

**LPC Zoom Meeting & Poll – April 29, 2025**  
(N=32)

	<b>LD 1732 Antique Auto Tax</b>	<b>LD 1737 Sporting Camps</b>	<b>LD 1738 Biohazard Grant</b>	<b>LD 1739 Support AG</b>
<b>Support</b>	10%	10%	10%	6%
<b>Oppose</b>	87%	77%	69%	88%
<b>NFNA</b>	0%	6%	17%	0%
<b>Track</b>	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>No Position</b>	3%	6%	3%	6%

	<b>LD 1742 Social Media</b>	<b>LD 1751 Growth Management</b>	<b>LD 1762 Recreational Trails</b>	<b>LD 1763 Houseboats</b>
<b>Support</b>	13%	97%	40%	25%
<b>Oppose</b>	84%	3%	36%	54%
<b>NFNA</b>	0%	0%	12%	21%
<b>Track</b>	0%	0%	8%	0%
<b>No Position</b>	3%	0%	4%	0%

	<b>LD 1765 MH Affordability</b>	<b>LD 1770 PTFC &amp; Tax Study</b>	<b>LD 1771 Kennels</b>	<b>LD 1775 County Jail Bond</b>
<b>Support</b>	20%	59%	56%	22%
<b>Oppose</b>	80%	31%	41%	59%
<b>NFNA</b>	0%	3%	0%	15%
<b>Track</b>	0%	0%	0%	4%
<b>No Position</b>	0%	7%	4%	0%

	<b>LD 1783 Afford Housing TIF</b>	<b>LD 1784 Police Policies</b>	<b>LD 1788 Commercial Requests</b>	<b>LD 1793 Solid Waste Volume</b>
<b>Support</b>	63%	8%	70%	4%
<b>Oppose</b>	15%	88%	10%	96%
<b>NFNA</b>	15%	4%	13%	0%
<b>Track</b>	0%	0%	3%	0%
<b>No Position</b>	7%	0%	3%	0%

	<b>LD 1794 Parking Tickets</b>	<b>LD 1795 Exempt Service Fee</b>	<b>LD 1797 FOAA Denials</b>	<b>LD 1798 Rev Share/Tax Cap</b>
<b>Support</b>	0%	96%	13%	7%
<b>Oppose</b>	92%	4%	63%	93%
<b>NFNA</b>	4%	0%	16%	0%
<b>Track</b>	0%	0%	3%	0%
<b>No Position</b>	4%	0%	6%	0%

## Comments Received by Poll Participants

[LD 1732](#) *An Act to Allow a Municipality to Waive the Excise Tax on an Antique Automobile Owned by a Person 65 Years of Age or Older* (Sponsored by Sen. Bennett of Oxford)

### Oppose

- This is not means-tested, and I suspect anyone who can afford an antique auto can afford the excise tax.

[LD 1737](#) *An Act to Ensure the Future of Maine's Sporting Camp Heritage* (Sponsored by Sen. Stewart of Aroostook Cty.)

### Oppose

- Too loosely worded.

[LD 1739](#) *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural Sector, to Create an Agricultural Buildings Property Tax Exemption and to Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study Barriers to Its Financial Assistance Programs and Study the Potential for a Common Application for Those Programs* (Sponsored by Rep. Pluecker or Warren)

### Oppose

- Based on the proposed tax exemption without reimbursement to the municipality.
- Where will the money come from to replace the tax-exempt property?

[LD 1742](#) *An Act to Prohibit a State Social Media Platform Account from Restricting User Comments* (Sponsored by Rep. Boyer of Poland)

### Support

- As long as inappropriate content can be removed, I have no problem with this. In a more perfect world, these platforms would be a great way to engage with citizens.

### Oppose

- Some content is informational only and shouldn't require public comment.

[LD 1762](#) *An Act to Protect Recreational Trails by Establishing the Trails for the Future Program* (Sponsored by Rep. Blier of Buxton)

### Support

- Ensuring more public access to more recreational trails is good for the folks who live in and visit Maine.

[LD 1763](#) *An Act to Regulate Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters* (Sponsored by Rep. Hepler of Woolwich)

NFNA

- I'm reserving judgment until I learn more about "non-water dependent floating structures and uses." Is this a bill meant to regulate houseboats, which are a concern in lots of lake communities? If so, I may be inclined to support it, depending on the devil in the detail.

LD 1765 *An Act to Ensure Affordability and Stability in Housing for Mobile Home Park Residents* (Sponsored by Rep. Julia of Waterville)

### **Support**

- While recognizing that housing is a different sort of commodity, I don't believe government should be dictating what a private entity charges for its goods and services. That's a slippery slope. Today it's mobile home parks. Tomorrow it could be apartments, condos, rental homes, camps, etc.

### **Oppose**

- You can't legislate morals.

LD 1770 *An Act to Provide Immediate and Long-term Property Tax Relief to Maine Households (Emergency)* (Sponsored by President Daughtery of Cumberland Cty.)

### **Support**

- We should advocate for municipal representation on the task force.

### **Oppose**

- No municipal representation on the panel.
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- LD 1771 *An Act to Strengthen Oversight of Kennels by Changing the Licensing Authority from Municipalities to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry* (Sponsored by Sen. Bailey of York Cty.)

### **Support**

- The State wants to remove an administrative burden from municipalities?! A thousand times YES!

LD 1775 *An Act to Authorize the Issuance of a Revenue Bond to Upgrade County Jails to Meet the Corrections Needs of Maine's Counties* (Sponsored by Rep. Ducharme of Madison)

### **Support**

- Support anything we can do for county jails.

### **NFNA**

- Having toured the Kennebec County jail, I agree it badly needs upgrades. I'm hesitant about doing so, so that jails can provide substance disorder treatment, which is not the function of jails.

LD 1783 *An Act to Clarify Municipal Affordable Housing Tax Increment Financing* (Sponsored by Rep. Salsbury of Westbrook)

### **Support**

- These all seem to be reasonable tweaks.

[LD 1784](#) *An Act to Require Police Departments to Publish and Make Accessible Their Policies and Procedures and Require Training of Officers* (Sponsored by Rep. Warren of Scarborough)

### **Oppose**

- Who's paying for the mandate? This is already available under FOAA, isn't it?

[LD 1788](#) *An Act to Strengthen the Freedom of Access Act by Categorizing Commercial Requesters* (Sponsored by Rep. Henderson of Rumford)

### **Oppose**

- Should not be any distinction.

### **Support**

- FOAA was not meant to help commercial enterprises further their business interests at the expense of government.

[LD 1793](#) *An Act to Improve Management and Reduce the Volume of Solid Waste* (Sponsored by Sen. Grohoski of Hancock Cty.)

### **Oppose**

- While there's much in this bill to support, I oppose more reporting requirements on transfer stations, which may not be feasible.

[LD 1794](#) *An Act to Provide Protection from Unfair Parking Tickets on Lots Accessible to the Public* (Sponsored by Sen. Nangle of Cumberland Cty.)

### **Oppose**

- Court actions, mediations, the involvement of the AG's office, \$5,000 penalties in regards to an unpaid parking ticket? Does Sen. Nangle use a sledgehammer to kill a housefly?

[LD 1797](#) *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests* (Sponsored by Rep. Kuhn of Falmouth)

### **Support**

- Denials of requests should have some basis in law.
- Logical requirement.

[LD 1798](#) *An Act to Increase Revenue Sharing and to Control Property Taxes* (Sponsored by Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot Cty.)

### **Oppose**

- We should be advocating for tax relief for all, not just seniors, and this looks like an administrative burden on towns.