

**STATE OF MAINE**  
132<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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<b>Enacted</b>	LD 585	An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates	PUBLIC 45
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<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 694	An Act to Require Petitions for Interstate Transmission Lines to Include Provisions for Conservation Funding	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1251	Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Further Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Energy Contracts	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1850	Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects	HELD BY GOVERNOR

### **Hydropower**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 371	An Act to Expand Hydroelectric Development by Removing the 100-megawatt Cap	Died Between Houses
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	LD 1420	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce	CARRIED OVER
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LD 1675	An Act to Provide Just Compensation in Cases of Taking by Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities	ONTP
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### **Natural Gas**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1473	An Act to Require Gas Utilities to Assess for Natural Gas Leaks and to Require Reporting of Gas Leak Information	PUBLIC 217
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1513	An Act to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine and to Establish a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Just and Equitable Transition for Maine's Workforce	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310

### **Net Energy Billing**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 905	An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers	PUBLIC 50
	LD 1777	An Act to Reduce Costs and Increase Customer Protections for the State's Net Energy Billing Programs	PUBLIC 430
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 257	An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing	ONTP
	LD 359	An Act to Prohibit Net Energy Billing by Certain Customers	ONTP
	LD 450	An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing	ONTP
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	LD 711	An Act to Facilitate the State Meeting Its Climate Goals While Protecting Farms	ONTP
	LD 801	An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer	ONTP
	LD 1317	An Act to Promote Responsible, Cost-effective Energy in Maine by Amending the Tariff Rates Applicable to the Commercial and Institutional Net Energy Billing Program	ONTP
	LD 1321	An Act to Reform Net Energy Billing by Establishing Limitations on the Programs' Duration and Compensation	Majority (ONTP) Report

LD 1860	An Act to Allow Certain Distributed Energy Resources to Participate in the State's Net Energy Billing Program	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 1936	An Act to Provide Greater Equity in and Reduce Costs Related to the State's Net Energy Billing Program	CARRIED OVER
LD 1966	An Act to Improve Access to Community Solar Programs in the State	CARRIED OVER

### **Nuclear Power**

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 342	An Act to Include Nuclear Power in the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 343	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State	CARRIED OVER
LD 601	An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power	Majority (ONTP) Report

### **Renewable Resources**

**Enacted**

LD 597	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct Procurements for Energy or Renewable Energy Credits	PUBLIC 392
LD 1700	An Act to Create a Direct Investment Pilot Project Under the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator	PUBLIC 223
LD 1868	An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws	PUBLIC 386

**Not  
Enacted**

LD 204	An Act to Reduce the Cost of Electricity by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Resources of Energy	ONTP
LD 371	An Act to Expand Hydroelectric Development by Removing the 100-megawatt Cap	Died Between Houses
LD 444	An Act to Lower Energy Costs by Repealing the Law Setting Out the State's Goals for Consumption of Electricity from Renewable Resources	Majority (ONTP) Report
LD 638	An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources	ONTP
LD 1250	An Act to Provide That Portfolio Requirements for Renewable Electricity Resources Apply Only to Actual Retail Sales	ONTP

### **Solar Energy**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 451	An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Majority (ONTP) Report
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### **Telecommunications**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 536	An Act to Establish Net Neutrality	PUBLIC 404
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### **Utilities - General**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 1048	An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections	PUBLIC 407
	LD 1080	An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income	PUBLIC 115
	LD 1686	An Act to Clarify, Align and Amend Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A	PUBLIC 110
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1160	An Act to Prohibit Ownership of 6 Percent or More or Control of a Public Utility by an Entity Providing Aid to a Foreign Terrorist Organization	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1963	An Act to Protect and Compensate Public Utility Whistleblowers	Died Between Houses

### **Water/Sewer/Sanitary - General**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 241	An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers	PUBLIC 137
	LD 481	An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default	PUBLIC 23
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 832	An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District	Majority (ONTP) Report

### **Water/Sewer/Sanitary Charters**

<b>Enacted</b>	LD 114	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority	P & S 1
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	LD 293	An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District	P & S 2
	LD 1747	An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District	P & S 8
	LD 1913	An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility	P & S 7
<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 1346	An Act Regarding the Supply of Water to the Town of New Sharon	ONTP

