.5%	(19,100,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	35,000	0	(35,000)	140,000	(490,790)	(630,790)	-450.6%	-190.5%	(57,050,000)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(365,000)	(368)	364,632	(260,000)	(542,792)	(282,792)	-108.8%	-257.3%	(76,150,000)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	1,056,054	652,880	(403,174)	6,511,988	6,265,410	(246,578)	-3.8%	-20.3%	21,471,298

Highway Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 (FY 2022)

Updated 11/15/21

October 2021 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	Fiscal Year-To-Date								FY 2022 Budgeted Totals
	October '21 Budget	October '21 Actual	October '21 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Variance	% Change from Prior Year	
Fuel Taxes:									
- Gasoline Tax	18,187,726	16,938,744	(1,248,982)	72,578,476	72,345,438	(233,038)	-0.3%	8.4%	200,950,000
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,480,056	4,534,105	54,049	16,217,525	17,965,926	1,748,401	10.8%	10.4%	46,898,199
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,653,893)	(1,578,695)	75,198	(6,516,189)	(6,601,667)	(85,478)	-1.3%	-8.1%	(18,211,727)
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(454,820)	(423,587)	31,233	(1,814,970)	(1,809,142)	5,828	0.3%	-7.5%	(5,025,156)
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	20,559,069	19,470,567	(1,088,502)	80,464,842	81,900,555	1,435,713	1.8%	8.9%	224,611,316
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:									
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	6,034,368	5,763,428	(270,940)	26,408,643	25,068,152	(1,340,491)	-5.1%	-9.2%	69,162,203
- License Plate Fees	122,183	34,350	(87,833)	1,417,133	1,519,604	102,471	7.2%	4.7%	3,652,523
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	712,183	1,119,296	407,113	2,632,446	3,879,432	1,246,986	47.4%	7.8%	10,884,523
- Title Fees	1,334,739	1,174,640	(160,099)	5,072,484	5,390,796	318,312	6.3%	-5.2%	14,325,795
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	880,373	967,807	87,434	3,250,412	4,044,984	794,572	24.4%	6.3%	9,698,036
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	(5,041,605)	(4,770,250)	271,355	5.4%	5.2%	(16,518,054)
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	9,083,846	9,059,521	(24,325)	33,739,513	35,132,717	1,393,204	4.1%	-5.3%	91,205,026
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	232,489	72,695	(159,795)	996,706	809,219	(187,487)	-18.8%	-3.7%	3,202,500
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	101,023	129,996	28,973	447,936	567,519	119,583	26.7%	2.6%	1,267,454
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	50,534	114,691	64,157	202,136	461,538	259,402	128.3%	47.5%	606,412
Interest Earnings	7,240	20,050	12,810	28,956	70,628	41,672	143.9%	8.9%	86,864
Other Highway Fund Revenue	531,120	762,490	231,370	1,975,161	2,441,169	466,008	23.6%	17.7%	9,739,321
Totals	30,565,321	29,630,009	(935,312)	117,855,250	121,383,345	3,528,095	3.0%	4.5%	330,718,893

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-FIRST REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION
AUTHORIZED STUDIES
Legislative Council Meeting – November 18, 2021

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Legislative Council Study Establishing And Implementing a System of Using Racial Impact Statements for Legislation LD 2, P.L. 2021, c. 21	Danielle Fox Suzanne Gresser Darlene Shores Lynch	Three of 4 meetings held	Initial 11/1/21 Report on Pilot 12/15/22	Rep. Talbot Ross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft proposal considered. • Agreement reached with UMS and the Permanent Comm'n on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations
College Affordability and Completion Commission to Study College Affordability and Completion LD 247, Resolve 2021, c. 103	Drafting assistance only Karen Nadeau Rachel Olson	First meeting scheduled for 11/17	1/22/22	Sen. Daughtry Rep. Crockett	UMS system staffing – using Legislature audio and YouTube channel for meetings
Criminal Records Review Committee LD 563, Resolve 2021, c. 121	Peggy Reinsch Jane Orbeton Darlene Shores Lynch	Two of 5 authorized meetings have been held	12/15/2021	Rep. Talbot Ross, Sen. Bailey	Report deadline extension (12/15) and additional meeting request approved
Increase Housing Opportunities Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions (LD 609, Resolve 2021, c. 59)	Hillary Risler Samuel Prawer Kristin Brawn	Six of 7 authorized meetings have been held	12/15/21	Speaker Fecteau, Sen. Hickman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report deadline extension (12/15) and additional meeting request approved. • Report drafting in process – final meeting scheduled for 12/2
Probate Courts into Judicial Branch Resolve, To Establish the Commission to Create a Plan to Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch LD 719, Resolve 2021, c. 104	Janet Stocco Samuel Senft Darlene Shores Lynch	Two of 4 authorized meetings have been held	12/15/21	Rep. Cardone, Sen. Carney	Report deadline extension approved (12/15)
Paid Family and Medical Leave Commission to Develop a Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program LD 1559, Resolve 2021, c. 122	Anna Broome Colleen McCarthy Reid Kristin Brawn	Two of 4 authorized meetings held	2/1/22	Sen. Daughtry, Rep. Cloutier	Contracted actuarial study included in duties.

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-FIRST REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION
AUTHORIZED STUDIES
Legislative Council Meeting – November 18, 2021

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Creating Basic Income Security Committee to Study the Feasibility of Creating Basic Income Security LD 1603, P.L. 2021, c. 405	Steve Langlin Lynne Caswell (Anna Broome) Kristin Brawn	No meetings held – 4 authorized	12/1/21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One gubernatorial appointment pending. • Sec. 1, subsection 7 of authorizing statute requires outside funding before meeting (by 11/17). • No new funds received.
Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature Working Group to Review the Process of Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature JO, SP #578	Julie Jones	All 4 authorized meetings have been held	12/1/21	Sen. Libby, Rep. Terry	Report draft in progress
Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language Resolve, to Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes with Respectful Language LD 1588, Resolve 2021, c. 120	Revisor of Statutes	N/A	1/15/22	N/A	
Ongoing statutory studies					
Right to Know (Advisory Committee) 010-30A-3327-01 T 1 §411	Peggy Reinsch Colleen McCarthy Reid Anna Broome Rachel Olson Darlene Shores Lynch	Three of 4 required meetings held (5 planned)	1/15 annually	Rep. Thom Harnett	Fourteen of 16 members appointed One President appointed vacancy (recently expired term). One gubernatorial vacancy (new seat)

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-FIRST REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION
 AUTHORIZED STUDIES
 Legislative Council Meeting – November 18, 2021**

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Marijuana Advisory Commission T 28-B c. 1 sub c. 9	Samuel Prawer Dan Tartakoff Kirstin Brawn	One meeting held (no further meetings planned)	1/15 annually	Sen. Miramant, Rep. Pierce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PL c. 363 (effective 10/18) added 6 members to Commission. Appointments by Speaker and President pending • Report draft in progress
Education and Employment Outcomes Task Force T. 20-A c. 437	Lynne Caswell Rachel Olson Kristin Brawn	Up to 4 meetings annually	11/1 annually		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 members, two outstanding appointments. • Leg Council authorized to allow meetings if appointments are still not complete after 11/18
State Compensation Commission T 3, § 2-B	Lauren Metayer		1/15 even-numbered years		No members appointed – 4 from Speaker and President pending
Citizen Trade Policy Commission T. 10, §11	Contract staff - unfilled	At least twice annually One meeting scheduled	Trade agreement impact assessment every 2 years	Sen. Hickman, Rep. Gere	22 members Gubernatorial appointments pending
Other Legislative Council-approved studies (staffed by department/agency)					
Registration Plate Working Group Resolve 2021, c. 108	Secretary of State, BMV	4 meetings	2/1/2022	none specified in authorizing legislation	10 members – pending 3 appointments from the Secretary of State
Task Force To Study the Coordination of Services and Expansion of Educational Programs for Young Adults with	Dept. of Educ.	Minimum of 4 meetings	Within one year of convening	Named by DOE Commissioner	27 members –

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE-FIRST REGULAR/SPECIAL SESSION
AUTHORIZED STUDIES
Legislative Council Meeting – November 18, 2021

Study Commission/Committee Study	Assigned Staff	Number of authorized meetings held to date	Report Date	Chairs	Status or comment
Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities or Acquired Brain Injury Resolve 2021, c. 116					All (3) legislative appointments have been made
Maine Health Data Organization Health Information Advisory Committee Resolve 2021, c. 423	MHDO staff	At least 4 per year		Chosen by members annually	11 members – All (2) Legislative appointments have been made

**130th MAINE LEGISLATURE/FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AUTHORIZED INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Interim meetings of Joint Standing Committees or subcommittees			
Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry	Karen Nadeau Darlene Shores Lynch		
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	Jane Orbeton		
Education and Cultural Affairs	Hillary Risler Samuel Senft	Three meetings held – anticipate request for additional meeting to be scheduled in December	Briefings
Environment and Natural Resources	Deirdre Schneider Daniel Tartakoff	One authorized meeting - Cancelled	Offsite tour
Energy, Utilities and Technology	Daniel Tartakoff Deirdre Schneider	Four of 6 authorized meetings have been held (planned bi-weekly)	Various topics including carryovers, report-backs and briefings
Health and Human Services	Anna Broome	One authorized meeting held (additional Joint meeting with GOC on 11/10)	Briefings
Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services	Colleen McCarthy	One scheduled for 11/19	
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Kristin Brawn		
Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business	Rachel Olson		
Judiciary	Peggy Reinsch Samuel Senft		
Labor and Housing	Steven Langlin Colleen McCarthy Reid		
Marine Resources	Lynne Caswell	One authorized meeting held	Briefings
State and Local Government	Lynne Caswell	Two of 3 authorized meetings have been held	Roads subcommittee
Transportation	Samuel Praver Karen Nadeau		
Veteran and Legal Affairs	Janet Stocco Samuel Praver		

