

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Today joint standing committee assignments for the 128th Legislature were made public by the presiding officers of the Maine House of Representatives and the State Senate.

Despite sitting in the minority in the House of Representatives, House Republicans will outsize Democrats on the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Committee and Marine Resources Committee, and will have parity on the Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry Committee, Insurance & Financial Resources Committee, and the Veterans & Legal Affairs Committee.

Governor LePage will be submitting his final biennial budget in early 2017 and it promises to include a number of provisions that will lock Democrats and Republicans into a prolonged period of review, line-item editing, and deal making. The all-important and uber-powerful Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee will steer the direction of the budget following a vetting and review from each policy committee. Sen. Jim Hamper (R-Oxford) will return as AFA Senate Chair and will also be joined by long-time committee member Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec). In fact, the Republican compliment on the committee will be unchanged from the prior session save for one member, whereas Democrats return with familiar faces and new leaders. Rep. Drew Gattine (D-Westbrook) has left the Health & Human Services Committee to now chair Appropriations and Sen. Cathy Breen (D-Cumberland) will take the one seat allocated to her caucus. However, longtime member and Augusta power broker Rep. John Martin (D-Eagle Lake) will again join the powerful budget writing committee.

Please see the following for lists of committee membership.

### **Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry**

Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis), Chair  
 Sen. Thomas Saviello (R-Franklin)  
 Sen. James Dill (D-Penobscot)  
 Rep. Michelle Dunphy (D-Old Town), Chair  
 Rep. Ralph Chapman (D-Brooksville)  
 Rep. Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair)  
 Rep. Margaret O’Neil (D-Saco)  
 Rep. Russell Black (R-Wilton)  
 Rep. Carol McElwee (R-Caribou)  
 Rep. MaryAnne Kinney (R-Knox)  
 Rep. Norman Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft)  
 Rep. Thomas Skolfield (R-Weld)  
 Rep. Kent Ackley (C-Monmouth)

### **Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Sen. James Hamper (R-Oxford), Chair  
 Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec)  
 Sen. Catherine Breen (D-Cumberland)  
 Rep. Drew Gattine (D-Westbrook), Chair  
 Rep. John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
 Rep. Aaron M. Frey (D-Bangor)  
 Rep. Erik C. Jorgensen (D-Portland)  
 Rep. Brian L. Hubbell (D-Bar Harbor)  
 Rep. Denise A. Tepler (D-Topsham)  
 Rep. Tom J. Winsor (R-Norway)  
 Rep. Heather W. Sirocki (R-Scarborough)

### **Environment and Natural Resources**

Sen. Thomas Saviello (R-Franklin), Chair  
 Sen. Amy Volk (R-Cumberland)  
 Sen. Geoffrey Gratwick (D-Penobscot)  
 Rep. Ralph L. Tucker (D-Brunswick), Chair  
 Rep. Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson)  
 Rep. John L. Martin (D-Eagle Lake)  
 Rep. Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)  
 Rep. Jessica L. Fay (D-Raymond)  
 Rep. Stanley Paige Zeigler, Jr. (D-Montville)  
 Rep. Jonathan L. Kinney (R-Limington)  
 Rep. Richard H. Campbell (R-Orrington)  
 Rep. Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)  
 Rep. Scott Walter Strom (R-Pittsfield)

### **Health and Human Services**

Sen. Erik Brakey (R-Androscoggin), Chair  
 Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec)  
 Sen. Benjamin Chipman (D-Cumberland)  
 Rep. Patricia Hymanson (D-York), Chair  
 Rep. Anne C. Perry (D-Calais)  
 Rep. Scott M. Hamann (D-South Portland)  
 Rep. Colleen M. Madigan (D-Waterville)  
 Rep. Dale J. Denn (D-Cumberland)  
 Rep. Jennifer Ellen Parker (D-South Berwick)  
 Rep. Deborah J. Sanderson (R-Chelsea)  
 Rep. Richard S. Malaby (R-Hancock)

Rep. Jeffrey L. Timberlake (R-Turner)  
Rep. H. Stedman Seavey (R-Kennebunkport)

### **Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Sen. Kimberley Rosen (R-Hancock), Chair  
Sen. Scott Cyrway (R-Kennebec)  
Sen. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)  
Rep. Charlotte Warren (D-Hallowell), Chair  
Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)  
Rep. Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)  
Rep. Martin J. Grohman (D-Biddeford)  
Rep. Lois Galgay Rickett (D-South Portland)  
Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross (D-Portland)  
Rep. Karen A. Gerrish (R-Lebanon)  
Rep. Donald G. Marean (R-Hollis)  
Rep. Patrick W. Corey (R-Windham)  
Rep. Lloyd C. Herrick (R-Paris)

### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

Sen. Brian Langley (R-Hancock), Chair  
Sen. Joyce Maker (R-Washington)  
Sen. Rebecca Millett (D-Cumberland)  
Rep. Victoria P. Kornfield (D-Bangor), Chair  
Rep. Matthea Elisabeth Larsen Daughtry (D-Brunswick)  
Rep. Richard R. Farnsworth (D-Portland)  
Rep. Teresa S. Pierce (D-Falmouth)  
Rep. Roger Jason Fuller (D-Lewiston)  
Rep. David Harold McCrea (D-Fort Fairfield)  
Rep. Phyllis A. Ginzler (R-Bridgton)  
Rep. Beth Peloquin Turner (R-Burlington)  
Rep. Heidi H. Sampson (R-Alfred)  
Rep. Harold L. Stewart III (R-Presque Isle)

### **Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Sen. David Woodsome (R-York), Chair  
Sen. Andre Cushing (R-Penobscot)  
Sen. Mark Dion (D-Cumberland)  
Rep. Seth A. Berry (D-Bowdoinham), Chair  
Rep. Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)  
Rep. Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)  
Rep. Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)  
Rep. Christina Riley (D-Jay)  
Rep. Heather B. Sanborn (D-Portland)  
Rep. Nathan J. Wadsworth (R-Hiram)  
Rep. Lance Evans Harvell (R-Farmington)  
Rep. Beth A. O'Connor (R-Berwick)  
Rep. Jeffrey P. Hanley (R-Pittston)

### **Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

Sen. Amy Volk (R-Cumberland), Chair  
Sen. Brian Langley (R-Hancock)  
Sen. Shenna Bellows (D-Kennebec)  
Rep. Ryan M. Fecteau (D-Biddeford), Chair  
Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford)

Rep. Frances M. Head (R-Bethel)  
Rep. Paul B. Chace (R-Durham)

### **Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Sen. Scott Cyrway (R-Kennebec), Chair  
Sen. David Woodsome (R-York)  
Sen. Michael Carpenter (D-Aroostook)  
Rep. Robert S. Duchesne (D-Hudson), Chair  
Rep. Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)  
Rep. Denise Patricia Harlow (D-Portland)  
Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau (D-Winslow)  
Rep. Paul A. Stearns (R-Guilford)  
Rep. Stephen J. Wood (R-Greene)  
Rep. Roger E. Reed (R-Carmel)  
Rep. Peter A. Lyford (R-Eddington)  
Rep. Gina M. Mason (R-Lisbon)  
Rep. Timothy S. Theriault (R-China)

### **Insurance and Financial Services**

Sen. Rodney Whittemore (R-Somerset), Chair  
Sen. Dana Dow (R-Lincoln)  
Sen. Everett "Brownie" Carson (D-Cumberland)  
Rep. Mark D. Lawrence (D-South Berwick), Chair  
Rep. Heidi E. Brooks (D-Lewiston)  
Rep. Gina M. Melaragno (D-Auburn)  
Rep. Benjamin T. Collings (D-Portland)  
Rep. Heather B. Sanborn (D-Portland)  
Rep. Raymond A. Wallace (R-Dexter)  
Rep. John Joseph Picchiotti (R-Fairfield)  
Rep. Robert A. Foley (R-Wells)  
Rep. Dwayne W. Prescott (R-Waterboro)  
Rep. Garrel Robert Craig (R-Brewer)

### **Judiciary**

Sen. Lisa Keim (R-Oxford), Chair  
Sen. Rodney Whittemore (R-Somerset)  
Sen. Dawn Hill (D-York)  
Rep. Matthew W. Moonen (D-Portland), Chair  
Rep. Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)  
Rep. Christopher W. Babbidge (D-Kennebunk)  
Rep. Donna Bailey (D-Saco)  
Rep. Barbara A. Cardone (D-Bangor)  
Rep. Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-South Portland)  
Rep. Stacey K. Guerin (R-Glenburn)  
Rep. Roger L. Sherman (R-Hodgdon)  
Rep. Richard T. Bradstreet (R-Vassalboro)  
Rep. Chris A. Johansen (R-Monticello)

### **Taxation**

Sen. Dana Dow (R-Lincoln), Chair  
Sen. Andre Cushing (R-Penobscot)  
Sen. Justin Chenette (D-York)  
Rep. Ryan Tipping (D-Orono), Chair  
Rep. Stephen S. Stanley (D-Medway)

