

The bones of LD 1466 were incorporated into this bill, the Supplemental Budget. It created the Commission, included a 10% rate increase for DCW. See Part B of Budget for text.

**128th Legislative Session, LD 925**

**128th Legislative Session, LD 1466**

This bill, "*An Act To Address Severe and Ongoing Shortfalls in the Funding of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care Settings and To Establish the Commission To Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues*" was enacted through LD 925.

In 2020 the Commission to Study Long-Term Care Workforce Issues was released.

**129th Legislative Session: Commission Report Released**

**129th Legislative Session LD 1001**

The Commission was not seated before the end of the 128th Session, it was reenacted in 2019 as Part BBBBB of the Biennial Budget.

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This bill, "*Resolve, To Encourage Employment in the Direct Care Workforce*", was also incorporated into LD 221 under Section JJ. It funded the Caring for ME initiative.

**130th Legislative Session, LD 886**

**130th Legislative Session, LD 1573**

This bill, "*An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues*", passed in Part A of Supplemental Budget, LD 221. It appropriated \$20m.

This bill, "*An Act To Provide Incentives to Unemployed Workers To Become Part of the Caregiver Workforce*" appropriated \$46k to staff meetings for Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee.

**130th Legislative Session, LD 898**

**130th Legislative Session, LD 1327**

This bill, "*An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program*" passed to be enacted.

**130th Legislative Session, LD 1995**

The 2022 Supplemental Budget was signed into law in April of 2022 and appropriated \$35.5m to address shortfall in funding for 125% rate increase for direct care workers.