130th Maine State Legislature
Legislative Council
Tabled Bill Requests from October 25, 2021

SPONSOR: Spkr. Ryan Michael Fecteau

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2468	An Act To Require Cultural Competency Training in State-licensed Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities and Independent Living Facilities	Tabled 10/25/21

SPONSOR: Rep. David H. McCrea

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2230	An Act To Clarify the Retroactive Granting of Sick Leave Days to Public School Employees Affected by COVID-19	Tabled 10/25/21

SPONSOR: Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2353	An Act Regarding Disciplinary and Grievance Policy Procedures and Outcomes in State Correctional Facilities	Tabled 10/25/21

SPONSOR: Rep. Bruce White

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2397	An Act To Clarify COVID-19 Sick Leave Reimbursement for School Employees	Tabled 10/25/21



November 2, 2021

Ms. Suzanne M. Gresser
Executive Director
State of Maine Legislative Council
115 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0115

Dear Ms. Gresser:

Pursuant to "Section 13080-L Annual Report" of the Loring Development Authority of Maine's (LDA) enabling legislation, please find enclosed a report of the activities of the LDA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The report includes a summary of the LDA's development activities and audited financial statements for FY21. Subsequent events through October 15, 2021 and proposed activities for FY22 are also reported.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Carl W. Flora
President & CEO

Enclosure

cc: Senator Chip Curry - Chair
Representative Tiffany Roberts - Chair
Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Report on Activity at Maine's Largest
Industrial - Commercial - Aviation - Business Park



**Paragraph 13080-L
Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**

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PARAGRAPH 1A: DESCRIPTION OF THE AUTHORITY’S OPERATIONS

Loring Development Authority (LDA) is responsible for the redevelopment of the properties of the state’s largest industrial park, Loring Commerce Centre, formerly Loring Air Force Base, in support of new job creation and new economic activity. LDA manages the 3,700-acre business-commercial and industrial park including a 1,600-acre aviation complex; serves as landlord to leasehold businesses and supplies municipal-type services to residents and businesses that collectively employ approximately 750 people and occupy 1 million square feet of space in numerous major buildings. LDA operates a water treatment plant, water distribution system, and a wastewater collection system; maintains and plows 26 miles of roadways; performs grounds maintenance on hundreds of acres of developed and developable property; and through arrangements with the Town of Limestone and others, secures fire, ambulance, and law enforcement services and contracts for wastewater treatment. The LDA works with prospective businesses to develop opportunities to reuse additional facilities and properties, create additional employment and economic activity both at Loring and in the broader region.

Businesses at Loring represent industrial, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, energy, telecommunications, commercial, back-office, education, recreation, conservation and aviation sectors. A profile of the employers at Loring, included at the end of this report, illustrates the significant level and diversity of economic activity generated by the reuse of facilities at Loring Commerce Centre.

**PARAGRAPH 1B: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

The attached Independent Auditor's Report was approved by the Loring Development Authority Board of Trustees on October 13, 2021.

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021

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LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

UNAUDITED

The management of the Loring Development Authority of Maine (LDA) is providing the following discussion and analysis of the financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2021. The LDA is a component unit of the State of Maine with a mission to create jobs and positive economic growth by redevelopment of approximately 3,700 acres of the former Loring Air Force Base located in Limestone, Maine.

Report Layout

The management's discussion and analysis is intended to make reports more understandable, easier to read, comprehensible and to explain significant changes and financial positions between the current and prior year.

Financial Highlights

- Total net position decreased by \$1,332,677. Operations decreased net position by \$1,669,430. Revenues were up due to an increase in state assistance while expenses were down due to decreases in salaries, utilities and uncollectable accounts.
- Total revenues of \$1,626,608 are comprised of 16% from lease revenue, 41% from state assistance, 17% from federal grants, 17% from water and sewer fees and 5% from other LDA operations.
- Due to a challenging economic environment net jobs have declined over the past fiscal year.
- The annual Caretaker grant revenue for the maintenance and operation of essential services and facility maintenance ceased in September 2004. The LDA now relies on lease income, state assistance and other operations to support these operations. The LDA's cost for facility maintenance, operations of water distribution and sewer collection systems, maintenance of a network of roads, parking lots, airfield pavements, together with services for wastewater treatment, fire, police and ambulance protection was approximately \$1.9 million in fiscal year 2021.

Basic Financial Statements

The LDA's financial reports are prepared using proprietary fund (enterprise fund) accounting which is the same basis as private-sector business enterprises and utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting records income as it is earned and costs as incurred. The basic financial statements include the following:

Statements of Net Position
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Statements of Cash Flows

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

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The Statements of Net Position exhibits the balance of current and capital assets less current liabilities and a net asset balance. As required by GASB 34, the LDA has included the estimated fair market value of net assets (structures, vehicles and equipment, aviation facilities, roads and accessory facilities, special use structures and land) which were given to the LDA at no cost by the United States Air Force. The carrying value of total capital assets for the current year is \$54,046,878 as compared to a capital asset balance of \$55,098,271 for the prior year ending June 30, 2020.

Table 1 provides condensed data of the Statements of Net Position for the fiscal years ended 2021 and 2020.

Table 1

Net Position

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current assets	\$ 1,006,904	\$ 1,251,725
Net capital assets	54,046,878	55,098,271
Notes receivable, net of current portion	<u>50,101</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>55,103,883</u>	<u>56,649,996</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>8,807</u>	<u>23,422</u>
Current Liabilities	2,394,538	2,123,734
Long-term Liabilities	<u>1,098,317</u>	<u>1,304,143</u>
Total Liabilities	3,492,855	3,427,877
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>168,817</u>	<u>461,846</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>51,451,018</u>	\$ <u>52,783,695</u>

The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position reports the federal and state assistance and operations revenue, less operating costs in order to reflect the change in net position value for the current year in combination with the prior year's net position value to reflect the net position balance as of June 30, 2021.

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Table 2 shows the changes in net position for the fiscal years 2021 and 2020.

Table 2**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
State Assistance	\$ 665,974	\$ 503,306
General Revenues		
Lease and Other	<u>617,260</u>	<u>601,244</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,283,234</u>	<u>1,104,550</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits	432,477	565,737
Travel	1,599	2,600
Contracted Services	569,757	482,930
Depreciation	969,774	972,344
Legal and Audit	6,063	9,591
Marketing	7,547	1,110
Supplies and Expenses	65,104	84,961
Maintenance	197,458	202,072
Utilities	572,466	606,308
Uncollectable Accounts	-	13,814
Other General and Administrative	<u>130,419</u>	<u>122,629</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,952,664</u>	<u>3,064,096</u>
Loss from Operations	<u>(1,669,430)</u>	<u>(1,959,546)</u>
Other Revenues & Expenses		
Other	<u>336,753</u>	<u>139,259</u>
Change in Net Position	\$ <u>(1,332,677)</u>	\$ <u>(1,820,287)</u>

The Statements of Cash Flows are included, which discloses net cash provided by, or used in operating activities, noncapital financial activities, and from capital and related financing activities. From these statements, the reader can obtain comparative information on the sources and uses of cash for the reported years.

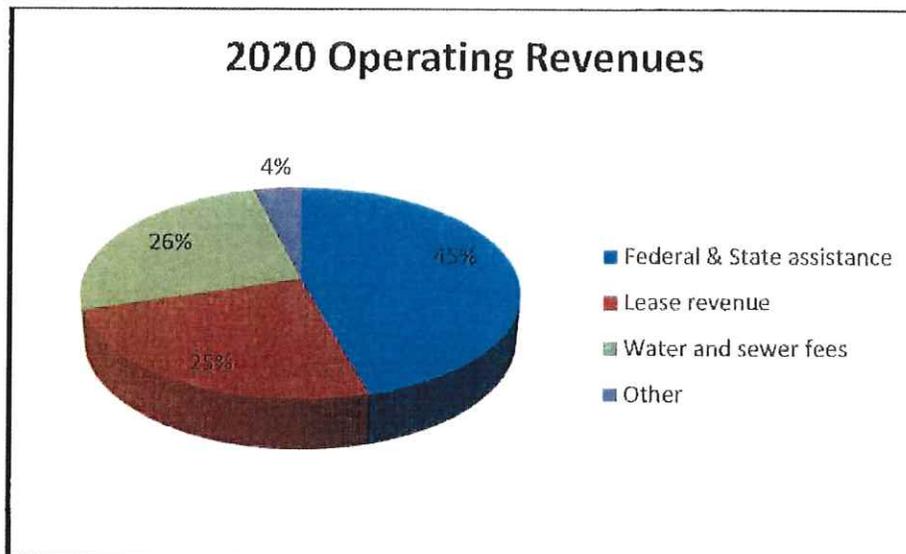
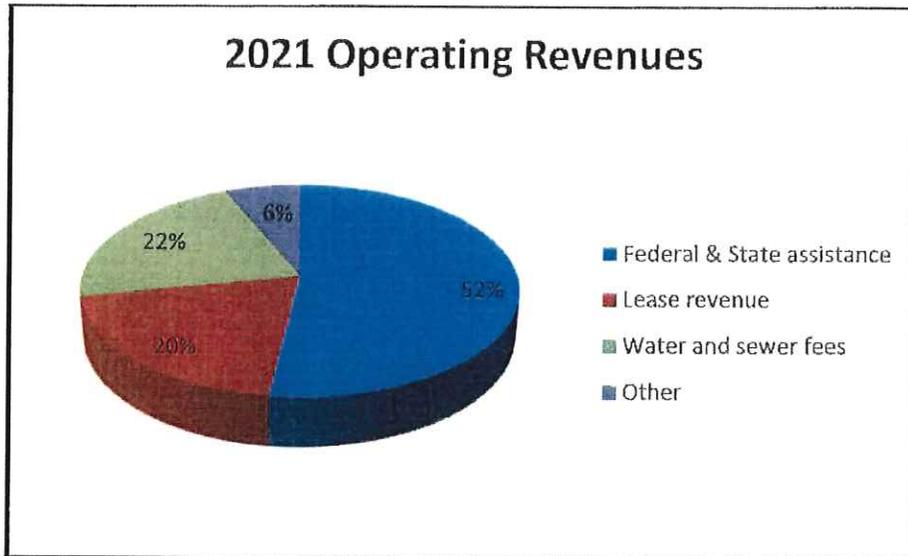
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The Loring Development Authority's Funds

The Loring Development Authority's Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues and other sources amounted to \$1,626,608 in 2021 and \$1,250,717 in 2020. Operating revenues for the two years as represented in the tables below totaled \$1,283,234 in 2021 and \$1,104,550 in 2020. Federal and state grants and assistance represents 52% and 45% of the LDA's operating revenues for the last two years.