Rep. Dillon F. Bates (D-Westbrook)  
Rep. James R. Handy (D-Lewiston)  
Rep. Donna R. Doore (D-Augusta)  
Rep. Michael A. Sylvester (D-Portland)  
Rep. Susan M. W. Austin (R-Gray)  
Rep. Lawrence E. Lockman (R-Amherst)  
Rep. Joel R. Stetkis (R-Canaan)  
Karen R. Vachon (R-Scarborough)

## **Marine Resources**

Sen. Joyce Maker (R-Washington), Chair  
Sen. Erik Brakey (R-Androscoggin)  
Sen. Eloise Vitelli (D-Sagadahoc)  
Rep. Walter A. Kumiega III (D-Deer Isle), Chair  
Rep. Michael G. Devin (D-Newcastle)  
Rep. Robert W. Alley, Sr. (D-Beals)  
Rep. Lydia C. Blume (D-York)  
Rep. Stephanie Hawke (R-Boothbay Harbor)  
Rep. Kevin J. Battle (R-South Portland)  
Rep. William R. Tuell (R-East Machias)  
Rep. David G. Haggan (R-Hampden)  
Rep. Abden S. Simmons (R-Waldoboro)  
Rep. Paula G. Sutton (R-Warren)

## **State and Local Government**

Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis), Chair  
Sen. Lisa Keim (R-Oxford)  
Sen. Susan Deschambault (D-York)  
Rep. Roland Danny Martin (D-Sinclair), Chair  
Rep. Mark E. Bryant (D-Windham)  
Rep. Pinny Beebe-Center (D-Rockland)  
Rep. George W. Hogan (D-Old Orchard Beach)  
Rep. John E. Madigan, Jr. (D-Rumford)  
Rep. John Alden Spear (D-South Thomaston)  
Rep. Richard A. Pickett (R-Dixfield)  
Rep. Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)  
Rep. Lester S. Ordway (R-Standish)  
Rep. Chad Wayne Grignon (R-Athens)

## **Government Oversight Committee**

Sen. Roger Katz (R-Kennebec), Chair  
Sen. Paul Davis (R-Piscataquis)  
Sen. Thomas Saviello (R-Franklin)  
Sen. Nathan Libby (D-Androscoggin)  
Sen. William Diamond (D-Cumberland)  
Sen. Geoffrey Gratwick (D-Penobscot)  
Rep. Anne-Marie Mastraccio (D-Sanford), Chair  
Rep. Jennifer L. DeChant (D-Bath)  
Rep. Deane Rykerson (D-Kittery)  
Rep. Jeffrey K. Pierce (R-Dresden)  
Rep. Matthew A. Harrington (R-Sanford)  
Rep. Paula G. Sutton (R-Warren)

Rep. Janice E. Cooper (D-Yarmouth)  
Rep. Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)  
Rep. Joyce McCreight (D-Harpswell)  
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Rep. Gary L. Hillard (R-Belgrade)  
Rep. Bruce A. Bickford (R-Auburn)  
Rep. Matthew G. Pouliot (R-Augusta)  
Rep. Karleton S. Ward (R-Dedham)

## **Transportation**

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Rep. Walter A. Kumiega III (D-Deer Isle)  
Rep. Gay M. Grant (D-Gardiner)  
Rep. John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)  
Rep. Betty A. Austin (D-Skowhegan)  
Rep. Bettyann W. Sheats (D-Auburn)  
Rep. Wayne R. Parry (R-Arundel)  
Rep. Richard M. Cebra (R-Naples)  
Rep. James S. Gillway (R-Searsport)  
Rep. Michael D. Perkins (R-Oakland)

## **Veterans and Legal Affairs**

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Sen. Ronald Collins (R-York)  
Sen. Michael Carpenter (D-Aroostook)  
Rep. Louis J. Luchini (D-Ellsworth), Chair  
Rep. Thomas R. W. Longstaff (D-Waterville)  
Rep. John C. Schneck (D-Bangor)  
Rep. Kimberly J. Monaghan (D-Cape Elizabeth)  
Rep. Craig V. Hickman (D-Winthrop)  
Rep. Brandlee Thomas Farrin (R-Norridgewock)  
Rep. Kathleen R. J. Dillingham (R-Oxford)  
Rep. Sheldon Mark Hanington (R-Lincoln)  
Rep. Dustin Michael White (R-Washburn)  
Rep. Owen D. Casas (I-Rockport)