### **Wind Energy**

<b>Not Enacted</b>	LD 451	An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Majority (ONTP) Report
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EUT	32	An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding Net Energy Billing	Guerin, Stacey		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	114	An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPS	1		S1
EUT	186	An Act to Clarify the Public Utilities Commission's Authority to Establish Time-of-use Pricing for Standard-offer Service	Runte, Jr., Walter	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	196		S1
EUT	197	Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State	Cyrway, Scott	OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	57		S1
EUT	204	An Act to Reduce the Cost of Electricity by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Resources of Energy	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	241	An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/14/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	137		S1
EUT	257	An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing	Stewart, Trey	ONTP	4/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	293	An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District	Stover, Holly	OTP-AM	4/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPS	2		S1
EUT	300	Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State	McIntyre, Mathew	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	39		S1
EUT	301	An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Use Quantitative Metrics and Rate-adjustment Mechanisms in a Proceeding for a General Rate Increase	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	198		S1
EUT	307	An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology	Sachs, Melanie		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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EUT	342	An Act to Include Nuclear Power in the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	343	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Seek Informational Bids Regarding Small Modular Nuclear Reactors in the State	Paul, Reagan		6/17/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	359	An Act to Prohibit Net Energy Billing by Certain Customers	Bickford, Bruce	ONTP	5/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	371	An Act to Expand Hydroelectric Development by Removing the 100-megawatt Cap	Martin, Joseph	ONTP/OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EUT	444	An Act to Lower Energy Costs by Repealing the Law Setting Out the State's Goals for Consumption of Electricity from Renewable Resources	Libby, Laurel	ONTP/OTP	3/21/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	450	An Act to Lower Electricity Costs by Repealing the Laws Governing Net Energy Billing	Libby, Laurel	ONTP	4/17/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	451	An Act to Require Testing of Solar and Wind Energy Developments for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	466	An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP	3/21/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	19		S1
EUT	469	An Act to Prioritize State Access to Electricity Generated in Canada via High-impact Electric Transmission Lines	Martin, Joseph	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	481	An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default	Beck, Matthew	OTP	3/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	23		S1

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EUT	515	An Act to Reverse Recent Changes Made to the Law Governing Net Energy Billing and Distributed Generation	Soboleski, Mike	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/16/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	536	An Act to Establish Net Neutrality	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	404		S1
EUT	568	Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Evaluate Different Procurement Methods for Standard-offer Service	Harrington, Matthew	OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	52		S1
EUT	585	An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates	Ingwersen, Henry	OTP/ONTP	4/7/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	45		S1
EUT	596	Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure	Lawrence, Mark		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	597	An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct Procurements for Energy or Renewable Energy Credits	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/13/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	392		S1
EUT	601	An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP	4/4/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	633	An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses	Friedmann, Gary	OTP/ONTP	4/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	36		S1
EUT	638	An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources	Ardell, Donald	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	694	An Act to Require Petitions for Interstate Transmission Lines to Include Provisions for Conservation Funding	Pierce, Teresa		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	711	An Act to Facilitate the State Meeting Its Climate Goals While Protecting Farms	Collamore, Amanda	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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EUT	801	An Act to Prevent Consumer-generated Electricity from Being Used by Anyone Other than That Consumer	Cimino, Marygrace	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	810	An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	340		S1
EUT	832	An Act to Provide Funds to Reduce the Debt of the Vassalboro Sanitary District	Bradstreet, Dick	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	837	An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be Consistent with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Obligations	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/25/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	118		S1
EUT	838	An Act to Explore Public Financing and Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure	Lawrence, Mark		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	839	An Act to Create the Net Energy Billing Cost Stabilization Fund	Stewart, Trey	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EUT	860	An Act to Allow the Public Advocate to Obtain Information from Public Utilities, Competitive Electricity Providers and Standard-offer Service Providers	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	123		S1
EUT	861	An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	406		S1
EUT	873	An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits	Abdi, Mana	OTP/ONTP	4/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	38		S1
EUT	878	Resolve, to Study the Effects of 5G and Other Non-ionizing Radio Frequency Radiation-emitting Technology on Bird, Bee, Insect and Other Wildlife Populations and the Effects of Long-term Exposure on Children	Quint, Tracy	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	897	An Act Regarding the Calculation of Electric Rate Contracting Costs	Lawrence, Mark		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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EUT	905	An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers	Lawrence, Mark	OTP	4/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	50		S1
EUT	906	An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline	Lawrence, Mark	OTP	4/4/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	39		S1
EUT	912	An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site	Curry, Chip	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/9/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	85		S1
EUT	946	Resolve, to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Programs by Low-income and Moderate-income Residents	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	53		S1
EUT	995	An Act to Provide Funding for Low-income Electric Ratepayer Assistance	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/28/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
EUT	1048	An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	407		S1
EUT	1063	An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling	Dill, Jim	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EUT	1080	An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	115		S1
EUT	1096	An Act to Allow Municipalities That Have Financed Fiber-optic Broadband Infrastructure to Use Loans or Grants to Repay Associated Debt	Mingo, Arthur	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1127	An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility	Sachs, Melanie	OTP/ONTP	4/17/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	59		S1
EUT	1130	An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	105		S1
EUT	1160	An Act to Prohibit Ownership of 6 Percent or More or Control of a Public Utility by an Entity Providing Aid to a Foreign Terrorist Organization	Carlow, Nathan	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/21/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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EUT	1212	Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating	Harrington, Matthew	OTP-AM	5/28/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	54		S1
EUT	1223	An Act to Lower Electric Rates for Maine Ratepayers by Requiring the Payment of Certain Costs from the General Fund	Foster, Steven		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1240	An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process	Sachs, Melanie	OTP/ONTP	4/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	54		S1
EUT	1250	An Act to Provide That Portfolio Requirements for Renewable Electricity Resources Apply Only to Actual Retail Sales	Wadsworth, Nathan	ONTP	5/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1251	Resolve, to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Further Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through Energy Contracts	Wadsworth, Nathan	ONTP/OTP	5/8/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1258	An Act to Include Qualified Out-of-state Electric Vehicle Providers and Clarify Provisions Regarding Electric Bicycles Under the Electric Vehicle Fund	Warren, Sophia	OTP/ONTP	5/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	317		S1
EUT	1270	An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources	Runte, Jr., Walter	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	476		S1
EUT	1309	An Act to Increase the Membership of the Public Utilities Commission to 5 Members	Baldacci, Joseph	ONTP	4/18/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1317	An Act to Promote Responsible, Cost-effective Energy in Maine by Amending the Tariff Rates Applicable to the Commercial and Institutional Net Energy Billing Program	Bennett, Richard	ONTP	5/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1321	An Act to Reform Net Energy Billing by Establishing Limitations on the Programs' Duration and Compensation	Foster, Steven	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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EUT	1346	An Act Regarding the Supply of Water to the Town of New Sharon	Black, Russell	ONTP	5/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1358	An Act to Reduce Electricity Rates by Removing Limitations on the Ownership of Generation by an Affiliate of an Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utility	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1405	An Act to Amend Laws Governing the Public Utilities Commission Concerning Participant Funding	Foster, Steven	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/21/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1412	An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities	Ducharme, Jack	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	214		S1
EUT	1420	Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/23/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
EUT	1436	An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM	5/19/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	167		S1
EUT	1472	An Act to Address Climate Change	Warren, Sophia	LTW	5/22/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1473	An Act to Require Gas Utilities to Assess for Natural Gas Leaks and to Require Reporting of Gas Leak Information	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/28/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	217		S1
EUT	1513	An Act to Study the Role of Natural Gas in an Equitable Clean Energy Transition for Maine and to Establish a Commission to Study the Establishment of a Just and Equitable Transition for Maine's Workforce	Warren, Sophia	LTW	5/22/2025		Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1535	An Act to Reduce Illegal Cannabis Operations by Requiring Permits for High Electrical Usage	Haggan, David	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/4/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EUT	1592	An Act to Reduce Energy Costs by Permitting the Ownership of Generation by Investor-owned Transmission and Distribution Utilities	Faulkingham, Billy Bob	ONTP/OTP	4/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1