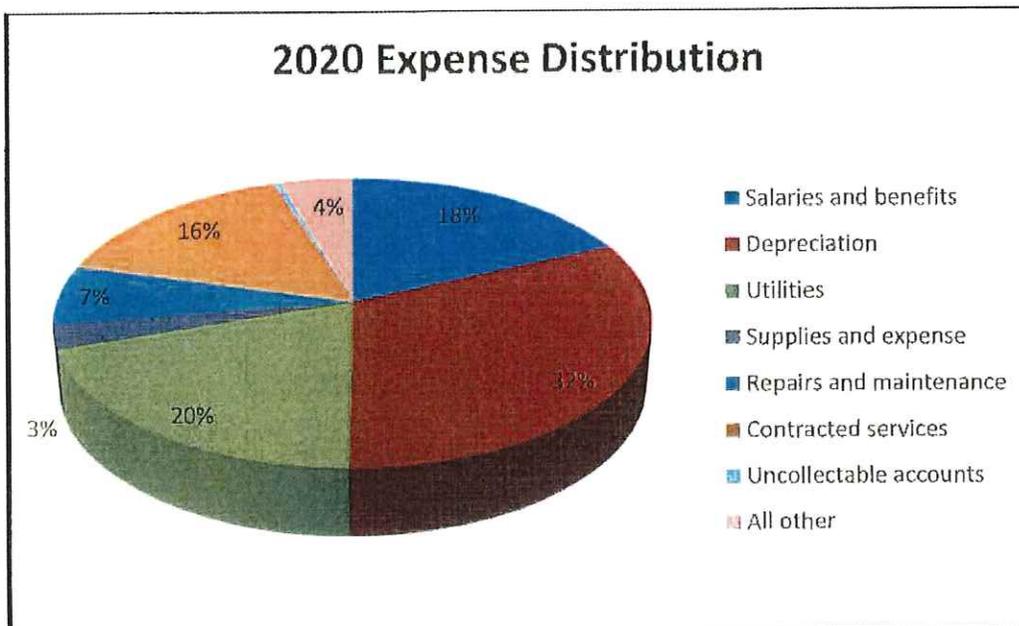
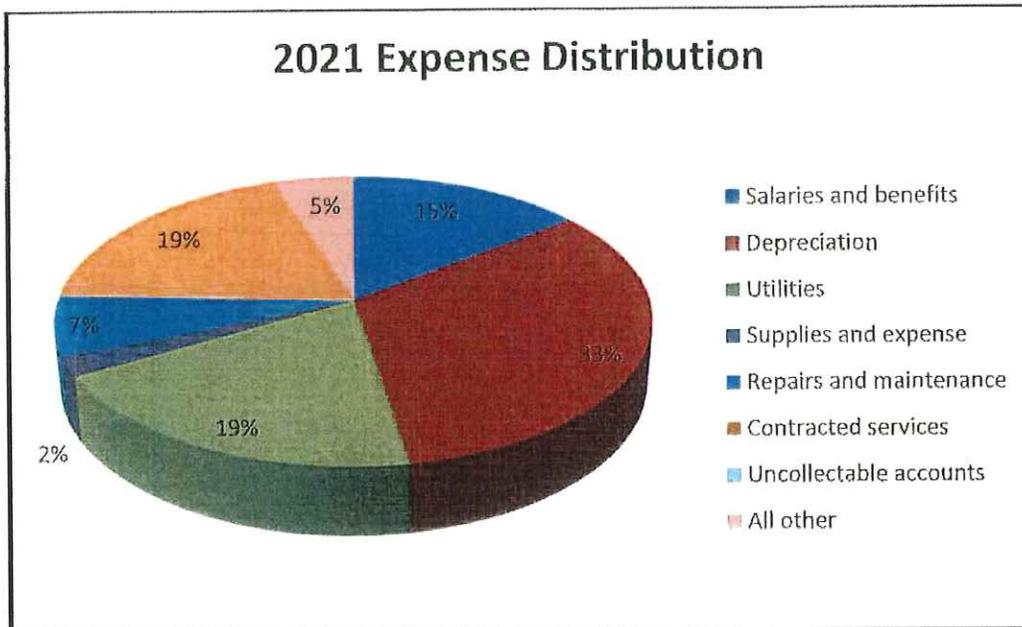


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Operating expenses amounted to \$2,952,664 in 2021 and \$3,064,096 in 2020. The following charts reflect the expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.



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Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2021, the Loring Development Authority had land, buildings, improvements, structures and facilities of \$70,242,283. A significant portion of these assets were donated to LDA by the U.S. Air Force or purchased. Net of depreciation, these assets were recorded at \$54,046,878. Table 3 shows capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.

Table 3

**Capital Assets at June 30
(Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Land	\$ 10,444,599	\$ 10,467,199
Buildings	12,283,915	12,747,432
Equipment and Improvements	5,669,879	5,804,266
Special Use Structures	4,972,340	5,233,128
Aviation Facilities	15,410,879	15,466,615
Roadways and Accessories	3,265,266	3,379,631
Pipeline	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>54,046,878</u>	\$ <u>55,098,271</u>

Budgeting

The LDA provides an annual budget for control and internal purposes only. No legally adopted budget is maintained.

Debt

The Loring Development Authority had an operating Line of Credit debt of \$1,700,000 with \$1,700,000 outstanding as of June 30, 2021.

The LDA entered into a short-term lending agreement in March 2021 with Northern Maine Development Commission, receiving funds in the amount of \$100,000 secured by second and third mortgages on real estate. The balance at June 30, 2021 is \$100,000 and is payable in full in September 2021.

The LDA took on bonded debt of \$454,720 in 2010 for the purpose of upgrading sewer lines. As of June 30, 2021 the balance on this debt is \$215,992.

The LDA entered into a loan agreement with USDA Rural Development in the year ended June 30, 2010. The \$330,000 proceeds from the note were used to pay off the construction line of credit which provided funds for the sewer upgrade project. The balance as of June 30, 2021 is \$282,221.

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The LDA entered into a lending agreement with Northern Maine Development Commission, receiving funds in the amount of \$200,000 secured by assets. The balance at June 30, 2021 is \$32,219.

The LDA entered into a lending agreement with Northern Maine Development Commission in May 2020, receiving funds in the amount of \$200,000 secured by assets. The balance at June 30, 2021 is \$164,350

In December 2014 the LDA entered into a mortgage agreement with Katahdin Trust Company, receiving funds in the amount of \$254,000 secured by a real estate. The balance at June 30, 2021 is \$135,779.

In December 2020 the LDA entered into an agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, receiving funds in the amount of \$150,000 through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. The balance at June 30, 2021 is \$150,000.

On January 2, 2019 the Authority entered into an agreement with the Maine Military Authority (MMA) by which the Authority received equipment valued at \$207,000. Under the terms of the agreement the Authority can not sell or transfer ownership of the assets for a period of ten (10) years. During the ten (10) year period the Authority is obligated to pay 25% of any lease revenue received for the use of the equipment.

As of June 30, 2021 the equipment is not leased and no payments on the note are anticipated in the current term.

Future Developments

The LDA is working to compensate for the loss of state funding. The LDA has developed collaborations with other economic development groups which have proven effective at identifying development prospects and has begun working with private developers who are interested in purchasing real estate. Meanwhile, as development has continued and vacant buildings have been returned to productive uses, fewer facility-maintenance resources will be needed. As listed in the financial highlights, the LDA has also secured resources from the Air Force to upgrade the water treatment plant and water distribution infrastructure and has consolidated waste water systems with a local sewer treatment district. Over the longer term, LDA's continued development will create more revenue from real estate operations that will be available to invest in repairing, replacing and upgrading infrastructure as well as further development efforts.

COVID-19 has also created additional challenges as potential tenants have paused their expansion plans due to the uncertainty created by the pandemic.



