

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Sen. Dawn Hill, Senate Chair

Rep. Margaret Rotundo, House Chair

PUBLIC COMMENT: Friday, May 17, 2013 beginning at 9:00am at Room 228 of the State House

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs will hold a public comment period on the **Biennial Budget CHANGE PACKAGE to LD 1509/LR1046** ("An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015").

The proposed changes can be found on the Bureau of Budget website and can also be accessed through a link on the OFPR website:

http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/materials/index.htm

When reviewing the Part A initiatives, be aware of the information at the top of the page which states whether the change is a deletion, and add or a change.

The audio portions of all public meetings, hearings and work sessions of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs committee may be heard over the internet by addressing: http://www.maine.gov/legis/ofpr/appropriations_committee/audio/index.htm

The committee will hear testimony only on the initiatives and language parts listed in the change package (additions, deletions or changes). The committee will **not** take testimony on: **Part "K"** (which has already been amended by the Appropriations Committee); **Part "GGGGG"** (a similar proposal has already been heard by the Taxation Committee as LD 989) or **Part "VVVVV"** (a similar proposal has already been heard by the Taxation Committee as LD 279).

Due to the very tight timetable, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs requests that testimony be limited to two (2) minutes. To save time, you may omit salutations and greetings to the committee in your oral testimony. There will be no departmental or agency presentation of the change package initiatives or language parts.

The public comment period will not be divided into separate blocks by policy committee or departments though Policy Committees are invited to send representatives to hear testimony and the written testimony will be available to their members. Testimony will be taken in the order of sign-ups or at the discretion of the Chairs. Sign-ups will begin at 8:00 am at the table located right outside the committee room. You may not sign up anyone other than yourself.

Persons with special needs who wish to attend the public comment period and require accommodations should notify the Legislative Information Office as soon as possible: 207-287-1692, TTY 207-287-6826, FAX 207-287-1580, webmaster_lio@legislature.maine.gov.

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