

LPC Zoom Meeting & Poll – May 6, 2025
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	LD 1804 Transpo Oversight	LD 1806 Rental Registry	LD 1818 Limit Taxes	LD 1820 Simplify Cannabis
Support	66%	13%	0%	3%
Oppose	11%	55%	100%	23%
NFNA	17%	21%	0%	55%
Track	3%	11%	0%	6%
No Position	3%	0%	0%	13%

	LD 1827 FOAA Requests	LD 1828 FOAA Exceptions	LD 1829 Housing Board	LD 1830 Firefighter Cancer
Support	57%	71%	0%	70%
Oppose	13%	0%	97%	9%
NFNA	17%	19%	3%	15%
Track	3%	0%	0%	0%
No Position	10%	10%	0%	6%

	LD 1831 Micro Cannabis	LD 1840 Medical Cannabis	LD 1841 Tax-acquired Property	LD 1847 Testing Cannabis
Support	3%	7%	19%	26%
Oppose	84%	90%	50%	42%
NFNA	9%	3%	27%	23%
Track	0%	0%	4%	6%
No Position	3%	0%	0%	3%

	LD 1852 Tax & Clean Energy	LD 1867 Track Firearms	LD 1869 Cannabis LOST	LD 1875 Road Use Fee
Support	0%	24%	28%	18%
Oppose	100%	35%	52%	71%
NFNA	0%	15%	20%	9%
Track	0%	18%	0%	0%
No Position	0%	9%	0%	3%

	LD 1879 Ag Exemption	LD 1880 Voter Photo ID	LD 1885 Statewide Tax	LD 1895 Prorated Taxes
Support	0%	10%	0%	7%
Oppose	92%	71%	96%	89%
NFNA	8%	19%	4%	4%
Track	0%	0%	0%	0%
No Position	0%	0%	0%	0%

	LD 1897 Sun-grown Cannabis	LD 1926 Housing Density	LD 1940 Growth Management
Support	7%	0%	0%
Oppose	66%	100%	97%
NFNA	10%	0%	3%
Track	3%	0%	0%
No Position	14%	0%	0%

Comments Received by Poll Participants

LD 1804 *An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Transportation Matters*

Oppose

- Currently, where does the 60% of automobile related sales and use taxes go? What if the fund can't support the Bureau of State Police. I need more information.

LD 1806 *An Act to Create a Residential Rental Unit Registry*

Support

- Needs to include any rental units that Maine Housing is paying for such as rooms in private homes that are being rented with room, kitchen and bathroom privileges. We need to get this under control as some of the rental properties have not been updated and are not up to life safety standards.

Oppose

- Too much unnecessary government intervention. Big brother.

LD 1818 *RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Limit Taxes, Spending or Debt Without Approval by the Voters*

Oppose

- How do you fund programs and services if the voters never approve any spending? Who is left holding the bag and how are municipalities to not tax individuals out of their homes?
- LD 1 all over again.

LD 1820 *An Act to Simplify Regulation of the Adult Use Cannabis Industry*

Oppose

- How is lifting inspection, limits, etc. helping towns who have agreed to having this use in their towns? I think that there needs to be a group to look at both the adult use and medical program and make sure that they are on the same page, have the same restrictions, and guidance that is easy to follow. Not sure what we are trying to accomplish here.

LD 1827 *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Requests*

Oppose

- This is essentially allowing towns to decide that something is oppressive. Who decides? Shouldn't there be a committee meeting or group who decides, rather than an official?

LD 1828 *An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory Committee Concerning Public Records Exceptions*

Support

- Confidentiality of personal addresses and contact information must be kept secure.

LD 1829 *An Act to Build Housing for Maine Families and Attract Workers to Maine Businesses by Amending the Laws Governing Municipal Land Use Decisions*

Oppose

- Talk about taking over of a municipality's authority to determine what is best for their town and community. Why don't we just have the State take over all reviews of land use throughout the state.
- This is essentially a statewide mandated cluster housing ordinance. It should be left up to individual municipalities.

LD 1830 *Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Program to Protect Firefighters from Cancer*

Oppose

- I fully understand that early cancer screening is needed. But this is needed for all individuals and not just firefighters. So, I oppose having one specific group singled out for the screening. Why not have mandated screening for all who apply for it and sponsored as a state program?
- Unfunded mandate. We can't pay for the program we have, and don't need to add new ones that we also can't fund and incur astronomical expense and liability to municipalities.

