

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Room 228 State House

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Change Package to Governor’s Supplemental Budget Proposal

Monday, April 1, 2024 1:15 pm (subject to adjournment of House and Senate)

The Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs will hold a public comment period on the **Supplemental Budget CHANGE PACKAGE** to LD 2214 “An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025”

The proposed changes can be found on the Bureau of Budget website <https://www.maine.gov/budget/>

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, an addition or an amendment. If an amendment is proposed then the current initiative will be listed above the revision.

The committee is soliciting testimony only on the initiatives and language parts listed in the Change Package (additions, deletions or changes) except the following:

Property Tax Stabilization program, Property Tax Stabilization program initiatives and Part E deletions (those provisions were previously enacted in LD 646);

Milk Commission program initiatives and Part UUU (previously heard under LD 2188);

Education in Unorganized Territory – 2nd Initiative (previously heard under LD 2207);

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program deletions and Part WW;

State Police program (revised appropriation request related to approved range changes);

Part H (changes from Taxation Committee report-back on original proposal);

Part AAA (changes from the Education Committee report-back on original proposal);

Part UUU (previously heard under LD 2188);

Part XXX (previously heard under LD 2251); and

Part YYY (previously heard under LD 2266);

Due to the very tight timetable, the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs requests that testimony be limited to three minutes.

There will be no departmental or agency presentation of the change package initiatives or language parts.

You may testify or submit testimony either in person or the Legislative website as is done for Public Hearings.

The public comment period will not be divided into separate blocks by policy committee or departments Testimony will be taken in the order of sign-ups for in-person testifiers then, generally, followed by those on Zoom or at the discretion of the Chairs.