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LD	Short Title	Sponsor	Notes	Position
1	Resiliency Climate	Gov Bill/ Daughtry	\$15 million grant program; State Resilience Office	Monitor
50	Towns first right of refusal on state lands	Dodge	Would give towns the first right of refusal to purchase land being sold by the UMaine System or quasi-independent agencies.	Oppose
65	Coastal Wetlands definition	Doudera (DEP)	Changes standard to highest astronomical tide, rather than highest tide in year in which activity proposed.	Monitor
128	SLODA Multifamily	Pierce/DEP	Amend subdivision to allow lots that include detached residential housing designed to accommodate up to 4 families, including single-family.	Support
Budget Part D	MOCA		MOCA and Climate Resilience Partnership program, and municipal planning assistance; floodplain management; also shifts growth management and comp plan review to MOCA, establishes Housing Assistance Program; Development Ready Advisory Council (under growth management); volunteer Maine; Building Codes jurisdiction	Support
Budget Part QQ	MSHA Cut		\$10 mill from HOME Fund (pg. 88)	Oppose
Budget Part LL	Maine State Housing Authority membership		Adds a commissioner with expertise in sustainability requirements, but subtracts a member who is an expert in housing, general economic development, labor standards, etc., and affordable housing	Oppose
Budget Part PP	Manufactured Housing		\$3 million to support a manufactured home and mobile park preservation and assistance program.	Monitor
140	Homestead Property Tax	Baldacci	Effective April 1, 2026, increases homestead by \$10,000 annually until	Monitor

	Increase		it reaches \$95,000; then adjusts for inflation.	
146	MHRTC Claim Amount	Rotundo	MHRTC increased claim schedule only	Support
161	Subdivision Stakeholder	Ducharme	Subdivision study bill to look at comprehensive review of statutes.	Support
183	Public Land Cap	Faulkingham	Limit publicly owned land to 50% of any county and report biannually on percentage of federal state, etc., owned by county.	Monitor
184	Foreclosure Process Study	Ducharme	Study Commission to review Maine foreclosure process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving to power of sale foreclosure could make a difference in the speed of foreclosure as other states do (recommended change from MEREDA). Take Greenleaf article from S. Buck to sponsors - from Bar Journal Spring '24. 	Monitor
185	TIF for municipal facilities	Mastraccio	Amend TIF to allow any costs associated with municipal facilities	Support
225	Lodging Tax increase to fund schools	Brennan	Would apply a 3% surcharge on any rental of a hotel or "lodging place or quarters" to fund schools.	Oppose
255	Mobile Home Purchasing	Baldacci	Would provide a one-time allocation in the amount of \$3.5 million to support mobile home park purchasing <i>See Budget Part PP</i> for budgetary pickup of initiative.	Monitor
269	Ch. 375 Rules Review	Doudera (DEP)	Major substantive review of no adverse environmental standard of Site location of development act; major substantive rule revision. Ch 375 Reposting Fact Sheet (pdf) :: Ch 375 Reposting Draft Rule (pdf) :: Ch 375 Reposting Changes (pdf) :: Ch 375 Provisionally Adopted Draft (pdf)	
353	Deed Fraud	Ingwersen	To put together a study commission	

	Study		on deed fraud.	
358	Deed Fees	Bennett	Increase fees paid to register of deeds from a \$19+ format to a flat fee of \$45, increases plans to \$45, and 50 cents per image on downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive images or abstracts; ten dollars per page for paper copies of plans; reduced no-charge from first 500 to first 100 electronic images; \$5 surcharge from \$3.	Monitor

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