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To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Fr: James Bennett, Chair
Re: Notice and Agenda for **Mar. 24 LPC Subcommittee Meetings & Mar. 25 LPC Meeting**
Date: March 18, 2021

The LPC Subcommittees will next meet via Zoom on:

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Noon: Taxation/Appropriations Subcommittee

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Criminal Justice/Transportation Subcommittee

(See email for Zoom links)

The full LPC will convene on:

Thursday, March 25, 2021

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(See email for Zoom links)

With bills being printed at a steady pace, the Policy Committee will have many issues to discuss next week. As is the case at this point of the session, it is likely that a supplemental agenda will be emailed to you in advance of the March 24 and 25 meetings. Our goal is to process as many bills as possible to avoid the use of polls to establish our positions.

If you have questions you'd like staff to research in advance of either the subcommittee or full committee meetings, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kate at kdfour@memun.org or Rebecca at rgraham@memun.org. Both will do their best to provide the information you need to make informed decisions.

Thank you for the ongoing commitment to the process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Ellis at 1-800-452-8786 or lellis@memun.org. Thank you.

Agenda

- I. **Attendance.** Laura Ellis will conduct a roll call.

- II. **Housekeeping.** The LPC will be asked whether or not to approve a meeting date for May, should it be determined it will be necessary. Staff recommends the date of **Thursday, May 6.**

- III. **Proposed legislation.** A summary description of each bill subject to LPC review is provided in MMA’s “LD List 2021” (**Attachment #1**). The bills are hyperlinked both on the LD List and below under each subcommittee, as opposed to sending the bills separately.
 - a. **The LPC Subcommittee on Appropriations, Education, Energy, Labor, Taxation & Elections** will provide recommendations for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
 - i. Energy, Utilities & Technology-related legislation.
 1. Consent agenda items, if any.

 2. [LD 744](#) – An Act To Extend the Right-of-way Surrounding Power Lines for the Purpose of Tree Trimming.

 3. [LD 757](#) – An Act Concerning Large-scale Water Extraction.

 4. [LD 807](#) – An Act To Ensure Equitable Access to Mobile Hotspots for Maine Students.

 5. [LD 848](#) – An Act To Increase High-speed Internet In Rural Maine.

 6. [LD 920](#) – An Act To Promote Oversight of and Competitive Parity among Video Service Providers.

 7. [LD 971](#) – An Act To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Open an Inquiry Regarding Notification of the Sale of an Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utility.

 8. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.

 - ii. Health & Human Services-related legislation.
 1. Consent agenda items, if any.

 2. [LD 910](#) – An Act To Amend the General Assistance Laws Governing Reimbursement.

3. [LD 964](#) – An act To Expand Access to Certified Substance Use Disorder Recovery Residence Services.
 4. [LD 968](#) – Resolve, To Expand Mental Health Crisis Intervention Mobile Response Services.
 5. [LD 1009](#) – Resolve, To Create a Health Care Ombudsman Position To Serve in Maine’s County Jails.
 6. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- iii. Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement & Business-related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 857](#) – An Act To Create a Municipal Grant Program To Promote Sustainable Economic Development.
 3. [LD 992](#) – An Act To Prevent the Denial or Revocation of a Professional or Business License for a Violation Not Related to That Profession or Business.
 4. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- iv. Judiciary-related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 725](#) – An Act To Improve Transparency in State Code and License Violations by Making Public the Names of Complainants.
 3. [LD 982](#) – An Act To Protect against Discrimination by Public Entities.
 4. [LD 1068](#) – An Act To Restrict Access to Weapons Pursuant to Court Order in Cases of Harassment.
 5. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- v. Labor & Housing-related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 607](#) – An Act To Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers.

3. [LD 609](#) – Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions.
4. [LD 610](#) – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Employer Recovery of Overcompensation Paid to an Employee.
5. [LD 677](#) – An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations by Amending the Laws Governing Arbitration under Certain Public Employees Labor Relations Laws.
6. [LD 775](#) – An Act To Include within the Definitions of “Public Employee” and “Judicial Employee” Those Who Have Been Employed for Less Than 6 Months.
7. [LD 824](#) – An Act To Extend the Protections Provided to State Employees upon the Expiration of Labor Contracts to Other Public Sector Employees.
8. [LD 838](#) – An Act To Exempt Substitutes, Coaches and Temporary Employees in the Education System from Paid Sick Leave Requirements.
9. [LD 938](#) – An Act To Ensure Maine Workers’ Right To Request a Schedule Change at Their Places of Employment.
10. [LD 959](#) – An Act To Protect Small Businesses by Ensuring That a Prevailing Wage Is Paid on Public Works Construction Projects.
11. [LD 965](#) – An Act Concerning Nondisclosure Agreements in Employment.
12. [LD 997](#) – An Act To Support Maine’s Corrections Officers and E-9-1-1 Dispatchers.
13. [LD 1024](#) – Resolve, Directing the Workers’ Compensation Board To Study the Impact of Workers' Compensation Laws on Certain Public Sector Employees.
14. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.

vi. Taxation-related legislation.

