Governmental Relations Cover Letter

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RE:
University of Maine System Legislative Update
122nd Legislature - First Regular Session

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Welcome to 2005! Enclosed is the first Legislative Update for this legislative session. For those of you who are first-time recipients, we welcome working with you and will keep you current on proposed legislation that affect the University System, either directly or indirectly. Diane Gilmour in Augusta reviews the bills daily, compiles the material and publishes it weekly. The annotations are gleaned from the Statement of Fact included in each legislative document. Diane also tracks weekly the legislation and updates the current status of all bills that has University interest.

This year, rather than sending the Newsletter and Update out in hard copy to everyone each week and inundating Trustees and staff with it weekly, we would like to ask if you would rather receive it via e-mail or review it on-line at www.maine.edu/govrelat.htm. Anyone that does not receive hard copies of legislation and wishes to use this format should contact Diane Gilmour atgilmour@maine.edu or 621-3344. For some, it is necessary that you receive the Newsletter and Update along with proposed legislation in paper form. We will continue that format.

However, during the legislative session, if you require further information, need a copy of a document or believe a piece of proposed legislation may affect the University System in some way, please get in touch with me or Diane Gilmour at 621-3344. As always, we look forward to working in collaboration with you.

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