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Comm	LD	Title	Sponsor	Committee Vote	Date of Last Committee Action	Carried Over?	Disposition	Law	Ch #	Analyst note?	Session
EUT	1619	Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Solicit Information Regarding the Creation of a Thermal Energy Networks Program in Maine	Runte, Jr., Walter	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	67		S1
EUT	1675	An Act to Provide Just Compensation in Cases of Taking by Eminent Domain by Transmission and Distribution Utilities	Flynn, Paul	ONTP	5/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1686	An Act to Clarify, Align and Amend Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A	Sachs, Melanie	OTP	5/8/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	110		S1
EUT	1700	An Act to Create a Direct Investment Pilot Project Under the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator	Sachs, Melanie	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/21/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	223		S1
EUT	1726	An Act to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Integrated Distribution Grid Planning	Runte, Jr., Walter	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	293		S1
EUT	1730	An Act Regarding the Beneficial Electrification Policy of the State	Grohoski, Nicole		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1747	An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District	Bell, Art	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPS	8		S1
EUT	1777	An Act to Reduce Costs and Increase Customer Protections for the State's Net Energy Billing Programs	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/17/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	430		S1
EUT	1792	An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Recovery of Post-restructuring Stranded Costs	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	391		S1
EUT	1850	Resolve, to Improve Interagency Coordination and Information Accessibility Regarding Renewable Energy Construction Projects	Webb, Kilton	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/13/2025		Held by Governor				S1
EUT	1860	An Act to Allow Certain Distributed Energy Resources to Participate in the State's Net Energy Billing Program	Lawrence, Mark	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/11/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
EUT	1868	An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws	Lawrence, Mark	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	386		S1

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EUT	1913	An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility	Geiger, Valli	OTP-AM	5/23/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPS	7		S1
EUT	1929	An Act to Improve Public Utility Service by Addressing Seasonal Property Hazards	Eaton, Holly	ONTP	5/20/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
EUT	1936	An Act to Provide Greater Equity in and Reduce Costs Related to the State's Net Energy Billing Program	Grohoski, Nicole		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1949	An Act Regarding Energy Fairness	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM/OTP-AM/ONTP	6/12/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1963	An Act to Protect and Compensate Public Utility Whistleblowers	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/16/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
EUT	1964	An Act to Require the Development of a Standard Written Disclosure for Sellers and Installers of Distributed Generation Resources, to Make Changes to Other Standard Disclosures and to Make Misrepresentation in the Sale of Electricity Products an Unfair Trade Practice	Black, Russell		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1966	An Act to Improve Access to Community Solar Programs in the State	Warren, Sophia		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1
EUT	1967	Resolve, to Design a Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Pilot Program	Kessler, Christopher	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/10/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	86		S1
EUT	1975	An Act to Eliminate the ConnectMaine Authority by Repealing the Advanced Technology Infrastructure Act	Ducharme, Jack		6/25/2025	Carried Over					S1

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**LD 114 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 1 amends the charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority to allow the authority to operate under the assumed name of the Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority.

