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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	

Bond

49 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Infrastructure To Address Sea Level Rise (Brennan)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Monitor/Support — Bond

This bill would provide a $50 million bond to improve waterfront and coastal infrastructure in municipalities to address sea level rise.

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218 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State (Kessler)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Support w/ Testimony — Bond

This bill would authorize a $40 million bond question to provide “funding to accelerate weatherization efforts in the State, with funds directed to the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund.

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384 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund the Transition from a Fossil Fuel-based to an Electrical Energy Economy (Warren)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Monitor — Bond

This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary provides that the bill “would authorize a General Fund bond issue… to fund the transition from a fossil-fuel based to an electrical energy economy.”

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481 **An Act to Propose a General Fund Bond Issue to Train Workers in High-demand Sectors and Support the State’s 10-year Economic Plan Goal of Increasing Wages by 10 Percent (Millett)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Monitor/Support — Bond

This bill would provide for an $80 million bond issue to provide funding to train workers in high-demand sectors and support the State’s goal of increasing average annual wages in the State by 10%. The funding would be provided in $20k increments over 4 years in accordance with programmatic and return-on-investment goals that must be met by the Maine Community College System.

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517 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Construction of Energy-efficient Affordable Homes and the Adaptive Reuse, Repair and Weatherization of Existing Homes for Low-income Seniors (Babbidge)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Monitor/Support — Bond

This bill would authorize a $30 million bond issue for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes for low-income seniors, the adaptive reuse of structures for homes for low-income seniors and the repair and weatherization of existing homes for low-income seniors.

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687 **An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Conservation of Land, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation (Corey)** — APPROP — Carry-over in Committee — Monitor — Bond

This bill would authorize a $35 million bond issue for funds for DACF and Land for Maine’s Future Board. It would also allow proceeds of Land for Maine’s Future to be spent on property that is determined by the LMF Board to be for community conservation project, defines “community conservation project,” amends the definition of “cooperating entities” and sets helping the State’s natural ecosystems, wildlife and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate as a priority of the board in making land acquisitions.

Click here for text of LD 687

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
969	**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Convention Center in Portland, Improvements to the Augusta Civic Center and a Competitive Grant Program for Capital Improvements to Public Venues across the State (Bailey)**	APPROP	Carry-over in Committee	Monitor/Support	Bond

This bill would authorize a bond issue for $115,000,000 for the construction of a convention center in Portland, improvements to the Augusta Civic Center, and a competitive grant program for capital improvements to public venues across the State.

Click here for text of LD 969

983	**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote Land Conservation, Working Waterfronts, Water Access and Outdoor Recreation (Breen)**	APPROP	Carry-over in Committee	Monitor	Bond

This bill would provide a bond issue for $80,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Bureau of Parks and Lands, and the Land for Maine's Future Board, for investment in state parks and historic sites, land conservation, water access, wildlife and fish habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, working farmlands, and working waterfronts. It would also allow proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be spent on property that is determined to be for a community conservation project.

Click here for text of LD 983

1084	**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Create Energy-efficient and Affordable Homes for Maine People (Doudera)**	APPROP	Carry-over in Committee	Monitor/Support	Bond

This bill would authorize a bond issue for $50,000,000 to build new energy-efficient, affordable homes for low-income households through construction of new structures and adaptive reuse of existing structures.

Click here for text of LD 1084

1094	**An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Reduce Homeowner and Municipal Energy Bills through Increased Efficiency and Weatherization Projects (Pouliot)**	APPROP	Carry-over in Committee	Mpnitor/Support	Bond

This bill would provide for a $20,000,000 bond issue, administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust, to reduce energy costs for senior citizens, low-income residents, municipalities and schools through investments in weatherization and energy efficiency.