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To the Board of Trustees of the
Loring Development Authority of Maine

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Loring Development Authority of Maine, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified and adverse audit opinions.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Business-Type Activities	Unmodified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	Adverse

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial data for the Authority's legally separate component unit, Loring Industries, LLC. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Authority unless the Authority also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Authority has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. Because of this departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component units would have been presented as \$532,674, \$169,291, \$363,383, \$0 and \$115,998, respectively.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component unit of the Loring Development Authority of Maine, as of June 30, 2021, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Loring Development Authority of Maine, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Substantial Doubt about the Organization's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Organization will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 21 to the financial statements, the Organization has suffered recurring significant reductions in revenues, has a net deficiency in net assets, and has stated that substantial doubt exists about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's evaluation of the events and conditions and management's plans regarding those matters also are described in Note 21. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages I through VII and the Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Schedule of Employer's Share of OPEB Contributions on Page 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 28, 2021 on our consideration of Loring Development Authority of Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Loring Development Authority's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Loring Development Authority of Maine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Chester M. Kearney

Presque Isle, Maine
September 28, 2021

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

ASSETS

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and temporary investments (Note 3)	\$ 87,681	\$ 319,151
Due from State of Maine (Note 9)	100,000	3,306
Accounts receivable, net	511,799	564,895
Current portion of notes receivable	302,699	355,375
Inventory	4,725	8,998
	<u>1,006,904</u>	<u>1,251,725</u>
FIXED ASSETS (Note 13)		
Capital assets	70,242,283	70,403,238
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,195,405)</u>	<u>(15,304,967)</u>
	<u>54,046,878</u>	<u>55,098,271</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Notes receivable (Note 12)	50,101	300,000
	<u>50,101</u>	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 55,103,883</u>	<u>\$ 56,649,996</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Prepaid expense	1,400	13,893
Deferred outflows related to OPEB (Note 21)	7,407	\$ 9,529
	<u>\$ 8,807</u>	<u>\$ 23,422</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 408,027	\$ 192,432
Accrued expenses	56,746	75,556
Short-term debt (Note 15)	100,000	
Line of credit (Note 3)	1,700,000	1,680,000
Current portion of long-term debt	129,765	175,746
	<u>2,394,538</u>	<u>2,123,734</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Notes Payable (Note 14)	980,561	1,237,892
Less Current Portion	<u>(129,765)</u>	<u>(175,746)</u>
	850,796	1,062,146
Due to State of Maine (Note 15)	207,000	207,000
	<u>1,057,796</u>	<u>1,269,146</u>
OPEB LIABILITY (Note 21)	40,521	34,997
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 3,492,855</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,877</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Grants authorized and unexpended (Note 9)	21,946	293,738
Unearned lease revenue (Note 7)	100,507	100,507
Deferred inflows related to OPEB (Note 21)	19,953	58,561
Prepaid rent	6,411	9,040
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 168,817</u>	<u>\$ 461,846</u>
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	53,173,666	53,903,424
Unrestricted	<u>(1,722,648)</u>	<u>(1,119,729)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 51,451,018</u>	<u>\$ 52,783,695</u>

See notes to financial statements

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
State assistance (Note 9)	\$ 665,974	\$ 503,306
Lease revenue	254,894	272,254
Water and sewer fees	280,035	284,733
Other	82,331	44,257
	<u>1,283,234</u>	<u>1,104,550</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	432,477	565,737
Depreciation	969,774	972,344
Utilities	572,466	606,308
Supplies and expense	65,104	84,961
Repairs and maintenance	197,458	202,072
Contracted services	569,757	482,930
Legal and audit	6,063	9,591
Insurance	47,682	46,442
Communications	14,015	14,071
Travel	1,599	2,600
Interest expense and bond bank fees	68,722	62,116
Marketing	7,547	1,110
Uncollectable accounts	-	13,814
	<u>2,952,664</u>	<u>3,064,096</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(1,669,430)</u>	<u>(1,959,546)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES/(EXPENSES)		
Federal and State assistance for capital projects (Note 9)	271,792	127,621
Gain on sale of surplus property	57,968	1,058
Loss on asset disposal	(6,621)	(6,908)
Interest income	2,652	5,051
OPEB Expense recovery (Note 21)	10,962	12,437
	<u>336,753</u>	<u>139,259</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(1,332,677)	(1,820,287)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>52,783,695</u>	<u>54,603,982</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 51,451,018</u>	<u>\$ 52,783,695</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from customers	\$ 585,396	\$ 438,297
Cash received from governmental assistance	569,280	1,165,399
Cash received from other sources	82,331	44,257
Cash paid for salaries and benefits	(451,287)	(570,338)
Cash paid for contract services	(569,757)	(482,930)
Cash paid for goods and services	(679,573)	(868,774)
Interest paid	(68,722)	(62,116)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(532,332)</u>	<u>(336,205)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net advances on line of credit	20,000	285,000
Proceeds from short-term debt	100,000	-
Proceeds from long-term debt	150,000	200,000
Interest received	2,652	5,051
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>272,652</u>	<u>490,051</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for capital acquisitions and construction	-	(137,853)
Payments on long-term debt	(407,331)	(267,409)
Payments received on note receivable	302,575	2,455
Sale of property	132,966	1,058
Net cash provided by (used in) capital financing activities	<u>28,210</u>	<u>(401,749)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(231,470)	(247,903)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>319,151</u>	<u>567,054</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u>87,681</u>	<u>319,151</u>
RECONCILIATION OF LOSS FROM OPERATIONS TO NET		
CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss from operations	<u>(1,669,430)</u>	<u>(1,959,546)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile loss from operations to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation	969,774	972,344
OPEB Expense Recovery	10,962	12,437
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Operating accounts receivable, net	53,096	(102,777)
Operating funds due from other governments	(96,694)	662,093
Inventory	4,273	1,438
Prepaid expenses	12,493	(12,493)
Accounts payable	215,595	123,250
Prepaid rent	(2,629)	1,877
Accrued expenses	(18,810)	(4,601)
Unearned lease revenue	-	(17,790)
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	2,122	(3,476)
OPEB Liability	5,524	(47,773)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(18,608)	38,812
	<u>1,137,098</u>	<u>1,623,341</u>
Net cash provided used in operating activities	<u>\$ (532,332)</u>	<u>\$ (336,205)</u>

See notes to financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

On July 12, 1991, the President of the United States accepted the recommendation of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission to close Loring Air Force Base (Loring) located in the Town of Limestone, Maine, Town of Caswell, Maine, and the City of Caribou, Maine, as well as nine off-site locations used for housing, communications and water distribution. The effective date of closure was September 30, 1994. The Loring base property, which excludes any off-site locations, consists of approximately 8,700 acres of land, 3.1 million square feet of existing facility space and an aviation complex, which includes a 12,100 foot runway, related aviation facilities and operating systems.

On July 13, 1993, the Maine State Legislature enacted Public Law Chapter 474, establishing the Loring Development Authority of Maine (LDA), a public municipal corporation. The LDA is entrusted with investigating the acquisition of the properties within the geographical boundaries of Loring, and the subsequent redevelopment and management of property so acquired.

On April 4, 1997, the United States Air Force transferred approximately 3,700 acres of land, associated facilities, infrastructure and personal property to the LDA via the execution of Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) and Lease in Furtherance of Conveyance documents. This EDC document, which is a mechanism used by the Federal government to transfer former military installations to local reuse authorities for job creation and economic development purposes, transferred control of the Loring property to the LDA through a no-cost, 55-year lease, with commitments from the Air Force to transfer title to the property upon receiving environmental clearance from the Environmental Protection Agency. The conveyance documents also include a provision that provided the LDA with an average of \$2.7 million annually through September 30, 2004 to fund its municipal type functions including, but not limited to, fire and emergency services, police protection, water and waste water systems, as well as protection and maintenance of buildings, grounds and roadways. This funding expired September 30, 2004. The lease given to the LDA in 1997 was superseded in 2001 with a Quit Claim deed conveying 2,805 of the original 3,700 acres in fee title and in 2004 when the remainder of the property was conveyed by deed. The LDA also acquired a 185 mile pipeline in 2005 and a 142,000 square-foot building used by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, subject to a leaseback arrangement.

Consistent with the LDA's enabling legislation, as amended, the Board of Trustees is comprised of thirteen (13) voting members, each of whom are nominated by the Governor of the State of Maine and confirmed by the Maine Senate. Of the thirteen (13), one is a commissioner of a department of state government, designated by the Governor to serve on the LDA Board. No less than seven of the Board of Trustees must be residents of Aroostook County and be nominated by one of the primary impacted communities, as defined in the enabling legislation. In addition, no less than four of the Board of Trustees must live outside of Aroostook County. The enabling legislation also imposes term limits on the Trustees of two consecutive four-year terms. The Board of Trustees have elected a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to serve terms of one year. The fiscal year for the LDA runs from July 1 through June 30. The financial information of the LDA is reported as a component unit as part of the financial statements of the State of Maine.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd.)

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The LDA prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when earned and measurable and expenses are recognized when incurred and measurable.

The LDA is comprised of business-type activities only. As prescribed by Section Sp20 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, *Special Purpose Governments*, only the financial statements required for enterprise funds are presented.

Measurement focus

Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the Statements of Net Position. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position presents the increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net total assets. The Statements of Cash Flows provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Use of estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budgetary information

GASB #34 requires that budgetary comparison schedules be presented only for the general fund and each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. The LDA currently does not legally adopt an annual budget and therefore has not presented one in these financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

The LDA has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits and cash with fiscal agents. Currently, the LDA treats all their cash as a cash equivalent because they can deposit or withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Defining operating revenues and expenses

The LDA's proprietary funds distinguish between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses of the LDA consist of federal and state assistance for non-capital transactions as well as revenue derived from rental activities and the costs of providing rental property, including depreciation and excluding interest costs. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd.)

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd.)

Deferred Outflows of Resources

The LDA reports decreases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its statement of net position. Deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2021 consist of prepaid utility expenses and items relating to other post-employment benefits.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

The LDA reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element reflects an increase in net assets that applies to future periods. The LDA will not recognize the related revenues until a future event occurs. The LDA's deferred inflows of resources are detailed in Note #7 and Note #9.

New Accounting Policies

The Authority has adopted the provisions of Statement No. 88 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Accounting Board – Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements. GASB 88 expands required disclosure for long-term debt and other long-term obligations. Adoption of this standard does not impact previously issued financial statements.

(3) CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS

Deposits with financial institutions are subject to custodial credit risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority's investment policy is to invest in regional banks and federal securities and to insure the funds to as great a degree as possible. The Authority's checking deposits at year-end were covered by Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by U.S. Governmental Agency securities held in the Authority's name.

The Authority's cash balances in the financial statements are \$87,681 and \$319,151 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Authority's cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Authority at year-end. These categories are defined as follows:

- Category #1 – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or by its agency in the Authority's name.
- Category #2 – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Authority's name.
- Category #3 – Uncollateralized, which includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its trust department or agent but not in the Authority's name.

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(3) CASH AND TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS (cont'd.)

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020 the Authority's entire cash and temporary investment balances are classified as Category 1.