**LD 186 An Act to Clarify the Public Utilities Commission’s Authority to Establish Time-of-use Pricing for Standard-offer Service**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 196 clarifies that the Public Utilities Commission may incorporate time-of-use pricing for the supply of standard-offer service and requires the commission to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters upon the issuance of a report in a commission docket related to time-of-use rates and prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service. The law also directs the commission, in such an adjudicatory proceeding, to consider the impact of time-of-use rates and seek to avoid the negative impacts of such rates on certain residential customers.

**LD 197 Resolve, to Direct the Governor’s Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 57 directs the Governor’s Energy Office to conduct a study of matters related to the State’s future electric transmission infrastructure needs. The law requires the office to coordinate with state agencies involved in the siting, permitting and regulation of electric transmission infrastructure and solicit information from a stakeholder group to assist in conducting the study. The office must hold at least three meetings with the stakeholder group and to submit a report by September 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes an overview of the study findings along with any recommendations. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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**LD 241 An Act to Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to Approve Rate Adjustments for Low-income Water Utility Ratepayers**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 137 allows a water utility or a group of water utilities to petition the Public Utilities Commission to approve a low-income assistance program. The commission may approve a proposed program if it determines that the proposal is a cost-effective way to keep water affordable for low-income residential ratepayers.

**LD 293 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Boothbay Region Water District**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 2 increases the maximum debt limit for the Boothbay Region Water District from \$12,000,000 to \$19,000,000.

**LD 300 Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Study Expanding the Use of Hydroelectric Power and the Development of a Geothermal Power Plant in the State**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 39 requires the Governor's Energy Office to conduct two studies in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

The office must conduct a study reviewing the current operation of and opportunities for the expansion of hydroelectric power and energy storage in the State for the purpose of evaluating methods to revitalize the hydroelectric power industry. The study must include a review of findings of any previous studies of hydroelectric power facilities in this State; a review of new technologies being used in hydroelectric power facilities; consultation with hydroelectric power facilities in three other states; and identification of locations in the State that may be suitable for the development of pumped storage hydropower systems.

The office must also conduct a study to evaluate the potential for the development of a geothermal power plant or other geothermal power generation system or space heating and cooling system in the State. In conducting the study, the office must consult with persons with expertise in the geologic engineering field regarding the feasibility of establishing a geothermal power plant in the State and must assess the potential for developing district geothermal systems on brownfield sites or state-owned properties or at state-owned facilities.

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The office must submit reports based on each study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters by January 15, 2027. Both studies must take into consideration the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the generation and storage of energy sources.

**LD 301 An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Use Quantitative Metrics and Rate-adjustment Mechanisms in a Proceeding for a General Rate Increase**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 198 allows the Public Utilities Commission to establish or authorize rate-adjustment mechanisms or quantitative metrics pertaining to a public utility's operations and activities in a proceeding for a general increase in rates.

**LD 466 An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 19 changes the repeal date of the law governing electric power and service residential rates for military veterans' organizations from September 1, 2025 to October 1, 2027.

Public Law 2025, chapter 19 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 11, 2025.

**LD 481 An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 23 provides that if a water district, prior to a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness, makes a determination that the district's anticipated revenues from the normal payment of water charges will not be sufficient to pay the district's anticipated operating expenses, the water district may borrow money to pay the principal and interest and other transaction costs related to the borrowing and may issue the district's warrant immediately to those portions of the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest.

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**LD 536 An Act to Establish Net Neutrality**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 404 requires an Internet service provider to provide net neutral service in the provision of broadband Internet access service to customers in the State. The law does not prohibit reasonable efforts by an Internet service provider providing broadband Internet access service to address copyright infringement or other unlawful activity or supersede any obligations, authorizations or restrictions on an Internet service provider to address the needs of emergency communications or law enforcement, public safety or national security authorities. The law specifies that an Internet service provider may offer broadband Internet access service plans that differ in speed or data limits, or offer plans with income-based eligibility, promotional offers or legacy pricing, as long as such plans are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis and are consistent with net neutral service. A violation of the requirements of the law is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, except that private remedies under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act are not available.

**LD 568 Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Evaluate Different Procurement Methods for Standard-offer Service**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 52 requires the Public Utilities Commission to evaluate differing methods to procure standard-offer service. The commission must consider methods that are likely to result in improved bid quality and quantity, lower electricity rates for customers and electricity rate stability. The commission is required to submit a report regarding its evaluation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 2, 2026, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**LD 585 An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 45 eliminates the limited time period that previously applied to the directive to assign forward capacity market payments exclusively for heat pumps and adds electric vehicles as an additional eligible use of the forward capacity market funds, while leaving in place the authorization for these funds to be used for heat pumps as well. The law also updates language regarding the allowable use of forward capacity market funds to promote beneficial electrification, to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification measures and to reliably reduce electricity rates.