Click here for text of LD 1094

1811	**An Act To Provide for the 2022 and 2023 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds (Curry)**	IDEA	1/18/22 Voted - Divided Report	Monitor/Support	Bond

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2022 and 2023 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Click here for text of LD 1811

Main

110	**An Act to Clarify Prepayment Requirements in Home Construction Contracts (McCreight)**	IDEA	SAT Carry-over	Monitor	Main

This bill would clarify that a contractor must obtain informed consent from a homeowner or lessee in the event the initial down payment for a construction project is more than 1/3 of the total contract price, and requires a contractor to set forth a waiver from the requirement that an initial down payment not exceed 1/3 of the total contract price in writing, on a separate page included in the contract, signed by both the homeowner and the contractor. The bill would also require that the waiver document clearly state the initial down payment amount due.

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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
201	**An Act To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Promote Weatherization in the Buildings Sector by Extending the Sunset Date for the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit (Libby)**	TAX	SAT Carry-over	Support w/ Testimony	Main
	This bill would extend the MHRTC to 2040, and was introduced by the MHRTC Coalition, including MEREDA. Click here for text of LD 201				
241	**An Act to Support the Trades through a Tax Credit for Apprenticeship Programs (Curry)**	TAX	SAT Carry-over	Support w/ Testimony	Main
	This bill would establish a tax credit for employers that employ an apprentice participating in an approved apprenticeship program in the amount of $2,500 and provides for a partial credit if the employer employs a participating apprentice for fewer than 2,000 hours during the taxable year. Click here for text of LD 241				
463	**An Act to Better House Maine Residents (Sylvester)**	LH	Carry-over; Concept draft	TBD	Main
	This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary states that the bill would "change certain laws to help the people of this State obtain housing." Click here for text of LD 463				
468	**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Labor and Housing (Slyvester)**	LH	Carry-over; Concept draft	TBD	Main
	This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary provides that the bill would "amend the laws governing labor and housing." Click here for text of LD 468				
473	**An Act to Create the Maine Rental Assistance and Voucher Guarantee Program (Morales)**	LH	SAT Carry-over	Monitor	Main
	This bill would require MSHA to establish and administer the Maine Rental Assistance and Voucher Guarantee Program. The program would include a rental assistance component to assist individuals with the cost of rent and a rental voucher guarantee component to encourage landlords to work with the program and other rental assistance programs in the State. The bill would also create the Maine Rental Assistance and Voucher Guarantee Program Fund under the MSHA to carry out the program. The bill would include a general fund appropriation of $8.5 million to fund the program in fiscal year 2021-2022 and fiscal year 2022-2023. Click here for text of LD 473				
489	**Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment (Maxmin)**	ENR	Carry-over on unfinished business	Monitor	Main
	This bill would ask the voters to approve a change to the Constitution of Maine to include a provision on "environmental rights." Specifically, the amendment would state that "the People of the State have a the right to a clean and health environment, including pure water, clean air and healthy ecosystems, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment. The State may not infringe upon these rights by action or through the action of others. The State… shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of the State, among them its waters, air, flora, fauna, ecosystems and public lands. The State shall conserve, protect and maintain these resources for the benefit of all the people, including generations yet to come. The rights stated in this section are inherent, inalienable and indefeasible and are among those rights reserved to all people and are on par with other protected alienable rights." Click here for text of LD 489				

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
551	**An Act to Accelerate Weatherization Efforts in the State (Kessler)**	EUT	SAT Carry-over	Monitor	Main

This bill would allow Efficiency Maine Trust funds for conservation programs that help reduce energy costs for electricity consumers to be used toward weatherization efforts to achieve the weatherization of 17,500 homes and businesses by 2025 and 35,000 homes and businesses by 2030, including at least 1,000 units of housing for low-income individuals or households per year. It would also define the term “low-income” in the laws governing the trust.

Click here for text of LD 551

736	**An Act to Enhance the Ecological Reserve System (Grohoski)**	AGR	WS 2/8/22 1:00 pm www.mainelegislature.org	TBD	Main

This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary states that the bill would assess the status of the ecological reserve system and consider changes that reflect the importance of the ecological reserve system for supporting wildlife, sequestering and storing carbon, providing scenic and recreational value and serving as long-term ecological research sites.

