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Subject: **Priorities for bills on Appropriations Table**

Pursuant to Joint Rule 314(7), we are reporting our committee's priorities for final passage of bills reported out of our committee that are now on the Appropriations Table or, if enacted in the House, expected to be placed on the Appropriations Table. Two bills are currently on the Appropriations Table and we anticipate that 6 more bills will be placed there as well. Of the 8 total bills we have identified, please note that 7 of those bills received unanimous votes in committee. However, as required by the joint rule, the committee members caucused and identified their priorities. The priorities of each caucus are summarized below. Each caucus members may not have provided a ranking for each bill.

The Democratic members of the committee have prioritized the following 8 bills.

Priority	LD and Title
1	<p>LD 1390, An Act To Maximize Health Care Coverage for the Uninsured through Easy Enrollment in the MaineCare Program or in a Qualified Health Plan in the Marketplace</p> <p>This bill continues to be the caucus' top priority. We continue to believe it is inappropriate for the fiscal note to reflect additional costs of medical care for individuals who are already eligible for MaineCare, but who have not yet enrolled because they didn't know they were eligible until this program was added. Accordingly, the true cost of this bill should be seen as lower than the cost reflected in the fiscal note.</p>

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2	<p>LD 1783, An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds</p> <p>This bill does not require a General Fund appropriation as any potential cost increase cannot be estimated at this time. Many other states that have passed this model legislation have not experienced a fiscal impact. We do not think that the state employee plan will see any increased costs.</p>
3	<p>LD 1357, An Act To Require Private Insurance Coverage for Postpartum Care</p> <p>This bill is extremely important as it mandates what the committee believes to be medically necessary care for new mothers that is currently being denied coverage by insurers. Maine has struggled with maternal mortality rates and this coverage is absolutely critical in ensuring appropriate postpartum care is accessible as it should be.</p>
4-tie	<p>LD 665, An Act To Promote Better Dental Care for Cancer Survivors  LD 1003, An Act To Improve Outcomes for Persons with Limb Loss</p> <p>These two bills have very small fiscal notes and will provide critical medical care for a select group of Mainers with enormous need.</p>
5	<p>LD 1539, An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care</p> <p>The Democratic caucus also believes that this insurance mandate should be funded. It will help us compete and retain families who struggle with infertility and who might otherwise look for opportunities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, where such coverage is already required.</p>
Low Priority	<p>LD 794, An Act To Maintain Maine's System of Therapeutic Foster Care for Children through the Creation of a Nonprofit Risk Indemnification Trust</p> <p>LD 1584, An Act To Make Donated Medicines Available to Maine Patients at an Affordable Cost</p> <p>These bills are a low priority for funding at this time.</p>

The Republican members of the committee prioritized 7 bills; they did not include LD 1539 in their priority list as the caucus voted ONTP on that bill.

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7	LD 1783, An Act To Require Health Insurance Carriers and Pharmacy Benefits Managers To Appropriately Account for Cost-sharing Amounts Paid on Behalf of Insureds

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