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**LD 597 An Act to Direct the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct Procurements  
for Energy or Renewable Energy Credits**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 392 amends the section of law requiring the Public Utilities Commission to conduct a renewable energy procurement to direct the commission to conduct a competitive solicitation for energy or renewable energy credits within 30 days of enactment of the law. The commission may initiate an additional competitive solicitation within 12 months of the first solicitation. To find that a contract will benefit ratepayers, the commission must determine that the contract is more likely than not to produce benefits to ratepayers that exceed the costs to ratepayers associated with the contract.

The law also requires the commission to conduct one competitive solicitation to procure energy or renewable energy credits from eligible Class IA resources in an amount equal to 5% of the retail electricity sales in this State for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, as determined by the commission. If the commission concludes that the solicitation is not competitive or, following a review of bids received, that approval of a contract or contracts is not in the public interest, the commission must decide not to award a contract.

An energy contract resulting from a competitive solicitation conducted by the commission must include a provision that requires payments under the contract to the bidder be reduced by the stranded costs arising from energy produced during negative price intervals. The commission may grant an exception from the inclusion of such a negative price provision if the bidder demonstrates good cause and the commission finds that the contract is cost-effective, includes other price protections for ratepayers and will avoid to the maximum extent possible that curtailment of existing renewable resource generators.

Public Law 2025, chapter 392 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.

**LD 633 An Act Concerning the Restoration of Electricity During Emergencies for Certain  
Medically Vulnerable Individuals Who Rely on Electronic Medical Apparatuses**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 36 requires investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to include in their emergency response plans procedures for the identification of and outreach plans regarding customers who have a documented need of electricity for essential medical equipment.

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**LD 810 An Act Regarding the Approval of Transmission Lines**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 340 provides that a high-impact electric transmission line is deemed to have received the majority legislative approval required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C if the high-impact electric transmission line is approved for a contract after a competitive procurement conducted by the Public Utilities Commission or a state agency pursuant to statutory authority granted under Title 35-A.

**LD 837 An Act to Require Positions Taken by the Public Advocate to Be Consistent with the Cost-effective Implementation of the State's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Obligations**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 118 requires the Public Advocate, when taking a position on any matter in any proceeding or forum pursuant to the Public Advocate's authority, to exercise independent judgment to ensure that the Public Advocate's position is consistent with the cost-effective implementation for ratepayers of greenhouse gas emissions reductions obligations.

**LD 860 An Act to Allow the Public Advocate to Obtain Information from Public Utilities, Competitive Electricity Providers and Standard-offer Service Providers**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 123 amends the duties of the Public Advocate to include the review and investigation of the reasonableness and adequacy of the service or the terms and conditions of such service furnished or proposed to be furnished by any public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider. The law also allows the Public Advocate to make recommendations to the Legislature with respect to its review and investigation.

The law repeals and replaces existing law to clarify existing provisions and adds specific authority for the Public Advocate to petition the Public Utilities Commission for information or data from a public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider that is necessary for the Public Advocate to carry out the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 17. To the extent that the information or data would otherwise be confidential pursuant to applicable laws and rules, the Public Advocate, the public utility, standard-offer service provider or competitive electricity provider may request that the commission issue a protective order to protect such information or data from disclosure.

The law also directs the Office of the Public Advocate to conduct a study and prepare a report regarding rates and business practices of standard-offer service providers and competitive



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electricity providers. In conducting the study and preparing a report, the office is required to consult with and solicit recommendations from interested parties. The final report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025, and the committee may report out legislation based on the final report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 123 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2025.

**LD 861 An Act to Prohibit the Public Advocate and a Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission from Certain Employment Activities Following Service**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 406 prohibits the Public Advocate or a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission serving or appointed on or after December 15, 2025, until 12 months after the completion of the Public Advocate's or commissioner's service, from soliciting or accepting employment from a public utility. The law also prohibits, until 12 months after the completion of service, a commissioner from appearing before the commission in a proceeding for compensation and the Public Advocate from appearing before the commission in a proceeding for compensation on behalf of a person, other than a state agency or quasi-independent state entity, if that person was a party to an adjudicatory proceeding in which the Public Advocate was a party during the Public Advocate's term of service. The law is enforced by the Office of the Attorney General and an individual who violates the law is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence.

**LD 873 An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 38 authorizes the municipal officers of a municipality having a population of more than 30,000 inhabitants to revoke the location of a utility pole when required for the public safety and welfare.

**LD 905 An Act to Clarify the Process to Transfer Funds Resulting from the Expiration of Unused Kilowatt-hour Credits to Be Used to Provide Assistance to Low-income Electricity Customers**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 50 changes the mechanism by which a transmission and distribution utility is required to remit the value of unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and that expired during the prior calendar year by requiring the utility to remit the value to the administrators of the statewide low-income assistance plan and the individual low-income

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assistance programs instead of to the Public Utilities Commission. The law also changes the date for remittance from January 1st to April 1st and requires that the commission, by rule, adopt provisions regarding the manner by which the transmission and distribution utility must report to the commission information regarding the number of unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated by all customers of the utility with net energy billing arrangements during the prior calendar year and that expired during the prior calendar year and the monetary value of those credits.