Click here for text of LD 736

831	**An Act to Aid Workforce Development (Sylvester)**	LH	Carry-over; concept draft	TBD	Main

This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary states that the bill would change certain laws to help the people of this State enter the workforce.

Click here for text of LD 831

856	**An Act to Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation (Berry)**	EUT	Carry-over; concept draft	Monitor	Main

This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary states that the bill would balance renewable energy development with the conservation of natural and working lands.

Click here for text of LD 856

1129	**An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities (Matlack)**	TAX	2/3/22 Voted - Divided Report	Oppose w/ Testimony	Main

This bill would provide that, in establishing the just value of retail sales facilities, consideration must be given to three recognized approaches to valuation of commercial property and that the assessor must consider the value of reasonable similar properties with regard to age, condition, use, type of construction, location, design, physical features and economic characteristics.

Click here for text of LD 1129

1240	**Resolve, To Review Barriers to Regional Solutions for Housing Choices (Vitelli)**	LH	WS 2/9/22 10:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	Monitor	Main

This resolve would direct the DECD Office of Community Development to conduct a review of barriers to regional solutions to making housing affordable, accessible, available, functional and compatible with strategies outlined in the December 2020 climate action plan of the Maine Climate Council. This bill would require the office to report to the Labor and Housing Commission by December 1, 2021.

Click here for text of LD 1240

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1246	**Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities (Gere)**	LH	Special Study Table Carry-over	Monitor	Main

This resolve would create the Commission to Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities, which would consist of 13 members of Legislators and other with interest or experience in affordable housing and financing in Maine. This bill would require the commission to report to the Labor and Housing Committee no later than December 7, 2022.

Click here for text of LD 1246

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1312	**An Act to Remove Barriers to Accessory Dwelling Units and Allow Accessory Dwelling Units where Single-family Houses are Allowed (Geiger)**	SLG	SAT Carry-over	Monitor/Support	Main

This bill would require municipalities to allow one accessory dwelling unit to be included within or located on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit. This bill would also prevent municipalities from imposing any of the following for accessory dwelling units: setback requirements on accessory dwelling units incorporated within an existing single-family dwelling unit; setback requirements of more than 5 feet for accessory dwelling units not included within a single-family dwelling unit; off-street parking requirements; separate sewer or water systems; or owner occupancy of one of the units unless one of the units is being used for short-terms or vacation rental. Finally, this bill would provide that: a municipality may not restrict use of one of the units on a lot as a short-term or vacation rental; a municipality may not require correction of a nonconforming use when an accessory dwelling unit is incorporated into an existing single-family dwelling unit or of an existing structure converted into an accessory dwelling unit (but building and fire safety codes may be required); a municipality's design standards for accessory dwelling units must be clear and concise; and, accessory dwelling units within historical preservation districts must comply with historical preservation standards.

Click here for text of LD 1312

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1337	**An Act to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Property Taxes through an Impact Fee on Vacant Residences (Kessler)**	TAX	2/3/22 Voted - Divided Report	Oppose w/ Testimony	Main

This bill would create a residential vacancy impact fee for certain vacant residential property, which would be distributed to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund to fund housing activities and to the Local Government Fund to reimburse municipalities for the Maine residents homestead property tax exemption. This bill would also require the impact fee to be evaluated by OPEGA.

Click here for text of LD 1337

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1429	**An Act to Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council (Dunphy)**	ENR	1/31/22 Voted - Divided Report	Monitor	Main

This bill is comprehensive and would implement a number of the recommendations of the Maine Climate Council.

