

Environment and Natural Resources Committee – Anticipated Workload 130th Legislature, 1st Regular Session

1. Potential bills with likely referral to Environment and Natural Resources Committee (ENR). At this time, a total of 79 bill requests are indexed with likely referral to ENR. This number includes 66 legislator-filed bills, 12 bills likely to be introduced by the Department of Environmental Protection and 1 bill likely to be introduced by the Finance Authority of Maine. The actual number of bills printed and referred to ENR will likely be smaller due to the withdrawal of bill requests and referral of bills to other committees upon printing.

Major/Minor Subject Area	# LRs
AIR QUALITY (4)	
Emissions	3
Pollutant standards	1
COASTAL AREAS (1)	
Intertidal lands	1
CONTAINERS-RETURNABLE (4)	
Plastic bags*	4
<i>*probably should be indexed under "wastes"</i>	
DAMS (1)	
Maintenance	1
ELECTRICITY (1)	
Cogeneration	1
ENVTL AWARENESS (7)	
Planning	7
DEP (9)	
Permits/permitting	3
Powers	2
Procedures	4
FUELS (3)	
Ethanol	2
Gasoline	1
GROUND WATER (1)	
Exportation	1
LAND USE (6)	
Permits	1

Major/Minor Subject Area	# LRs
Shoreland zoning	3
Zoning	2
LAND USE PLANNING (7)	
Comprehensive plans	1
Permits	1
Site location	5
PROTECTED NAT. RES. (1)	
Administration	1
SOLID WASTES (2)	
Management	2
SURFACE WATER (2)	
Lakes	1
Rivers	1
WASTE FACILITIES (2)	
Landfills	2
WASTES (14)	
Containers	1
Medical wastes	1
Plastics	2
Recycling	7
Special wastes	3
WATER QUALITY (1)	
Overboard discharges	1
TOTAL LRs	66

****Note that the above chart only includes information on pre-cloture legislator-filed titles**

2. Review of the Governor’s proposed budget. ENR may review items in the Governor’s budget pertaining to the agencies within its jurisdiction, and may report recommendations to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

3. Government Evaluation Act (GEA). The Government Evaluation Act requires state agencies to undergo periodic review by the Legislature. During the 130th Legislature, the Saco River Corridor Commission is scheduled for review under the GEA by ENR.

4. Regulatory agenda. Each state agency is required to submit a list of rules that the agency expects to propose to the Legislature, and legislative committees are required to review the agendas of the agencies it oversees (5 MRSA §8060). The Department of Environmental Protection’s regulatory agenda will be distributed to ENR for review when available.

5. Review of major substantive rules. A resolve is referred to a committee for each major substantive rule that is “provisionally-adopted” by an agency. At this time, it does not appear there will be any major substantive rules provisionally-adopted and filed for legislative review by ENR during the First Regular Session.

6. Reports of interest to ENR – 1st or 2nd Session. Various statutes require the submission of reports to ENR. Summarized below are some reports of interest during the 130th Legislature.

- Climate action plan update: update to State’s climate action plan (required every 4 years).
 - 38 MRSA §577
 - Update to be completed by 12/1/2020 by Maine Climate Council (DEP to submit updated plan to ENR).
 - No specific authority for legislation but see Maine Climate Council report below
- Petroleum storage tank emissions: one-time report to study methods to measure and estimate air emissions and to control odor from aboveground petroleum storage tanks.
 - Resolve 2019, chapter 128 (LD 1915)
 - Due 1/1/2021 from DEP.
 - ENR may submit legislation to 130th 1R
- Maine Climate Council: annual report describing activities of council and any findings and recommendations.
 - 38 MRSA §577-A
 - Due 1/15/2021 from Maine Climate Council
 - ENR may submit legislation to 130th 1R
- Solid waste generation and disposal capacity: biennial report on statewide solid waste generation, recycling rates and disposal capacity.
 - 38 MRSA §2124-A
 - Due 1/15/2021 from DEP
 - ENR may submit legislation to 130th 1R

- Product stewardship: annual report regarding products and product categories under the State's product stewardship programs.
 - 38 MRSA §1772 etc.
 - Due 2/15/2021 from DEP
 - ENR may submit legislation to 130th 1R

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative: annual report on RGGI.
 - 38 MRSA §580-B
 - Due 3/15/2021 from DEP, PUC and Efficiency Maine Trust
 - ENR may submit legislation to 130th 1R