**LD 906 An Act to Update the Solar Energy Development Reporting Date Deadline**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 39 changes the date for the submission of the report from the Public Utilities Commission regarding the monitoring of the level of solar energy development in the State.

**LD 912 An Act to Limit the Amount of Electricity That May Be Provided to Data Centers on a Certain Commercial or Industrial Site**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 85 amends an existing statutory exception to the definition of “transmission and distribution utility” for certain entities on commercial or industrial sites to provide that an entity that otherwise would qualify for the exception must be located within the control area of the New England independent system operator in a municipality north of the Town of Chester and may not use more than 25% of its nameplate capacity to serve data centers located on the commercial or industrial site.

Public Law 2025, chapter 85 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2025.

**LD 946 Resolve, to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Programs by Low-income and Moderate-income Residents**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 53 requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, during the period of the trust’s 6th triennial plan, to ensure that at least one-half of all available funding for electric vehicle rebates is distributed to low-income and moderate-income residents of the State and at least one-half of all available funding for incentives for weatherization and heat pumps for dwellings in the State is distributed for low-income and moderate-income residents of this State.

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**LD 1048 An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 407 requires a public utility and a competitive electricity provider to provide an annual notice to current employees, affiliated interests and utility contractors of the rights established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1316 regarding protections for persons providing testimony or information to legislative committees, the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate. The annual notice must be written in plain English, be in at least 12-point type and be sent separately from any other communication to the recipient.

**LD 1080 An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 115 prohibits a public utility from requiring a deposit from an applicant for residential service based solely on the income of an applicant for utility service that has not been a customer of the utility within 30 calendar days of the application. The law also requires the Public Utilities Commission to initiate rulemaking to implement the provisions of the law within 30 days of the effective date of the law.

**LD 1127 An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 59 specifies that a receiver appointed by the Public Utilities Commission that is acting in good faith while exercising the receiver's duties to oversee the operations of a consumer-owned water utility must be treated in the same manner as an employee acting on behalf of a governmental entity under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

**LD 1130 An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 105 requires the Governor's Energy Office, when updating the state energy plan every two years, to reevaluate the state goal for energy storage system development. If the office increases the goal, the office must report the increase in the state energy plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters.

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**LD 1212 Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 54 requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Governor's Energy Office, to work with representatives of the modern wood heating system industry to study and make recommendations relating to programs and incentives encouraging the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The Efficiency Maine Trust must submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025 and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

**LD 1240 An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 54 adjusts the time frame for the ongoing submission dates for certain reviews and reports required of transmission and distribution utilities and the Public Utilities Commission to align with the integrated grid planning process required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3147.

The law requires that, beginning May 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, a transmission and distribution utility submit a 10-year plan that includes specific actions for addressing the expected effects of climate change on the utility's assets needed to transmit and distribute electricity to its customers.

Prior to the enactment of Public Law 2025, chapter 54, the Public Utilities Commission was required to conduct a review, or contract with a consultant to conduct a review, related to available grid-enhancing technology every five years beginning in 2025. The law adjusts the schedule of reviews by requiring a review in 2027, and then every five years thereafter. The review conducted in 2027 must update the review conducted in 2025.

**LD 1258 An Act to Include Qualified Out-of-state Electric Vehicle Providers and Clarify Provisions Regarding Electric Bicycles Under the Electric Vehicle Fund**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 317 amends the law establishing the Electric Vehicle Fund incentive program to include that to be eligible for an incentive an electric vehicle may be purchased or leased from an out-of-state authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer or an out-

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of-state licensed automobile dealer if the seller or lessor meets all requirements applicable to in-state sellers or lessors as determined by the trust. The law also clarifies the eligibility requirements applicable to incentives for electric bicycles under the incentive program.

### **LD 1270 An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resources**

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Public Law 2025, chapter 476 eliminates the Governor's Energy Office, creates a new cabinet-level Department of Energy Resources and transfers the functions of the Governor's Energy Office to the new department.

The Department of Energy Resources has responsibility for oversight of state energy policies, programs and development efforts, is the designated state energy office and is directed to assess energy supply and infrastructure needs while aligning with the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets. The department also administers the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program and the Maine Energy Resources Development Program and coordinates state energy policy and actively fosters cooperation with the Efficiency Maine Trust. The law establishes a process for the conduct of competitive solicitations by the department.

The Commissioner of Energy Resources is appointed by the Governor and is responsible for developing and implementing the comprehensive state energy plan, overseeing energy efficiency efforts and supporting renewable energy goals, including reducing energy costs, increasing renewable energy capacity and lowering oil dependence. The law establishes the salary range of the commissioner and deputy commissioner, adds the commissioner as a nonvoting member of the board of directors of the Maine Technology Institute and authorizes the commissioner to act as a representative of the State in the regional greenhouse gas initiative. The law also makes certain changes to the membership of the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine.

The law requires the Department of Energy Resources to work with staff from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to develop legislation to effect the transition of responsibilities from the Governor's Energy Office to the Department of Energy Resources.