Click here for text of LD 1429

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1570	**An Act to Protect Drinking Water for Maine Residents (Gramlich)**	HHS	SAT Carry-over	Monitor	Main

This bill would require the DHHS to establish a program to provide free well water testing for low-income residents of Maine to be conducted by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. It would require landlords to periodically test well water used by their tenants for arsenic and to disclose the results of those tests to their tenants. This bill would also provide that the maximum contaminant level of arsenic that is acceptable in water for human consumption in a community water system is 5 parts per billion. It would require the DHHS to consider recent research on the toxicity of arsenic and the acceptable level of consumption of arsenic and to adopt a rule to specify the maximum contaminant level of arsenic that is acceptable in water for human consumption on or before December 31, 2021.

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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1616	**An Act to Ensure that Municipalities and Multimunicipal Regions of Every Size and Capacity Have Guidance on Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategies for Policy, Implementation and Investment Decision Support (Blume)**	ENR	Carry-over; concept draft	TBD	Main

This bill is a concept draft, with no language. The summary states that this bill would implement the recommendations of the Community Resilience Planning, Public Health, and Emergency Management Working Group of the Maine Climate Council in order to provide municipalities and multimunicipal regions of every size and capacity with guidance on climate adaptation and resilience strategies for policy, implementation and investment decision support.

Click here for text of LD 1616

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1656	**An Act to Promote Energy-efficient Affordable Housing (Millett)**	LH	SAT Carry-over	Monitor	Main

This bill would provide funds in the amount of $100 million to be used by the Maine State Housing Authority to provide energy-efficient affordable housing. It would also authorize the authority to accept federal funds for this purpose.

Click here for text of LD 1656

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1673	**An Act to Create a Comprehensive Permit Process for the Construction of Affordable Housing (Talbot Ross)**	LH	PH 2/14/22 10:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	Monitor/Oppose	Main

This bill would establish a comprehensive permit process to streamline the building construction permitting system and promote the creation of additional affordable housing by public agencies, nonprofit organizations and limited dividend organizations.

Click here for text of LD 1673

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1694	**An Act to Create the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority (Sachs)**	IDEA	1/27/22 WS Held - Tabled	Support w/ Testimony	Main

This bill would establish the Community Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to coordinate the acquisition of blighted, abandoned and environmentally hazardous or functionally obsolete property for redevelopment, including property identified as historic but not including real property owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe, unimproved land or an active or former military facility. It also authorizes the creation of municipal redevelopment authorities to work with the Community Redevelopment Land Bank Authority for the purpose of transferring property and coordinating redevelopment. The authority would be required to establish a Development Ready Community Planning Committee for the purposes of establishing statewide community redevelopment guidelines.

Click here for text of LD 1694

Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1732	**An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations (Gere)**	TAX	PH 2/8/22 10:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	TBD	Main

This bill clarifies that the sales tax exemption for sales to nonprofit housing development organizations applies only to nonprofit organizations developing housing for people earning less than 120% of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size.

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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1793	**An Act To Support Statewide Economic Recovery through Strategic Investments (Roberts)**	IDEA	1/20/22 Voted - Divided Report	Monitor/Support	Main
	This bill would authorize the Department of Economic and Community Development, through the Maine Economic Development Fund, to make strategic investments, through loans or direct equity investments, in economic development projects that support economic and business growth, rural manufacturing and industrial site redevelopment and implementation of a strategic plan. Click here for text of LD 1793				
1795	**An Act To Update Statutory References to Building Code Standards for Public Improvements (Bryant)**	CRIM	PH 2/7/22 9:00 am / WS 2/9/22 10:00 am	Monitor	Main
	This bill would eliminate references to building codes that are no longer in effect or have been superseded by the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. This bill would also apply the current Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code ventilation standards to buildings occupied by state employees. Finally, this bill would update references in regard to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Department of Public Safety. Click here for text of LD 1795				
1809	**An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws (Brenner)**	ENR	1/19/22 Voted - Divided Report	Support w/ Testimony	Main
	This bill would amend how the height of a new or existing principal or accessory structure, including a legally existing nonconforming structure, located in the shoreland zone is measured when the structure is also located in an area of special flood and there is a minimum elevation required for structures by a local floodplain management ordinance. This bill would specifically allow for an exception to shoreland zoning height requirements for legally existing nonconforming structures located in an area of special flood hazard in order to be consistent with a local floodplain management elevation requirement. Click here for text of LD 1809				
1871	**Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Extend Its Pilot Program To Investigate andReport on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues (Tablot Ross)**	JUD	2/2/22 Voted - Divided Report	Monitor	Main
	This resolve extends by 2 years the 2-year Maine Human Rights Commission pilot program to receive, review and investigate incidents and complaints of harassment due to a person's housing status and other reports of interference with a person's access to public accommodations and extends the deadlines for its reports. The resolve is retroactive to June 16, 2020, the effective date of Resolve 2019, chapter 113. Click here for text of LD 1871				

