

Here is a partial list of vetoes from Gov. Paul LePage's office

Top \$5 Million Line-Item Vetoes:

\$4,154,891 – Non-citizen funding for SNAP, TANF, and SSI

These reductions bring the budget back in line with the Governor's proposed elimination of TANF, SNAP, and SSI welfare for legal non-citizens.

\$1,000,000 – Payment to Federal Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC)

This is a \$1 million allocation to FQHCs, which already receive an enhanced Medicaid match for services rendered, as well as federal funding. The municipality that would benefit the most is Portland.

\$200,000 – Frances Perkins Homestead

This allocation would buy a private residence in Newcastle, Maine.

\$500,000 – Maine Department of Transportation Study of Passenger Rail Service

MDOT completed a similar study in 2011. A new study will not provide any different information. The estimated cost to expand passenger rail from Portland to Lewiston could be between \$107 million to \$234 million.

\$200,000 – Historic Preservation Commission

This allocation provides funds to the Wood Island Life Saving Station Association for the planning, design and restoration of the Wood Island Life Saving Station in Kittery.

Line-item vetoes of the Appropriation Committee's "\$4 Million Christmas Tree"

*It is important to note that while the Governor line-item vetoed the funding below, the programs and/or services may be worthy of receiving taxpayer money. However, the Governor maintains this funding should not have been snuck into the budget late at night without a public discussion about the merits of each initiative.

"An Act to Appropriate Funds to Help Restore the Historic Wood Island Saving Station in Kittery"

Sponsor: Sen. Dawn Hill \$200,000

"An Act to Provide Funding to the Department of Transportation to Complete the Assessment of the Completion of the State-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Line"

Sponsor: Rep. Jared Golden

\$150,000

Meals on Wheels Medicaid Reimbursement

Sponsor: Rep. Linda Sanborn

\$55,000

“An Act to implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine”

Sponsor: Sen. Justin Alford

\$80,755

“An Act to Create Community Schools”

Sponsor: Sen. Rebecca Millett

\$150,000

Payment to Federal Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC)

Sponsor: Sen. Roger Katz

\$1,000,000

“An Act to Support School Nutrition”

Sponsor: Rep. Christopher Johnson

\$15,700

“An Act to Attract Young People to Maine by Expanding the job Creation Through Educational Opportunity Program”

Sponsor: Sen. Justin Alford

\$304,000

“An Act to Expand Access to Workforce Development at Brunswick Landing”

Sponsor: Sen. Stan Gerzofsky

\$410,982

Put ME to Work

Sponsor: Rep. Mark Eves

\$1,000,000

Addition to Drug Court Appropriation

Sponsor: Rep. Aaron Frey

\$300,000

Increase funding for Peer Support Centers

Sponsor: Rep. Peter Stuckey

\$125,000

Computer Crimes

Sponsor: Sen. Bill Diamond

\$85,769

TOTAL \$3,978,374

A complete list of all line-item vetoes is forthcoming.