1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 659](#) – An Act To Ease the Property Tax Burden by Authorizing Municipalities To Require Payments in Lieu of Taxes from Certain Exempt Organizations.
 3. [LD 708](#) – An Act To Increase the Homestead Exemption to \$50,000.
 4. [LD 724](#) – An Act To Base the Vehicle and Mobile Home Excise Tax on Actual Value.
 5. [LD 731](#) – An Act To Establish a Program To Assist Regional Firefighter Training Programs, To Provide Tax Credits to Businesses That Employ Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons and To Provide Benefits to Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons.
 6. [LD 740](#) – An Act To Provide Municipalities a Percentage of the Revenue Generated from the Taxes Imposed on the Sale of Recreational Marijuana in Those Municipalities.
 7. [LD 953](#) – An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address Homelessness.
 8. [LD 966](#) – Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Fair, Equitable and Competitive Tax Policy for Maine’s Working Families and Small Businesses.
 9. [LD 970](#) – An Act To Base the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax on Actual Sale Price.
 10. [LD 1071](#) – An Act To Reduce Property Taxes for Maine Residents.
 11. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- vii. Veterans & Legal Affairs-related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 638](#) – An Act To Ensure the Timely and Transparent Delivery of Unofficial Election Results in Maine.
 3. [LD 882](#) – An Act To Amend the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act.

4. [LD 914](#) – An Act To Meet the State’s Obligation To Pay 55 Percent of Education Costs.
 5. [LD 939](#) – An Act To Support Maine’s Medical Marijuana Program and Ensure Patient Access.
 6. [LD 941](#) – An Act To Protect the Privacy of Absentee Voters.
 7. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- b. **The LPC Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Public Safety, Environment, State & Local Government & Transportation** will provide recommendations for full LPC consideration on the following legislative initiatives.
- i. Criminal Justice & Public Safety-related legislation.
 1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 661](#) – An Act To Ensure Equity in Petitions for Rulemaking under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.
 3. [LD 797](#) – An Act To Create a Registry To Improve Access to Automated External Defibrillators.
 4. [LD 1052](#) – An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency.
 5. [LD 1078](#) – An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations.
 6. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
 - ii. Environment & Natural Resources-related legislation.
 1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 676](#) – An Act To Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B.
 3. [LD 678](#) – An Act Regarding Timelines for Permitting by the Department of Environmental Protection.
 4. [LD 726](#) – An Act To Combat Climate Change and Address Its Impact in Maine.

5. [LD 735](#) – An Act To Establish a Funding Mechanism To Protect Private Roads Endangered by Climate Action Impacts.
 6. [LD 754](#) – An Act To Promote Municipal Climate Action.
 7. [LD 771](#) – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification.
 8. [LD 780](#) – An Act Regarding Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites.
 9. [LD 802](#) – An Act To Ensure Decommissioning of Solar Energy Developments.
 10. [LD 901](#) – An Act To Assist Maine Residents Negatively Affected by Climate Change.
 11. [LD 911](#) – An Act To Prohibit the Reception of Foreign Waste Plastic in Maine Ports.
 12. [LD 960](#) – An Act To Require of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, PFAS, in Products and of Discharges of Firefighting Foam Containing PFAS.
 13. [LD 988](#) – An Act To Increase Economic Development by Expanding the Special Fee Application Review Process of the Department of Environmental Protection.
 14. [LD 1028](#) – An Act To Ease Business Expansion by Increasing the Number and Applicability of Permit Exemptions under the Site Location of Development Laws.
 15. [LD 1038](#) – An Act To Facilitate a Timely Revision Process in the Site Location of Development Laws.
 16. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- iii. Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services -related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 800](#) – An Act To Amend Credit and Debit Card Surcharges Imposed by Governmental Entities.
 3. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.

- iv. Inland Fisheries & Wildlife-related legislation.
 - 1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 - 2. [LD 626](#) – An Act To Clarify Temporary Mooring Privileges for Moorings on Inland Waters.
 - 3. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.

- v. State & Local Government-related legislation.
 - 1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 - 2. [LD 596](#) – An Act To Improve the Law Regarding Abandoned Roads.
 - 3. [LD 608](#) – An Act Regarding the Governor’s Emergency Powers.
 - 4. [LD 805](#) – An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places.
 - 5. [LD 806](#) – An Act To Clarify That Municipal Officers May Accept a Proposed, Unaccepted Way for Pedestrian, Bicycle and Other Nonmotorized Use.
 - 6. [LD 859](#) – An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Ranked-choice Voting in Municipal Elections.
 - 7. [LD 876](#) – An Act To Promote Efficiency in County and Municipal Government.
 - 8. [LD 955](#) – An act To Narrowly Tailor Emergency Powers of the Governor and Other Public Officials.
 - 9. [LD 980](#) – An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor’s Emergency Powers.
 - 10. [LD 1010](#) – An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program.
 - 11. [LD 1051](#) – An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age.
 - 12. [LD 1065](#) – An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs.

13. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.
- vi. Transportation-related legislation.
1. Consent agenda items, if any.
 2. [LD 644](#) – An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Violations.
 3. [LD 662](#) – An Act To Provide Chiefs of Police the Discretion To Allow the Use of Light Bars on Emergency Vehicles.
 4. [LD 669](#) – An Act To Ensure Public Ways are Compliant with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
 5. [LD 704](#) – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Culvert Replacement.
 6. [LD 712](#) – An Act To Eliminate the Requirement for an Inspection for a Noncommercial Vehicle Less Than 20 Years Old.
 7. [LD 1027](#) – An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges.
 8. ... Plus legislation that was printed after this agenda was distributed.

IV. Adjourn