### **LD 1412 An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 214 increases the amount that a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may keep in a contingency reserve fund to reflect up to a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility. It removes the language that excluded

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any purchased power supply costs from this formula. The law allows the Public Utilities Commission to authorize a consumer-owned utility to keep a contingency reserve fund to reflect an amount greater than a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility.

**LD 1436 An Act to Update and Clarify Provisions Related to 9-1-1 Services**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 167 makes the following changes to the statutory provisions related to 9-1-1 services.

1. It updates and adds terminology to be consistent with modernized 9-1-1 systems and federal standards.
2. It clarifies rule-making authority by designating the Public Utilities Commission as the entity responsible for rulemaking instead of the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the commission and makes all rulemaking under the emergency services communication laws routine technical.
3. It reorganizes the provisions of law related to 9-1-1 funding.
4. It expands the granting authority of the bureau to allow grants, subject to available funds, to be used to consolidate two or more public safety answering points and dispatch centers into a new regional public safety answering point and dispatch center or transfer a public safety answering point and all of its dispatch services to another existing public safety answering point. It also changes the allowable funding cap for nonrecurring costs to \$1,000,000 per biennium.
5. It removes the requirement that the bureau reimburse local exchange carriers and cellular and wireless telecommunications service providers for eligible expenses incurred by the carriers and service providers.
6. It removes the requirement regarding the inclusion of 9-1-1 information in telephone directories.
7. It expands the application of provisions related to the information required to be provided to the commission in order to maintain the 9-1-1 database and services and the coordination of 9-1-1 service from local exchange carriers only to originating service providers.
8. It changes the definition of “cellular or wireless telecommunications service” in current law to clarify that required timing of the payment does not affect whether a service meets the definition of “cellular or wireless telecommunications service.”

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9. It specifies that the statewide 9-1-1 surcharge must be shown on a customer's bill separately when practicable, and, when disclosure is not practicable, the local exchange telephone utility, cellular or wireless telecommunications service provider or interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider is required to make the information regarding the amount of the surcharge available to the customer in another manner.

**LD 1473 An Act to Require Gas Utilities to Assess for Natural Gas Leaks and to Require Reporting of Gas Leak Information**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 217 requires a gas utility to assess its natural gas system, including every natural gas main and meter under its jurisdiction, as frequently as may be required by the Public Utilities Commission by rule, but no less frequently than every three years. The law requires gas utilities to provide reports to the commission at a frequency as established by the commission by rule, regarding the number of natural gas leaks identified by the gas utility, the street location for the natural gas leaks and the actions taken by the gas utility to address the natural gas leaks. The law also requires the commission to file an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters regarding natural gas leaks reported by gas utilities and to include natural gas leak reports on its publicly accessible website. The commission is required to periodically assess gas utility compliance with the assessment and reporting requirements of the law.

**LD 1619 Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Solicit Information Regarding the Creation of a Thermal Energy Networks Program in Maine**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 67 directs the Governor's Energy Office to issue a request for information regarding the creation of a thermal energy networks program in the State. When issuing the request for information, the office is required to solicit information from stakeholders regarding various considerations related to the development of a thermal energy networks program. By January 15, 2026, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Public Advocate, the office must prepare a summary report regarding the information received by the office and submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The office may develop and include in the report recommendations regarding the development of a thermal energy networks program in the State.

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**LD 1686 An Act to Clarify, Align and Amend Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 35-A**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 110 makes the following changes to provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A governing public utilities.

1. It clarifies the funding sources for activities undertaken by the interconnection ombudsman to be consistent with Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part WWW, section 1.
2. It updates the Public Utilities Commission's annual reporting requirements to include a cross-reference to specific reporting requirements related to beneficial electrification for clarity. It also removes the requirement that the commission include in its annual report on low-income assistance programs an assessment of the effectiveness of the oxygen pump benefit and the ventilator benefit with respect to covering only those electric charges directly related to use of an oxygen pump or ventilator by the program participants.
3. It clarifies that a consumer-owned water utility is not subject to the requirements related to the issuance of stocks, bonds and notes, even if the utility's charter established in law requires authorization by the Public Utilities Commission.
4. It amends penalty provisions relating to violations committed by natural gas pipeline utilities and gas utilities to align with federal regulations.
5. It amends the maximum rate adjustment that a consumer-owned water utility may propose from 1.5% of current total annual revenue to 1.5% of current rates.
6. It aligns the entities required to contribute to the commission's telecommunications education access fund with the entities required to contribute to the Maine Universal Service Fund.

**LD 1700 An Act to Create a Direct Investment Pilot Project Under the Maine Clean Energy  
and Sustainability Accelerator**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 223 clarifies that the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator may provide capital to qualified projects in the form of direct loans and directs the Efficiency Maine Trust to establish and administer a renewable energy generation and grid technology pilot project through the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator. Under the pilot project, the trust must provide financing or investment services for renewable energy generation and grid technology such as storage to support clean energy distribution, including microgrids and smart grid applications. Within 24 months of the effective date of the law, and as long as sufficient funds are available, the trust must use no less than \$1,000,000 of the funds held within the accelerator to



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provide all types of investments and financial services authorized under the accelerator to renewable energy generation and grid technology projects. By January 29, 2028, the trust must provide a report on the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters, and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

**LD 1726 An Act to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Integrated Distribution Grid Planning**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 293 does the following.

