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House of Representatives, March 30, 2023

**An Act to Reduce Maine's Dependence on Fossil Fuels and Carbon
Footprint for Energy Production Using Waste Wood Fuel**

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, FOSTER of Dexter, WARREN of Scarborough,
ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3623, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. Program scope; limits on net generating capacity.** The commission shall limit
5 participation in the program in accordance with this subsection.

6 A. The net generating capacity of a program participant may not be less than 3
7 megawatts or more than ~~10~~ 20 megawatts.

8 B. The total net generating capacity of all program participants combined may not
9 exceed ~~20~~ 40 megawatts.

10 The commission may modify the amount of total net generating capacity stipulated
11 under this paragraph based on program experience.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill increases the limit on the net generating capacity of a combined heat and
14 power program participant from 10 megawatts to 20 megawatts and increases the
15 maximum total net generating capacity of all program participants from 20 megawatts to
16 40 megawatts.