(4) COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Authority employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts. Upon termination, an employee is paid the full amount of accumulated vacation days not taken. Sick leave is not payable upon termination.

The Authority's financial liability for accrued vacations at June 30, 2021 and 2020 is \$23,951 and \$21,192, respectively.

(5) PENSION PLAN

The Authority has instituted a Model Simplified Employee Pension Plan for all eligible Authority employees in accordance with Section 408(K) of the Internal Revenue Code. All Authority contributions to the employee's individual retirement account are 100% vested to the employee on the date of the contribution. Employee contributions to the plan are discretionary, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. Employer contributions to the plan, at 5% of regular gross wages, totaled \$17,017 and \$21,580 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

(6) RENTAL OF FACILITIES

The Authority has leased land and buildings at Loring to various third parties under non-cancellable operating leases requiring fixed payments through 2026. The leases provide for varying terms and conditions.

As of June 30, 2021, the future minimum lease payments for the next 5 years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal year ending June 30:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	546,253
2023	78,069
2024	55,242
2025	49,006
2026	49,430
	<u>\$778,000</u>

(7) DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

The Authority received advances of rent and other receipts, which have been characterized as deferred inflows in the accompanying Statement of Net Position.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020 the amount included as deferred inflows was \$100,507. The balance as of June 30, 2021 consisted of a \$100,000 partial payment of a fee for an exclusive negotiation period received from CSJ Green Eco-Energy development company, a \$500 due diligence fee with Synergen Solar and the remaining \$7 is an advance on a property insurance claim. These amounts are expected to be recognized as revenue in 2022.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd.)

(7) DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES (cont'd.)

The Authority records a deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB obligations; this amount is further detailed in Note 21.

(8) LINE OF CREDIT AND SHORT-TERM DEBT

The Authority has a variable rate operating line of credit with Machias Savings Bank with interest payable at 70% of "Wall Street Prime", currently 2.275%, with a maximum limit of \$1,500,000. On March 23, 2020 the limit of the line of credit was extended to \$1,700,000 for a 2-month period, automatically reverting to \$1,500,000 on July 31, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, the line of credit balance was \$1,700,000, leaving \$0 available for use and was not in compliance as it is over-extended by \$200,000. The line is secured by the Authority's accounts and notes receivable and other general intangibles but could be subject to additional collateral pending negotiations with the bank to bring it into compliance.

On March 12, 2021 the Authority was advanced \$100,000 from Northern Maine Development Commission to be used as working capital. The balance was due in full on or before September 12, 2021 including interest accrued at 4% per annum. On September 23, 2021 the parties signed a modification agreement which extended the maturity date to March 15, 2022.

(9) PUBLIC SECTOR FUNDING

The LDA is currently funded through the following public sources:

(A) State of Maine:

Tax Increment Financing -- On July 5, 1996, the State Legislature enacted LD 1741 establishing the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund (Fund). The Fund, which has a term of thirty years, was created to establish a supplemental source of funding to subsidize future municipal service costs. This Fund will receive state income tax withholding revenues which can be attributed to incremental jobs created at Loring and will be based upon 50% of the State income tax withholding from these incremental jobs. State contributions to the Fund will be made on an annual basis and are payable by July 31 of each year. The LDA has realized revenues of \$515,974 and \$503,306 for the years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Department of Transportation (DOT) -- The state of Maine DOT awarded the Authority a grant of \$1,000,000 for airport facility renovations. \$0 was spent in the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. \$7,825 of the balance was unexpended as of June 30, 2021 and is recorded as grants authorized and unexpended.

(B) The United States Department of Defense -- In 2009 the United States Air Force Real Property Agency made payment of \$1,500,000 to the Authority under an agreement relating to the Air Force's obligation to provide an alternative source of supply for Loring's drinking water. In 2015, upon recognizing that the initial funding was insufficient to complete the project and comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act an additional \$300,000 was approved and advanced. For the year ended June 30, 2021 the Authority expended \$271,792 of these funds on the water system while \$14,121 remains to be spent and is recorded as grants authorized and unexpended.

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(10) CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Federal and State funding

The LDA received approximately 52% of its operating revenue from state funding for the year ended June 30, 2021. The ability to continue its operations is dependent on continued funding.

Accounts receivable

For the year ended June 30, 2021, approximately 47% of the Authority's accounts receivable was due from 1 customer. \$455,635 (100%) of this amount has been reserved as a doubtful account.

(11) ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

Accounts receivable are shown on the Statements of Net Position net of the allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$455,635 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

(12) NOTES RECEIVABLE

British Cycle Supply Company

On July 22, 2015 the Authority sold a building to the British Cycle Supply Company and received a promissory note in the amount of \$66,400. The note is payable to the Authority in monthly installments of \$429 including interest at 4.75% through July 2035 the original note contained a final balloon payment in the amount of \$55,595 due July 2020 which the borrower was unable to pay so the parties have agreed to extend the note term. The note is secured by the building. The note balance as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 is \$52,800 and \$55,375 respectively.

Penobscot Natural Gas

On September 24, 2010, pursuant to an amendment a sale/lease agreement with Loring Bio-energy, LLC (LBE), LDA transferred assets, including the former heat plant building and real estate, to and leased a pipeline extending from Loring to Searsport, Maine in exchange for a 0% interest note in the amount of \$3,000,000. The note is payable in 10 annual installments of \$300,000 with the first installment due and payable within 30 days after the buyer commences "substantial commercial activity" or June 30, 2013, whichever comes first.

In June 2012, LBE's secured creditor put the property, including the lease rights for the pipeline, up for bid at auction with Penobscot Natural Gas (PNG) being the successful bidder. PNG completed the acquisition of the foreclosed rights from LBE's lender, and negotiated an "Assumption Agreement" with the LDA. The Assumption Agreement, signed June 11, 2013, contains PNG's commitment to honor all future obligations under the LBE agreements, and also contains LDA's acknowledgement that PNG had cured existing LBE defaults and that PNG qualifies as a "permitted transferee" as defined in the LBE documents.

As of June 30, 2021 the outstanding balance due on the agreement is \$300,000.

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(13) CAPITAL ASSETS

With the exception of the assets acquired from the United States Air Force, (see below) all capital assets are stated at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Assets acquired with grants are also stated at cost. The Authority maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Assets such as land and some land improvements are considered inexhaustible and are not being depreciated. Capital assets not in use are also not being depreciated.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated lives</u>
Buildings and improvements	15-50 years
Equipment	3-5 years
Vehicles	3-5 years

On June 30, 2017 the Authority adjusted the values of buildings that were contributed by the United States Air Force to reflect revised estimates of the buildings' potential future use and value to the Authority. The adjustment reduced the original value by \$7,482,924. The total accumulated depreciation on these buildings was \$2,234,222 resulting in a recognized write down in the amount of \$5,248,702. In June 2019 an additional \$37,208 was written off.

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

CAPITAL ASSETS ACQUIRED BY LDA (HISTORICAL COST)

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Capital Assets</u>				
Land	10,000			10,000
Equipment and improvements	<u>11,879,161</u>		<u>47,549</u>	<u>11,831,612</u>
Total at historical cost	<u>11,889,161</u>		<u>47,549</u>	<u>11,841,612</u>
<u>Less Accumulated Depreciation</u>				
Equipment and improvements	<u>3,861,625</u>	<u>465,837</u>	<u>38,820</u>	<u>4,288,642</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,861,625</u>	<u>465,837</u>	<u>38,820</u>	<u>4,288,642</u>
Capital assets at historical cost, net	<u>8,027,536</u>	<u>(465,837)</u>	<u>(8,729)</u>	<u>7,552,970</u>

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(13) CAPITAL ASSETS (cont'd.)

CAPITAL ASSETS ACQUIRED FROM U. S. AIR FORCE

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
<u>Capital Assets</u>				
Land	10,457,199		<u>22,600</u>	<u>10,434,599</u>
Buildings				
In use	4,803,843		56,806	4,747,037
Leased	15,185,894			15,185,894
Not in use	<u>1,666,025</u>			<u>1,666,025</u>
	21,655,766		<u>56,806</u>	<u>21,598,956</u>
Equipment				
In use	136,500		34,000	102,500
Not in use	<u>89,000</u>			<u>89,000</u>
	225,500		<u>34,000</u>	<u>191,500</u>
Special use structures				
Water plant and distribution	<u>5,080,033</u>			<u>5,080,033</u>
Other facilities and improvements				
Aviation facilities				
Runways	9,472,226			9,472,226
Structures	6,105,861			6,105,861
Fuel pipeline	<u>2,000,000</u>			<u>2,000,000</u>
	17,578,087			<u>17,578,087</u>
Roadways and accessories	<u>3,517,496</u>			<u>3,517,496</u>
Capital assets from U.S. Air Force	<u>58,514,077</u>		<u>113,406</u>	<u>58,400,671</u>

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(13) CAPITAL ASSETS (cont'd.)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
<u>Less Accumulated Depreciation</u>				
Buildings				
In use	2,307,601	94,602	6,516	2,395,687
Leased	<u>6,611,619</u>	<u>307,734</u>		<u>6,919,353</u>
	8,919,220	402,336	<u>6,516</u>	<u>9,315,040</u>
Equipment				
In use	<u>136,500</u>		<u>34,000</u>	<u>102,500</u>
Special use structures				
Water plant and distribution	<u>2,387,622</u>	<u>101,601</u>		<u>2,489,223</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>11,443,342</u>	<u>503,937</u>	<u>40,516</u>	<u>11,906,763</u>
Capital assets acquired from U. S. Air Force, net	<u>47,070,735</u>	<u>(503,937)</u>	<u>(72,890)</u>	<u>46,493,908</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS				
Capital assets	70,403,238		160,955	70,242,283
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(15,304,967)</u>	<u>(969,774)</u>	<u>79,336</u>	<u>(16,195,405)</u>
	<u>55,098,271</u>	<u>(969,774)</u>	<u>(81,619)</u>	<u>54,046,878</u>

On April 4, 1997 the Authority received 3,700 acres of land, associated facilities, and personal property from the United States Air Force via a 55-year no cost lease. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles all assets associated with this lease were capitalized at estimated fair market value. The Authority has since obtained this property in fee title.

