



Legislative Priorities

130th Maine State Legislature Second Session

Racial Equity

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Committee	Bill Text
LD 1610 An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State's Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data	Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross (Portland)	This bill would improve the State's ability to collect, centralize and use data to improve equity in state policy making. This bill directly supports LD2, signed into law by Governor Mills requiring the Inclusion of Racial Impact Statements in the Legislative Process, by mandating the collection of data necessary to create racial equity statements.	Committee on State and Local Government HEARING: Monday, 2/14/22, 9am WORK SESSION:	getPDF.asp (maine.gov)
LD 1626 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act	Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross (Portland)	The legislation would place the tribes in Maine on similar and equal footing to the other 570 federally recognized tribes across the rest of the United States. This bill would amend the Maine Implementing Act to restore the inherent right of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to self-govern within their respective territories in accordance with the same federal laws that generally govern tribal lands elsewhere.	Judiciary HEARING: Tuesday, 2/15/22, 9am WORK SESSION:	getPDF.asp (maine.gov)

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Anti-Hunger

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LD 174 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Ending Hunger by 2030 Advisory Group	Rep. Bill Pluecker (Warren)	LD 174 adopts the recommendations of the "Ending Hunger in Maine by 2030 Advisory Group," convened by LD 1159 in the 129 th Maine Legislature. Donna Yellen, Deputy Director of Preble Street, was a member of this Advisory Group and the agency has been engaged with both the process and the articulate recommendations to end hunger in Maine by 2030 including: ensuring all people have consistent access to a variety of culturally appropriate food and addressing systemic changes by eliminating root causes of hunger and food insecurity.	Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry HEARING: Tuesday, 1/18/22, 11am WORK SESSION: Tuesday, 2/8/22, 1pm	getPDF.asp (maine.gov)

Shelter/Housing Rights

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Committee	Bill Text
LD 1871 Resolve, Directing the Maine Human	Rep. Rachel Talbot	This bill extends LD 1294's original mandate for an additional two years to conduct a Dignity Pilot program receiving and reporting on how people	Judiciary	getPDF.asp (maine.gov)

<p>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</p>	<p>Ross (Portland)</p>	<p>experiencing homelessness are discriminated against in the state of Maine.</p>	<p>HEARING: Tuesday, 1/25/22, 1pm</p> <p>WORK SESSION: Wednesday, 2/2/22, 10am</p>	
<p>LR 2299 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions</p>	<p>Rep. Ryan Fecteau (Biddeford)</p>	<p>A persistent barrier to shelter and affordable housing are zoning laws and regulations. This bill proposes to adapt the Commission to Increase Housing Opportunities recommendations covering a wide variety of topics including Fair Housing.</p>	<p>Labor and Housing</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>WORK SESSION:</p>	

Criminal Legal System

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<p>LD 546 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Juvenile Justice System Assessment and Reinvestment Task Force</p>	<p>Rep. Michael Brennan (Portland)</p>	<p>Would implement several changes as recommended by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, including the reduction of the number of detained youths, sustaining the ongoing task force’s mandate for strategic interventions, and continuing the legal obligation for a robust reporting process for legislative oversight. This bill is also asking for recommendations on additional therapeutic residence sites for the future, ongoing funding for nonprofit community-based providers, and spending on diversion programs. It seeks an additional two million dollars from DOC and HHS budgets to fund these initiatives.</p>	<p>Criminal Justice and Public Safety</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>WORK SESSION:</p>	<p>getPDF.asp (maine.gov)</p>