



BY THE NUMBERS:

- Our **5** registered advocates possess a total of **125** years of **experience** in the legislative and governmental policy arena.
- In addition to their **365 registered lobbying hours** this session, our top-notch advocates meet regularly with **administrators and state agencies**, serve on dozens of **boards and commissions**, and present at statewide and national **workshops and conferences**.
- We **tracked 400+** bills during the first regular session of the 129th Maine Legislature on **many diverse policy areas**.
- Providing timely, accurate and concise public policy updates on a weekly and daily basis to all **65 local / regional chambers of commerce** to keep them informed and engaged.

GET MORE FROM YOUR INVESTMENT!

- Sponsor or attend one of our **dozens of programs and events** throughout the state to network with Maine employers.
- Participate in our **4 public policy committees**: Environment and Energy; Human Resources; Taxation; and, Workforce and Education.
- **Connect with us** on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and LinkedIn.
- **Advertise in our newsletter** to reach our Maine members.

THIS SESSION'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- ➡ **TAXES & BETR:** Working to keep taxes competitive for Maine employers and their employees, the Maine State Chamber **helped preserve the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement** program in the budget, and **worked to prevent tax increases**.
- ➡ **WORKERS' COMP:** Facing more than **25 different workers' compensation bills** this session, which collectively would have rolled back or eliminated Maine's workers compensation reforms of 27 years ago and collectively would have added tens of millions of dollars to our members' bottom line, the **Maine State Chamber helped negotiate a much less expensive and manageable alternative for Maine employers, keeping the bedrock reforms of 1992 in place and saving millions in high comp costs**.
- ➡ **BROADBAND/WIRELESS:** The legislature passed **small cell legislation** that creates a model municipal ordinance that will help next generation cellular investment in Maine. **This will generate millions in direct investment in Maine and help economic development through the expansion of 5G wireless technology here**.
- ➡ **EDUCATION:** Workforce development policies, programs and initiatives kept Maine's workforce needs at the forefront this session. The Maine State Chamber was actively involved in the success of two bills that combine **support for post-secondary education and workforce development for low income parents**, mitigating the "benefits cliff" families face when transitioning into the workforce.
- ➡ **WORKFORCE:** The Maine State Chamber was actively involved in legislation to establish the **Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Loan Program**, which provides access to interest-free loans for qualified, foreign-educated or foreign-trained, immigrants who need assistance while awaiting federal employment authorization. This will **improve their work-readiness** once they receive their work permits.

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