During fiscal year 2005 the United States Air Force transferred to the Authority additional property consisting of a fuel pipeline and associated rights of way extending from Searsport, Maine to Limestone, Maine. The pipeline was not in service as of June 30, 2010 and the pipeline and associated easement rights were leased during the year ended June 30, 2011.

During fiscal year 2005 the United States Air Force transferred title to a building currently occupied by federal employees to the Authority. Transfer of the deed for this property was contingent upon the Authority's promise to lease the property back to the United States at no cost. The 50-year lease may be renewed, extended, or terminated by the United States at its option but the Authority is given no option to decline an extension or renewal or to terminate the lease. The United States Government may use this property for any government purpose and is not required to pay any taxes, assessments or similar charges. However, the United States Government is responsible for all costs and liabilities associated with the property as if it were the owner. Accordingly, this property is not included as a capital asset on these financial statements.

Management feels that the value of these assets could fluctuate significantly in the event that the operational status of the Authority changes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont'd.)

(14) LONG-TERM DEBT

As of June 30 long-term debt consisted of:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Note payable to Northern Maine Development Commission, payable in monthly installments of \$1,506 including interest at 3% per annum, matures May 2023; secured by assets of the Authority.	32,219	49,037
Note payable to Northern Maine Development Commission, payable in monthly installments of \$3,857 including interest at 6% per annum, matures June 2025; secured by assets of the Authority.	164,350	200,000
Note payable to USDA Rural Development, payable in annual installments of \$14,860 including interest at 3.25% per annum, matures August 2050; secured by assets of the Authority	282,221	287,561
Note payable to US Small Business Administration, obtained through the EIDL program, payable in monthly installments of \$643 including interest at 2.75% per annum beginning January 2022, matures December 2050; unsecured	150,000	
Note payable to Machias Savings Bank, payable in monthly installments of \$12,587 including interest at 3.029% per annum, matures September 2020; secured by assets of the Authority		50,045
Bond payable to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, payable in semi-annual installments of \$10,156 plus interest at 1% per annum, matures February 2046.		264,046
Note payable to Katahdin Trust Company, payable in monthly installments of \$3,615 including interest at 5.5% per annum, matures October 2020; secured by assets of the Authority.		14,248
Note payable to Katahdin Trust Company, payable in monthly installments of \$2,488 including interest at 6.5% per annum, matures December 2026; secured by real estate.	135,779	156,963
Bond payable to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, payable in semi-annual installments of \$11,368 plus bond bank fees of \$569 per installment, matures October 2029. Interest rate is 0%.	<u>215,992</u>	<u>215,992</u>
	980,561	1,237,892
Less current portion	<u>(129,765)</u>	<u>(175,746)</u>
	850,796	1,062,146

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(14) LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd.)

Future long-term debt obligations are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
6/30/2022	129,765	26,047	155,812
6/30/2023	109,826	24,107	133,933
6/30/2024	98,697	20,164	118,861
6/30/2025	102,409	16,219	118,628
6/30/2026	59,122	13,339	72,461
2027-31	155,207	53,325	208,532
2032-36	66,007	46,844	112,851
2037-41	76,820	36,031	112,851
2042-46	89,415	23,436	112,851
2047-51	<u>93,293</u>	<u>8,676</u>	<u>101,969</u>
Total	<u>980,561</u>	268,188	<u>1,248,749</u>

Long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Advances</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Long-Term Debt				
Note payable --NMDC	49,037		16,818	32,219
Note payable -- NMDC	200,000		35,650	164,350
Note payable-USDA	287,561		5,340	282,221
Note payable -- US SBA	0	150,000		150,000
Note payable --Machias Savings Bank	50,045		50,045	0
Bond payable -- MMBB	264,046		264,046	0
Note payable-Katahdin Trust Company	14,248		14,248	0
Note payable-Katahdin Trust Company	156,963		21,184	135,779
Bond payable -- MMBB	<u>215,992</u>			<u>215,992</u>
	<u>1,237,892</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>407,331</u>	<u>980,561</u>
Other Long-Term Obligations				
OPEB liabilities	<u>34,997</u>	<u>5,524</u>		<u>40,521</u>

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(15) DUE TO STATE OF MAINE

On January 2, 2019 the Authority entered into an agreement with the Maine Military Authority (MMA) by which the Authority received equipment valued at \$207,000. Under the terms of the agreement the Authority can not sell or transfer ownership of the assets for a period of ten (10) years. During the ten (10) year period the Authority is obligated to pay 25% of any lease revenue received for the use of the equipment. As of June 30, 2021 the equipment is not leased and no payments on the note are anticipated in the current term.

(16) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events occurring through September 28, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(17) FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Authority has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The Authority categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Authority estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at June 30, 2021, does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying Statement of Net Position. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Authority using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is necessarily required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value, and, accordingly, the estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Authority could realize in a current market exchange.

(18) TAXES

As a governmental entity, the Authority is not subject to Federal and State income taxes, accordingly, it is not necessary to consider the effects of any uncertain tax positions.

The Authority is subject to Federal and State payroll tax and is required to file the appropriate tax returns. Management believes that all required returns have been properly filed as of June 30, 2021. No examinations have been conducted by the Federal or State taxing authorities and no correspondence has been received from these authorities.

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(19) SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

<u>Function</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Total</u>
General operations	<u>(2,941,702)</u>	<u>534,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>271,792</u>	<u>(2,134,981)</u>
General revenues:					
State appropriations					150,000
Loring Job Incremental Financing					515,974
Interest income					2,652
Sale of surplus property					51,347
Other income					<u>82,331</u>
Total general revenues					<u>802,304</u>
Change in net position					<u>(1,332,677)</u>
Net position - July 1, 2020					<u>52,783,695</u>
Net position - June 30, 2021					<u>51,451,018</u>

(20) SUMMARY OF NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Non-cash investing and financing activities are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
None	-	-

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(21) OPEB OBLIGATIONS

Plan Description

The Authority provides health insurance to its employees through Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust (MMEHT). The Authority does not provide postemployment or postretirement healthcare benefits but is subject to an implicit benefit for its members in MMEHT.

Accounting Policies

The impact of experience gains and losses and assumption changes on the Total OPEB Liability (TOL) are recognized in the OPEB expense over the average expected remaining service life of all active and inactive members of the plan. As of the beginning of the measurement period this average was 4 years.

The table below summarizes the current balances of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources along with the recognition over the next 5 years, and thereafter:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience		\$ 38,281
Payments subsequent to the measurement date	220	
Difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		
Changes of assumptions	<u>7,187</u>	<u>1,672</u>
	<u>\$ 7,407</u>	<u>\$ 39,953</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2022	(9,325)
2023	(7,873)
2024	(7,873)
2025	(7,872)
2026	397
Thereafter	0

As of January 1, 2021, the plan membership data is comprised of 4 active members with only an implicit benefit.

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(21) OPEB OBLIGATIONS (cont'd.)

Key Assumptions

Measurement Date:	January 1, 2021
Discount Rate:	2.12% per annum for year-end 2020/21 reporting 2.74% per annum for year-end 2019/20 reporting
Trend Assumptions:	Pre-Medicare Medical – Initial trend of 8.2% applied in FYE 2018 grading over 14 years to 4% per annum Pre-Medicare Drug - Initial trend of 9.6% applied in FYE 2018 grading over 14 years to 4% per annum Medicare Medical - Initial trend of 4.93% applied in FYE 2018 grading over 14 years to 4% per annum Medicare Drug - Initial trend of 9.6% applied in FYE 2018 grading over 14 years to 4% per annum
Administrative and Claims Expense:	3% per annum

Future Plan Changes

It is assumed that the current plan and cost-sharing structure remains in place for all future years.

Demographic Assumptions

Retiree continuation:	Retirees who are current Medicare participants: 100% Retirees who are Pre-Medicare, active participants: 75% Spouses who are Pre-Medicare, active participants: 50%
Rate of mortality:	Based on 104% and 120 % of the RP-2014 Total Dataset Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, respectively, for males and females, using the RP-2014 Total Dataset Employee Mortality Table for ages prior to start of the Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, both project from the 2006 base rates using RPEC-2015 model, with an ultimate rate of 85% for ages 20-85 grading down to an ultimate rate of 0% for ages 111-120 and convergence to the ultimate rate in the year 2020.
Marriage assumptions:	A husband is assumed to be 3 years older than his wife
Assumed rate of retirement:	For employees hired prior to July 1, 2014 Age 55-63 – 5% Age 64-69 – 20% Age 70 + - 100% For employees hired after July 1, 2014 Age 55-58 - 5% Age 59-64 - 20% Age 65-69 - 25% Age 70 + - 100%
Salary increases:	2.75% per year
Changes in assumptions:	Funding method was changed from Projected Unit Credit funding to Entry Age Normal funding method.

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(21) OPEB OBLIGATIONS (cont'd.)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the OPEB liability was 2.12% based on a measurement date of January 1, 2021. This rate is assumed to be an index rate for 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher, for pay as you go plans.

The following table shows how the net OPEB liability (NOL) as of June 30, 2021 would change if the discount rate used was one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate. The current rate is 2.12%.

1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
1.12%	2.12%	3.12%
\$46,731	\$40,521	\$35,368

A 1% decrease in the healthcare trend rate increases the NOL by approximately 15.3% while a 1% increase in the healthcare trend rate decreases the TOL by approximately 12.7%.

Changes in the healthcare trend affect the measurement of the TOL. Lower healthcare trend rates produce a lower TOL and higher healthcare trend rates produce a higher TOL. The table below shows the sensitivity of the TOL to the healthcare trend rate.

