

OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW

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To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

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L.D. 1225 An Act To Create an Income Tax Return Checkoff To Fund Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention

Summary: This bill (as written) creates a checkoff on the income tax form to allow tax filers to donate to the Comprehensive Cancer Screening, Detection and Prevention Fund for funding the cancer prevention and control program.

Public Hearing:Proponents

- The sponsor presented testimony describing the need for the check off box.
- Those testifying in support of the bill included American Cancer Society and Maine Cancer Consortium

Opposed - None

NFNA - None

Background and Update on Interim Work:

Committee voted to carryover this bill in order to consider the development of a process for evaluating income tax return check-off requests. The Committee voted ONTP/OTPA on 9/7/11. The bill was reconsidered and tabled on 10/12. It was tabled again on 11/9/11 to allow a full Committee review of the proposed minority amendment and possible alternatives including removal of all check-offs from income tax return.

Additional Materials/Amendment for Minority Report:

- Attached are hard copies of emails that were forward to Committee members at the time of their receipt.
- Minority amendment attached.