LD 1831 *An Act to Support Small Adult Use Cannabis Businesses by Establishing a Micro Cannabis Facility License*

Oppose

- Need to have a group that established the ground rules for all. Seems to me that for towns that have opted-in with the promise to the residents to not become the "Marijuana Capital" of the State that these changes are encouraging the overtaking of towns by cannabis businesses.

LD 1840 *An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act*

Oppose

- Allowing those who didn't comply with the rules of the municipality and get "grandfathered" in to being able to operate? Where are the rules and regulations that must be complied with or is it too much of an administrative burden?

LD 1841 *An Act to Modify the Process of Selling Tax-acquired Properties*

Oppose

- Providing the excess funds to go to the former owner just makes the municipality responsible for doing all the work, much of which is not reimbursable.
- They have three years to pay their bills. If they choose not to, we should not be put in the position of becoming their realtor and they get the money back anyway, causing a burden to all law-abiding taxpayers in the town. They should pay their taxes to begin with, otherwise, what is the incentive to pay at all.

LD 1847 *An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group*

Oppose

- Using excise and sales tax to sponsor education while the towns who have opted-in have nothing. Why not have the individuals who grow pay for testing? Why not have testing of all products required at the expense of the individual who wants to sell and make money on the profit?

LD 1852 *An Act to Promote Equitable Property Taxation by Reducing Valuation Based on Nearby Clean Energy Projects*

Oppose

- Just because you are an abutter doesn't mean that the property value is always diminished. Sometimes, you can also have river front property. This should be up to the individual municipalities to determine.

LD 1867 *An Act to Prohibit Financial Institutions from Using Merchant Category Codes to Identify or Track Firearm Purchases or Disclose Firearm Purchase Records*

Support

- It only should be used with criminal investigations.

Oppose

- Backdoor gun registry, which is illegal.

LD 1869 *An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Allowing a Local Option Sales Tax on Recreational Cannabis Sales*

Oppose

- No new taxes.
- Who is going to enforce this and make sure that recreational cannabis sales are being accurately reported. Why only recreational? Why not medical?

LD 1875 *An Act to Create Equity in Maine's Highway Funding by Imposing a Road Use Fee for Electric Vehicles*

Oppose

- They already steal from the Highway Fund for non-essential expenditures, so this is just more money being laundered.

- What not tax all vehicles for road use?

LD 1879 *An Act to Support Maine's Agricultural Economy by Increasing Revenue from the Corporate Income Tax and Providing Property Tax Exemptions*

Oppose

- No new subsidies.
- It states that municipalities may be reimbursed for lost revenue if the money is available. If they can't guarantee reimbursement, then why sponsor it.

LD 1880 *An Act to Require Photographic Identification for Voting*

Oppose

- I don't support having to show photograph ID to vote. How does this prevent voter fraud? Lots of photos don't even look like the person. Waste of time for individuals to constantly update.

LD 1885 *An Act to Create a State Property Tax Directed Toward 2nd Homes for the Purposes of Funding Education, Early Childhood Programs and the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund*

Oppose

- We already tax each property, why should someone be forced to pay double for doing well?
- So, individuals who have worked hard all their lives to afford a vacation home or maybe inherited from their parents get punished for having a second home. I disagree. We were poor and we all bought a vacation home with shared funding. But we worked for it.

LD 1895 *An Act to Require the Removal from a Property Tax Lien the Name of a Previous Owner Who Paid Prorated Property Taxes*

Oppose

- So, they can pay a pro-rata share but not the entire amount owed and not get called out on it. Sounds like a win-win for the owner and not the tax lien.

LD 1897 *An Act Regarding Sun-grown Cultivation in the Medical Use and Adult Use Cannabis Industries*

Oppose

- Another slippery slope to allow less quality control and increase the amount of area for growth of cannabis. Out of control.

LD 1926, *An Act to Required Increase Housing Density or Lower Minimum Lot Sizes for Workforce Housing*

Oppose

- I think that it depends a lot on median income, which is very high in our town and not reflective of the poor that live in our community. We have a few millionaires and then lots of elderly individuals who are barely making ends meet. Not eligible for General Assistance because they earn too much money but one disaster from being over the edge.

- I am opposed to any idea that building more housing on small lots will help with any sort of housing either for workers or affordable housing. Anyone that has built a house knows the cost of doing so, today's prices do not make it possible for affordable housing, or housing for workers that are making less than 220%. Not to mention decreasing lots size requirements cause issues all around, Many neighborhoods don't all want more housing in them, a fire will spread even quicker through areas with housing grouped closer together.