

BILLS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE RELATED TO INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Proposed Legislation

Net Energy Billing

- LD 795 An Act to Amend the Net Energy Billing Program to Allow Participation by Certain Municipal Entities
- Concept draft
 - Allow a municipal or quasi-municipal entity that generates no more than 800 kilowatts to participate
- LD 1146 An Act to Encourage the Use of Renewable Energy (net billing)
- Removes ownership requirement
 - Allow transfer of credits
 - Removes 10 meter limit
 - Removes 1 year expiration of credits
 - Increases capacity limit from 660kW to 2MW
- LD 1403 Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission to Amend Its Rules Regarding Net Energy Billing
- Increase capacity from 660kW to 2MW
 - Clarify eligibility of efficient combined heat and power systems
 - Remove ownership requirement
 - Include sales tax exemption statement in contract

Feed-In Tariff

- LD 1085 An Act to Establish the Renewable Energy Feed-In Tariff
- Directs PUC to establish feed-in tariff
 - Concentrate on no net-carbon, 500 kW or less
 - PUC to establish standard LTC & interconnection standards
 - Cover cost of operation, contingency reserve, annual return
 - Provides incentives for in-state economic development
 - Surcharge to cover costs

Community-based Energy

LD 1278 An Act to Ensure Equitable Support for Long-term Energy Contracts

- Distribute costs and benefits of long-term contracts based on utilities' retail sales

LD 1252 An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy

- Increases total limit from 50MW to 60MW
- Increases single territory cap from 25MW to 30 MW
- Reserves 10 MW for solar power
- Links contract price to inflation
- Allow for a higher contract price for solar-energy
- Extends repeal from 2015 to 2017

Rebate Program

LD 1252 An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy

- Establishes a solar and wind rebate program at EMT
- Limited to State residents
- Funded through an assessment
- Repeal 2018

Renewable Portfolio Standard

LD 646 An Act To Remove the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Sources of Energy

LD 1507 An Act to Include Useful Thermal Energy as a Renewable Energy Source

- PUC to develop process to value renewable thermal energy for the purposes of the RPS (heat, steam, hot water for heating, cooling, humidity control, etc.)

LD 1252 An Act To Improve Maine's Economy and Energy Security with Solar and Wind Energy

- Directs PUC to report on creating a solar carve-out in the RPS