1% Decrease	Healthcare Trend Rates	1% Increase
\$35,039	\$40,521	\$47,196

A 1% decrease in the healthcare trend rate decreases the TOL by approximately 13.5% while a 1% increase in the healthcare trend rate increases the TOL by approximately 16.5%.

(22) COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States has caused business disruption through mandated and voluntary closings of multiple businesses. The disruptions have caused several potential tenants to delay their leases. At this time management cannot reasonably estimate the overall financial impact of the pandemic on its operations.

The LDA is working to compensate for the loss of state funding. The Authority is working with the legislature to restore funding, however, due to COVID-19 disruptions it is unknown if or when the funding will be restored. The LDA is seeking loans and grants that have been made available due to COVID-19.

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(23) CONTINGENCIES

Going Concern

As indicated in the accompanying statement of net position, as of June 30, 2021, the Authority has deficit unrestricted net position totaling \$1,722,648. The deficit amounts to more than a year of operating revenue. The deficit is principally the result of declining revenues from the State of Maine and from leasing. Due to the reductions in revenue the Authority has relied on short and long-term financing to sustain operations.

These factors, as well as the uncertain conditions that the Authority faces regarding future revenues, create an uncertainty about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. Management of the Authority is developing a plan to reduce its liabilities through sales of assets and obtain additional financing to sustain operations. The ability of the Authority to continue as a going concern is dependent on additional contributions from the State of Maine and additional financing from outside sources. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Authority is unable to continue as a going concern.

The Authority is currently negotiating with a private developer who is interested in acquiring a substantial portion of the developable real estate, excluding the aviation facilities, located at the Loring Commerce Center. The real estate will be sold in parcels over a number of years provided that the developer meets certain benchmarks in each preceding year. The initial parcel would include land and buildings valued at \$7 million with the Authority receiving a down payment of \$3.5 million and the remaining \$3.5 million would be financed over a period of 10 years. The Authority would use the initial down payment to pay down accounts payable, the line of credit and other long-term debts while using the remaining funds to strengthen operational cash flow.

(24) COMPONENT UNIT

In February 2021 the Authority acquired a 100% membership interest in Loring Industries, LLC upon the death of the LLC's sole member. The member's heirs did not wish to obtain the LLC and disclaimed this portion of the estate. The Authority recognized the LLC as a valuable asset to redevelopment efforts and accepted the LLC to keep it operational.

Management has not presented any financial information related to Loring Industries, LLC in its financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost (BOY)	\$ 2,452	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,574	\$ 2,175
Interest (includes interest on service cost)	1,022	3,404	3,011	3,819
Changes of benefit terms	-	(680)	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	(57,421)	-	(29,471)
Changes of assumptions	2,382	7,802	(6,685)	12,105
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(332)	(2,243)	(2,157)	(907)
Net Change in total OPEB Liability	\$ 5,524	\$ (47,773)	\$ (4,257)	\$ (12,279)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	\$ 34,997	\$ 82,770	\$ 87,027	\$ 99,306
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 40,521	\$ 34,997	\$ 82,770	\$ 87,027

LORING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MAINE
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - Employer	332	2,243	2,157	907
Contributions - Member	-	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(332)	(2,243)	(2,157)	(907)
Administrative expense	-	-	-	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net positions	-	-	-	-
Total Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0%	0%	0%	0%
Covered employee payroll	251,783	251,783	402,382	402,382
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	16.1%	13.9%	20.6%	21.6%

Supplementary schedule starts with one year of information as of the implementation of GASB No. 75, but eventually will build up to 10 years of information. The schedule above shows changes in TOL and related ratios required by GASB No. 75.

See accompanying independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

ADDITIONAL REPORT



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To the Board of Trustees of the
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Loring Development Authority of Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Loring Development Authority of Maine's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Loring Development Authority of Maine's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Loring Development Authority of Maine's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Loring Development Authority of Maine's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and other matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Loring Development Authority of Maine's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Chester M. Kearney

Presque Isle, Maine
September 28, 2021

**PARAGRAPH 1C: PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS DURING
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

PROPERTY TRANACTIONS

LEASES AND SALES

GOLF COURSE SALE. 4 Birdies, LLC, purchased the nine-hole golf course and club house in July 2020. The company is owned by golf enthusiasts who made improvements to the operation and had a successful first season in 2020.

SYNERGEN SOLAR, LLC. SynerGen Solar, LLC exercised its lease option this year and began the construction phase of its project. The company now leases approximately 20-acres on the north side of Northcutt Road, where it will install an electrical power generating solar facility.

JASON DIONNE TRUCKING. LDA entered into a one-year lease with Jason Dionne, owner of Jason Dionne Trucking, for the lease of Building 8264 at Loring, in support of his trucking business.

LORING INDUSTRIES, LLC. LDA reacquired ownership of Loring Industries (LI) after the owner of the company passed away. LDA established LI with the intent of creating an opportunity to attract new business activity to Loring. LI was transferred to a new owner in 2017, who operated the business and created new manufacturing jobs; his untimely death left the company without an operator. LDA is now working to transfer the company to a new owner/operator.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEED FROM AIR FORCE AND DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS. LDA Trustees authorized the LDA President and CEO to accept a Supplemental Deed, given by the Air Force to LDA, and to execute a Declaration of Environmental Covenants. The documents define a set of land use restrictions that address the problem of soil vapor intrusion into certain buildings; identifying affected properties and requiring soil vapor intrusion to be addressed prior to commercial occupancy or new construction.

LICENSES

BLUSHIFT AEROSPACE. bluShift successfully completed a rocket demonstration launch from Loring, with thousands of people watching online. bluShift is part of the Maine Spaceport initiative.

QINETIQ. QinetiQ, a defense contractor, used the airfield at Loring to conduct testing of a new product for the US Army. Facility space was also leased in support of the testing operations.

APACHE BOATWORKS, K & S TIMING, LLC, CUMBERLAND MOTOR CLUB, INC. The runway at Loring was used by the three Maine organizations in support of their respective events, including land sailing, land speed racing, and motor cross.

**PARAGRAPH 1D: ACTIVITIES OF ANY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT FORMED UNDER
SECTION 13080-G**

NONE

**PARAGRAPH 1E: LISTING OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY EMINENT DOMAIN UNDER
SECTION 13080-G**

NONE

PARAGRAPH 1F: LISTING OF BONDS ISSUED

NONE

**PARAGRAPH 1G: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS – JULY 1, 2021 TO OCTOBER 15, 2021 AND
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

A summary of the activities on the Loring Commerce Centre between July 1, 2021 and October 15, 2021 are provided below.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST. LDA submitted a \$3.1 million request through HUD including \$1.5 million for roads, \$1.2 million for demolition and \$400,000 for marketing. Senator Collins has supported a \$2.7 million request for roads and demolition, which are approved uses for HUD funding. The \$400,000 for marketing is not an approved use in that program. If approved, the funding would be federal FY22 funding.

SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT. LDA is moving forward with a \$3.6 million sewer replacement project with funding from the Community Development Block Grant program, Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Northern Border Regional Commission. Approximately 20,000 feet of sewer collection line and manholes will be replaced, reducing the inflow and infiltration (I/I) of surface and ground water into the sewer collection system. In prior phases of sewer replacement work, approximately 22,000 feet of sewer lines and manholes were replaced.

4BIRDIES, LLC. 4Birdies, owner of the Limestone Country Club, was released from the LDA's option to repurchase the property and its right of first refusal. The release is intended to alleviate the concern of investors who are worried about the uncertainties created by the options.

FIRST CUT HAY, CO, LLC. LDA entered into a lease with First Cut Hay Co for space in the former commissary building at Loring. The company is making use of the warehouse space with overhead doors as it moves forward with its hay storage and processing operations.

POTATO STORAGE. LDA entered into license agreements with two local farmers who needed additional storage for their extraordinarily large crop of potatoes this year.

GREEN 4 MAINE PROPOSAL. LDA Trustees authorized the execution of a Purchase & Sale Agreement with Green 4 Maine and its principals, who initially anticipate the startup of three new businesses and the purchase of several buildings.

PROPOSED AND PROJECTED ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

In addition to working to ensuring that our existing tenants remain viable business entities, the LDA intends to carry out the following activities in fiscal year 2021:

SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE. Move forward with recommendations of the Consultants in their Sustainability Task Force Report to the Governor.

MARKETING. Develop and begin to execute a new marketing plan for Loring, guided by the 2019 Strategic Plan developed by RKG Associates.

GREEN 4 MAINE (G4M). Work with the G4M principals, supporting the startup of three new businesses and the sale of several buildings. Moving forward with the G4M proposal is one of the recommendations of the task force report. G4M would become the master developer of the Loring properties with LDA providing public infrastructure support.

ACTIVE PROSPECTS. Continue supporting proposed development projects in cooperation with G4M and Loring Industries, including manufacturing prospects, fuel pipeline and corridor energy projects, renewable energy generation projects, aviation maintenance, and various aviation and aerospace operations at the Loring International Airport.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT. Pursue funding for roadway, stormwater infrastructure, and facilities improvements, and complete the \$3.6 million wastewater collection system improvement project.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES. Take advantage of the Opportunity Zone designation. Loring, along with the town of Limestone, has been designated an Opportunity Zone. The new federal Opportunity Zone program is intended to attract new investments, providing tax incentives for investments made in designated areas. LDA is to be included with DECD and Maine & Company's marketing efforts to attract opportunity zone investors.

**PARAGRAPH 1H: FURTHER ACTIONS SUITABLE FOR ACHIEVING PURPOSES
OF THIS ARTICLE**

**The Loring Development Authority recommends that the following actions be considered
by the Governor and Legislature**

Approve, a 5-year extension of LD 1670 would help fill a funding gap for operations, while new businesses expand and generate revenue. In 2016, the 127th Legislature enacted LD 1670 which increased LDA's tax increment funding associated with Loring based jobs from 50% to 100% for one year. It was originally enacted with a 5-year duration with a review requirement, but was later amended so that the increase to 100% was for one year only. Last year, a Governor's bill that would have reinstated the 100% increase for 2 years was in the Revisor's office but was not considered because the legislature adjourned early due to the pandemic.

