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STATE OF MAINE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 26, 2010

TO: Honorable Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Honorable Emily Cain, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Dennis S. Damon, Senate Chair 
Edward J. Mazurek, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

RE: **General Fund 2010-2011 Supplemental Budget (LD 1671)**

The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation voted unanimously (of those members present) on January 22, 2010 to approve the four initiatives and two reclassifications proposed by the Governor and presented at the joint hearing with your Committee. These four initiatives and two reclassifications are within the Department of Public Safety. We have attached the individual budget sheets used to conduct the joint public hearing indicating the individual votes for each initiative.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please feel free to contact us or our Fiscal Analyst, Suzanne Roy.

Cc: Suzanne Roy, OFPR
Karen Nadeau-Drillen, OPLA

Sec. A-48. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: Eliminates one Senior Planner position in fiscal years 2009-10 and 2010-11 and reduces funding for salary savings from a Planning and Research Associate I position in fiscal year 2009-10.

Ref. #: 1193

Committee Vote: in 7-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$47,768)	(\$39,476)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$47,768)	(\$39,476)

Justification:

The Senior Planner position was created to put the state of Maine in compliance with federal regulations requiring dedicated supervision for oversight of the METRO system. Elimination of this position could jeopardize access to the federal databases that are part of the METRO system. This position supervises the Access Integrity Unit, which provides training, access, and auditing of the METRO, NLETS, and NCIC systems for state, county, and local law enforcement. The Planning and Research Associate I position has salary savings for 7 pay periods in fiscal year 2009-10.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Eliminates one Public Service Manager II (Director of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory) position.

Ref. #: 1194

Committee Vote: in 7-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$24,928)	(\$57,824)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$24,928)	(\$57,824)

Justification:

This will result in a decrease in the oversight of the Crime Lab.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing 4 vacant State Police Trooper positions.

Ref. #: 1195

Committee Vote: in 7-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	(\$205,321)	(\$236,887)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$205,321)	(\$236,887)
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Justification:

This initiative will have a serious impact on public safety. County and local law enforcement has reduced and continues to reduce sworn personnel, which is putting a severe strain on our current ability to respond. Further cuts will result in delayed or inability to respond to citizen emergency calls.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing 2 Identification Specialist II positions for a portion of fiscal year 2009-10.

Ref. #: 1196

Committee Vote: in 7-0

AFA Vote: _____

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	(\$18,005)	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$18,005)	\$0

Justification:

Leaving these two positions vacant creates a significant further backlog in building criminal history records reports and maintaining current sex offender registry information. The salary savings in FY 2009-10 represent savings from freezing the positions for a portion of fiscal year 2009-10. The positions are planned to be filled for the 2nd half of the fiscal year.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$296,022)	(\$334,187)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$296,022)	(\$334,187)

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 1197

Committee Vote: in 7.0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$30,336	\$10,984
All Other	\$0	(\$30,336)	(\$10,984)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 1207

Committee Vote: in 7.0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$0	\$16,299	\$11,795
All Other	\$0	\$318	\$230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$16,617	\$12,025

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$16,617	\$12,025
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$16,617	\$12,025