1. It requires the Governor's Energy Office to seek to ensure consistency in energy planning and analysis, including through the use of an energy forecasting method consistent with the method used by the office in preparing the comprehensive state energy plan.
2. It requires grid plans filed by certain transmission and distribution utilities, when appropriate, to consider the energy forecasting method used to prepare the comprehensive state energy plan. It also specifies that available and emerging technologies, which must be analyzed in the grid plan filing, include the use of advanced conductors and grid-enhancing technologies. These changes to the grid plan filing established by the law take effect February 1, 2026.
3. It allows the Public Utilities Commission, in a competitive solicitation, to use grid plan filings to develop requests for proposals, evaluate bids and negotiate agreements in order to optimize grid capacity.
4. It requires the commission, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Office of the Public Advocate, to conduct a review of the nonwires alternative investigation and recommendation process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132-C. By March 1, 2026, the commission must provide a report of its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.
5. It requires the commission to explore and evaluate the feasibility of adopting emerging flexible interconnection options in order to use distributed energy resources, increase grid capacity, decrease grid instability and reduce costs. By February 15, 2026, the commission must submit an initial report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters summarizing the commission's activities and, by February 15, 2027, the commission must submit a final report to that committee.

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**LD 1747 An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 8 repeals and replaces the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District, subject to voter approval.

**LD 1777 An Act to Reduce Costs and Increase Customer Protections for the State's Net Energy Billing Programs**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 430 makes the following changes to the State's net energy billing programs.

1. It requires the Governor's Energy Office to design and submit to the Public Utilities Commission a proposed distributed energy resource program or programs to succeed the net energy billing programs for front-of-the-meter distributed generation resources.
2. For both the kilowatt-hour credit and commercial and institutional net energy billing programs, it requires the commission after December 31, 2025, to prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from entering into a net energy billing agreement with a distributed generation resource that is interconnected or planned to be interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility grid side of a customer's meter.
3. It directs the commission to require transmission and distribution utilities to reconcile costs associated with net energy billing in a rate year beginning on January 1, 2026.
4. It establishes an end date for the tariff rate received by certain distributed generation resources participating in the commercial and institutional net energy billing program and establishes new tariff rates effective January 1, 2026 that apply to those resources.
5. It repeals a section of law requiring the commission to conduct competitive solicitations for the procurement of energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources and requires instead that the commission conduct competitive solicitations for the procurement of energy or renewable energy credits or both from distributed generation resources participating in net energy billing for which 75% or less of the bill credits associated with the resource are not allocated to a customer of or subscriber to the resource.
6. It requires certain distributed generation resources participating in the kilowatt-hour credit net energy billing program to pay a monthly fee determined by the commission that must be used to offset distribution costs associated with net energy billing arrangements that would otherwise be paid by ratepayers.

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7. It requires the commission to adopt rules establishing consumer protections related to the kilowatt-hour credit net energy billing program.

**LD 1792 An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Recovery of Post-restructuring Stranded Costs**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 391 requires the Public Utilities Commission, no later than October 1, 2025, to establish a rate design for each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the recovery of post-restructuring stranded costs that aggregates certain classes of customers of the investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and requires that post-restructuring stranded costs be recovered from these class groups based on specific charges. The law requires the commission, for post-restructuring stranded cost allocations and rate designs applicable on or after July 1, 2028, to establish such cost allocations and rate designs applicable for the following three-year period subject to annual and other necessary reconciliations and ensure the promotion of beneficial electrification for every customer class.

Public Law 2025, chapter 391 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.

**LD 1868 An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 386 amends the state goals for consumption of electricity from renewable resources so that by January 1, 2040, 90% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from renewable resources and 10% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from clean resources. The law establishes clean resource portfolio requirements for competitive electricity providers starting in calendar year 2031. The law also gives additional authority to the Public Utilities Commission to coordinate with other states to procure, through long-term contracts or other mechanisms, transmission capacity, capacity resources, energy, renewable energy credits or clean energy credits.

**LD 1913 An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 7 allows Matinicus Isle Plantation to issue revenue bonds and removes the requirement that schedules for the payment of the principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by Matinicus Isle Plantation must be established in conformity with rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES**

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Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.

**LD 1967 Resolve, to Design a Maine Home Energy Navigator and Coaching Pilot Program**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 86 directs the Governor’s Energy Office and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Maine Office of Community Affairs, to design a Maine home energy navigator and coaching pilot program. The pilot program must be designed to provide community-based energy coaching services to residential consumers, including homeowners and renters, and to provide guidance to residential consumers regarding energy efficiency and clean energy investment options and financial considerations. The Governor’s Energy Office and the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future must submit a report on the pilot program design to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2026, including a description of the design of the pilot program, a description of the technical assistance and educational materials to be developed as part of the pilot program, an estimate of pilot program costs, a target number of residential consumers to be served by the pilot program and a proposed timeline for implementation of the pilot program. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.