The increased funding is needed to address a cash shortfall, while new development is pursued. Expenditures for the year are greater than revenues. The pandemic has had an impact in the sense of the timing of expected new business. LDA received \$150,000 from the State DECD and secured a \$150,000 loan from SBA and a \$100,000 short-term loan from Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) to address the shortfall in FY21. A \$200,000, five-year term loan for working capital from NMDC helped address the shortfall in FY20. LDA is working with its bank to secure a USDA guaranteed CARES Act loan for operational funding going forward. The pandemic and other factors created much operational uncertainty, leaving LDA in a precarious cash position.

ATTACHMENT

LORING COMMERCE CENTRE TENANTS

APTIM. APTIM, an environmental engineering firm working for the Air Force Civil Engineering Center, occupies offices in the LDA office building.

Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge. The 4,700-acre refuge belongs to the National Wildlife Refuge System, a network of lands set aside specifically for the protection of wildlife and its habitat. Wetland, grassland and northern forest habitats for migratory birds and endangered species are protected on the refuge at Loring. Friends of the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge support its programs through education, fundraising, recreational and volunteer projects.

Bangor Gas. Bangor Gas, a natural gas company and a subsidiary of Penobscot Natural Gas, leases the Loring to Searsport pipeline. The company has reactivated a portion of the pipeline to supply natural gas to customers along the corridor.

Bigelow Aerospace, LLC. Bigelow Aerospace is developing, constructing, launching and testing human-habitable space complexes, revolutionizing the space tourism industry. Bigelow has a radar installation at Loring.

British Cycle Supply Company. British Cycle Supply Company's operations include shipping, receiving, and warehousing classic British motorcycle parts that are acquired and sold worldwide. The company has another location in Nova Scotia, Canada.

CCI Utility and Construction Services, LLC. CCI is making use of space at Loring to store modular units and associated equipment and tools, in support of US Customs and Border Protection operations.

Consolidated Communications. Consolidated Communications leases a former communications site on Route 89 in Limestone where it set up a satellite tracking and communications station.

Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Center. The DFAS center operates out of a first-class, 145,000 square foot facility where its employees have consistently performed with excellence since 1995. The center is responsible for finance and accounting services for military installations across the U.S. and in foreign countries; DFAS Limestone employs 558 people.

Equine Management, LLC. Equine Management, LLC from Kentucky purchased a 6,800 square foot building with the intent of refurbishing it and then leasing to a related company that would provide medical license training online and eventually on site.

First Cut Hay Co., LLC. A newly formed company, First Cut Hay, stores and processes hay and animal feed products at Loring.

Frontier Transport, LLC. Frontier Transport stores, processes, and transports agricultural and wood biomass products for local customers. The company with its partner Triple G Sales also offers a farm equipment storage in a leased facility at Loring.

Graphic Utilities. Graphic Utilities (GU) leases space in the Loring Applied Technology Center building. The company develops, manufactures and sells innovative ink products.

Inland Winds Property Management. Inland Wind's residential properties at Loring include three and four bedroom town homes and individual homes available for purchase or lease.

Jason Dionne Trucking. The company occupies building #8264 at Loring, in support of his trucking business.

Lattice Technologies, Inc. Lattice Technologies, a consulting firm performing services in the defense sector, now occupies an office at Loring.

Limestone Country Club. The Limestone Country Club, Loring's nine-hole golf course, is a favorite among many golfers in the area. Operators of the country club also host community and private events.

Limestone Rotary Club. The Limestone Rotary Club holds its weekly meetings at Loring. It is a very active club with dedicated members working together to improve their community.

Limestone Water & Sewer District. The Limestone Water & Sewer District owns and operates the wastewater treatment facility at Loring, providing service to all wastewater customers in Limestone, including Loring Commerce Centre. Four people work for the district at Loring.

Loring Holdings. Loring Holdings (LH), a multi-faceted energy company, is working to advance energy production and transmission in Maine using the Loring to Searsport pipeline corridor. LH, along with its partners, have proposed to build the "Maine Power Express" transmission project connecting renewable sources of power in Maine and Canada to southern New England via an underground and underwater transmission line. LH is also working on a biofuel project to be located at Loring.

Loring Industries, LLC. Loring Industries (LI) completed vehicle refurbishment projects and is pursuing business opportunities and capital investments with various partners.

Loring Job Corps Center (LJCC). The Loring Job Corps Center, part of the Job Corps New England Region and the National Job Corps system, provides academic programs and career vocational training in multiple industries for youth ages 16-24. The Center welcomed its first 380 students in January 1997. Career Systems Development Corp. operates LJCC and employs 167 people.

Loring Military Heritage Center. The Loring Military Heritage Center (LMHC), a museum of Loring Air Force Base history, was created by a group of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. An impressive collection of Loring memorabilia and artifacts is housed in the LMHC.

McDonald Enterprises. McDonald Enterprises is a small custom manufacturer of wood and metal products.

Maine Army National Guard. The Maine Army National Guard leases a 27-acre parcel of land at Loring where it has constructed a facility to warehouse its equipment.

New England Kenworth. New England Kenworth, with Loring Industries, operates a TRP store at Loring, warehousing and selling vehicle parts. Expansion plans include truck sales and services.

Pineland Farms Natural Meats. Pineland Farms Natural Meats, Inc. operates a beef cattle feedlot in Fort Fairfield and a composting operation at Loring. Pineland's goal is to generate 10,000 cubic yards or more of compost material a year. Pineland sells compost in bulk form to local farmers and in consumer-sized packaging at various retail outlets. Pineland employs two people at Loring.

Pioneer Wireless. Pioneer Wireless, a broadband telecommunications company, now leases office space in LDA's office building. The new location will help Pioneer capitalize on the Three Ring binder telecommunications infrastructure, enabling it to offer dark fiber, fiber optic and other advanced services to Loring customers.

SFE Manufacturing. SFE Manufacturing, operates an equipment fabrication business at Loring, serving commercial, industrial, and government customers. SFE employs approximately 18 people.

Straight-Line Fencing. Straight-Line Fencing, an existing company with fencing sales and installation services, is in the process of establishing manufacturing capacity for a new line of its own products.

S.W. Collins Company. S.W. Collins Company, a hardware and building materials supplier, located its commercial line operation in the Loring Applied Technology Center. The line features custom-built products for commercial customers, offering a wide range of highly refined wood products including custom-built cabinetry and cases. S.W. Collins employs five at Loring.

SynerGen Solar, LLC. SynerGen Solar, LLC exercised its lease option this year and began the construction phase of its project. The company now leases approximately 20-acres on the north side of Northcutt Road, where it will install an electrical power generating solar facility.

The Bunker Inn. The Bunker Inn, located in the former visiting officer's quarters, is open to the public with twenty suites available. People traveling for business or pleasure make use of this unique facility, with many repeat guests.

The Power Company. Based in Washington, Maine, the Power Company constructed two solar-voltaic systems at Loring; both have been in operation for several years. LDA purchases the electrical power generated by the solar systems at an overall cost advantage compared with the cost of electricity available through the traditional utility and energy providers.

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Legislative Council Meeting
November 18, 2021

Deciding Appeals of Legislative Bill Requests Turned Down By the Council

Requirements Relevant to Bills in the Second Regular Session

1. Under the terms of the Maine Constitution, Section 1 of Article IV, Part Third, Legislative Power, the business of the second regular session **must be limited** to budgetary matters; legislation in the Governor's call; legislation of an emergency nature admitted by the Legislature; legislation referred to committees to study and report by the Legislature in the first regular session; and legislation presented to the Legislature by written petition of the electors (direct citizen initiative).
2. Under the 130th Legislative Council's Rules of Procedure, any action of the Council requires the affirmative vote of at least 6 members.
3. Under Rule 203 of the Joint Rules of the 130th Legislature, any vote of the Legislative Council to accept or reject a bill or resolve for introduction under the procedures established under the Joint Rules must be taken by the yeas and nays, and that vote must be recorded and made available for public inspection.
4. Under Rule 217 of the Joint Rules, a bill that has been introduced and finally rejected in a regular or special session may not be introduced in a subsequent session of the same Legislature except by a vote of 2/3 of both chambers. Therefore, determinations as to the relevancy of Rule 217 will be made by the presiding officers outside of this meeting.

Suggested Protocol for Deciding Appeals

- A. The Legislative Council will review appeals in alphabetical order by Sponsor.
- B. For procedural consistency, when voting on an appeal of a bill request that was denied, the initial motion on a bill will be presumed to be a motion to accept the bill request for introduction in the second regular session along with a second to that motion. (A vote of "yes" is to let in the bill; a vote of "no" is to reject the bill for introduction). Also for procedural consistency, unless otherwise stated, each motion is presumed to have been made by the vice-chair of the Legislative Council, seconded by the chair.
- C. In order to review all legislative appeals in a timely manner, voting will be by electronic vote or a show of hands, with each Council Member's vote on each bill being recorded. The record of each vote will be made available by the Office of the Executive Director for public inspection as soon as practicable following the meeting.
- D. A Legislator who has filed a timely appeal of the decision of the Legislative Council to reject a bill request sponsored by that Legislator will be given a brief opportunity to orally present their appeal to the Council. A time limit of 2 minutes will be observed for Legislators making an appeal. Only by leave of the Chair of the Legislative Council may a person who is not a Legislator Sponsor address the Council.
- E. Discussion of a bill request will be limited to whether it is appropriate for introduction under Constitutional provisions for second regular session bills, and will not speak to the merits of the bill itself. If a bill was turned down because it is closely related to another legislative request or to a carryover bill, the burden is on the Sponsor to convincingly distinguish the Sponsor's bill request from the closely related one.