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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position	
1872	**Resolve, To Create a Task Force Relating to the Water Quality of Saco Bay (Copeland)**	ENR	2/3/22 Reported Out - ONTP	Monitor	Main

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to convene a task force to integrate data from multiple studies of the water quality of Saco Bay to identify sources of pollution in the bay and develop recommendations to remove those sources or lessen the pollution from those sources. The department must convene the task force by September 1, 2022 and submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental protection matters by October 1, 2023.

Click here for text of LD 1872

1884	**An Act to Create Affordable Agricultural Homesteads (Bickford)**	SLG	PH 2/14/22 10:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	Monitor	Main

This bill would prohibit a municipality from requiring an income requirement as a condition for residential construction. This bill would also prohibit a municipality from requiring a condition of residential construction in an agricultural zone that is more restrictive than any condition on farmland under the State's farm tax law. Lastly, this bill would prohibit a municipality from requiring a minimum lot size for zones primarily used for agriculture that is more than twice the minimum lot size of the most restrictive residential zone in that municipality.

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1895	**An Act to Prohibit Invasion of Privacy on Private Property by Cameras (Deschambault)**	JUD	2/1/22 Voted - Divided Report	Monitor	Main

This bill would make illegal the intentional installation or use of any fixed device like a camera outside a private residence and its curtilage without the consent of the person entitled to privacy therein.

Click here for text of LD 1895

1907	**An Act To Review State Lands and Waterways That Have Sacred, Traditional or Other Significance to the Wabanaki Tribes (Collings)**	JUD	PH 2/17/22 9:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	Monitor	Main

This bill establishes the Commission To Review State-owned Lands and Waterways to identify which state-owned lands or waterways have sacred, traditional or other significance to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or Aroostook Band of Micmacs and develop a process to return lands andwaterways to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and Aroostook Band of Micmacs. The commission must hold public meetings and hearings throughout the State and must accept testimony and written comments from the public. The commission must invite the participation of stakeholders as determined by the commission and also invite the participation of large private landowners, land trusts and conservation organizations. The commission must submit a report no later than November 15th of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. The joint standing committees may report out legislation related to the report of the commission.

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Bill#	Title (Sponsor)	Comm	Status	Position
1940	**An Act to Ensure That Building Codes Allow the Installation and Use of Products and Equipment That Use Certain Federally Regulated Refrigerants (Timberlake)**	CRIM	PH 2/7/22 9:00 am www.mainelegislature.org	Main

This bill would amend the law regarding building codes to ensure that building codes, including the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, may not prohibit the installation or use of any product or equipment regulated under Maine's hydrofluorocarbon use restrictions law that uses a refrigerant listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in regulations adopted pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act as acceptable, acceptable subject to use conditions or acceptable subject to narrowed use limits and is installed in accordance with any applicable conditions or limitations imposed by those regulations. This bill would also correct a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapter 433 and Revisor's Report 2021, chapter 1 by reallocating to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1615 the version of Title 38, section 1613 that was reallocated in Revisor's Report 2021, chapter 1.

Click here for text of LD 1940