

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Fr: Kate Dufour, Director, Advocacy & Communications
Re: Platform Bill Sponsors & **Comprehensive Tax Reform Working Group Volunteers**
Date: November 26, 2024

Thank you once again for the incredible work put into adopting MMA's 2025-2026 Legislative Platform. For your records, linked at the end of this memo are the final versions of the nine bills staff is working on advancing to the members of the 132nd Maine State Legislature.

Sponsors. Although the Legislative Council will not be able to establish the bill submission deadline until after the legislature is sworn into office on Dec. 4, staff are already working to line up sponsors. However, as the saying goes...the more the merrier. If you have suggestions for possible bill sponsors and co-sponsors, please email Laura Ellis at lellis@memun.org.

Tax Reform Working Group. At the November meeting, the policy committee directed staff to organize a working group to develop a comprehensive tax reform plan, with the proposal to amend the way in which property is assessed as the foundation of the work. The working group members will meet throughout the next year to study, research, and develop a plan for the legislature's consideration in 2027. Or, if we are ready next year, to find a legislator willing to advance emergency legislation on our behalf in 2026.

To that end, my request is two-fold.

First, if you are interested in serving on the working group, please email me at kdufour@memun.org **no later than noon on Friday, Dec. 6**. There will be no limit on the number of members welcomed to serve.

Second, I'd like to schedule an organizational meeting of the working group to identify data needs and resources. The meeting will be held **via Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to noon on either December 11, 17 or 18**. When emailing me regarding your interest in serving on the working group, please indicate which of the listed dates work best for you. The majority will determine the selected date.

Again, thank you for your support of MMA's advocacy efforts. We look forward to working with you in the coming months. On behalf of Laura, RG, Rebecca and Amanda, I wish you happy holidays.

Final versions of platform bills:

- 1) [Basic Law Enforcement Training](#)
- 2) [Con Amend – Property Tax Exemption](#)

- 3) County Jail Funding
- 4) GA Reimbursement
- 5) Homestead Reimbursement Ramp to 100
- 6) Non-Transport Coverage and Community Paramedicine Bill
- 7) Revenue Sharing III
- 8) Special Education Funding
- 9) TIF for Municipal Buildings