

**Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology**  
**Approved Carryover Requests**

<b>LD 82</b>	<b>Resolve, To Provide for Participation of the State in the Planning and Negotiations for the Atlantic Loop Energy Project</b> (Sponsor-Representative Kessler)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The committee sent a letter to the Governor regarding the Atlantic Loop Project and wants to allow more time for the Governor to respond to the committee's request.
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<b>LD 170</b>	<b>An Act Pertaining to Transmission Lines Not Needed for Reliability or Local Generation</b> (Sponsor – Representative Grohoski)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The substance of what is contemplated in this bill may be considered a competing measure. The Committee does not want to complicate that process with potential competing measures, nor to create conflicts in law if that ballot question were to be passed by voters. We need to allow a vote on that ballot question take place before we can meaningfully consider this bill.
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<b>LD 318</b>	<b>An Act To Provide More Options to Maine Electric Service Customers and Support Maine's Climate Goals</b> (Sponsor-Representative Grohoski)
Vote	The Committee voted 6-2 to request carryover
Justification	The sponsor has been working with stakeholders and needs more time to develop this bill and based on the subject matter, the Committee believes it is appropriate to allow for that time.
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<b>LD 337</b>	<b>An Act Regarding Energy, Utilities and Technology</b> (Sponsor – Senator Lawrence)
Vote	The Committee voted 6-2 to request carryover
Justification	The Committee thinks it will likely work towards an omnibus bill dealing with utility matters and this will be a useful vehicle for that work.
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<b>LD 634</b>	<b>An Act To Cap the Value of Contracts for Renewable Resources and Distributed Generation Resources</b> (Sponsor – Senator Stewart)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	There were several bills dealing with distributed generation resources this session. This could be a potential vehicle for further work on this subject in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session.

<b>LD 682</b>	<b>An Act To Ensure the Viability of the Northern Maine Electric Transmission Grid</b> (Sponsor-Senator Stewart)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The committee is awaiting a report from the Governor’s Energy Office regarding a stakeholder process on transmission grid reliability and rate stability in northern Maine, which has been delayed due to the pandemic.
<b>LD 697</b>	<b>An Act To Enhance the Energy Security of Maine Residents</b> (Sponsor – Representative Berry)
Vote	The Committee voted 6-2 to request carryover
Justification	The Committee feels this may be a useful vehicle to keep to encompass concepts from bills this session that were voted ONTP, but had merits to pursue in a more deliberative and holistic manner. In addition, the sponsor is working on further concepts and needs additional time to develop this further.
<b>LD 840</b>	<b>An Act To Prevent Power Line Electrocutions</b> (Sponsor – Representative Berry)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	Due to the subject matter of the bill there may be a need to refer this to the Judiciary Committee or to seek further legal guidance.
<b>LD 1026</b>	<b>An Act To Update the Regulation of Public Utility Monopolies</b> (Sponsor- Representative Berry)
Vote	The Committee voted 7-2 to request carryover
Justification	The Committee feels this may be a useful vehicle to keep to encompass concepts from bills this session that were voted ONTP, but had merits to pursue in a more deliberative and holistic manner. In addition, the sponsor is working on further concepts and needs additional time to develop this further.
<b>LD 1079</b>	<b>Resolve, To Review the Effects of the Deregulation of Maine Utilities</b> (Sponsor – Senator Stewart)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The committee did not have the time this session to give this the attention needed to allow for meaningful contemplation of a very complex subject.
<b>LD 1107</b>	<b>An Act To Create Needed Broadband Infrastructure in Rural Maine through the Establishment of a Satellite-based Broadband Grant Program</b> (Sponsor – Senator Stewart)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	More time is needed to see how the proposed changes to broadband in Maine plays out and how this proposal may fit into this new framework.

<b>LD 1202</b>	<b>An Act To Establish a Wood-fired Combined Heat and Power Program</b> (Sponsor – Representative Wadsworth)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The committee needs time to find ways to efficiently encourage sustainable CHP and contemplate programs that do so with the greatest economic efficiencies.
<b>LD 1350</b>	<b>An Act To Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy</b> (Sponsor – Senator Vitelli)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The passage of legislation voted out of committee obviates the need to act on this bill at this time, but may be worth pursuing next session, when there is more clarity regarding the impacts of any legislation enacted this session.
<b>LD 1409</b>	<b>An Act Regarding High-impact Electric Transmission Lines</b> (Sponsor – Senator Lawrence)
Vote	The Committee voted 6-2 to request carryover
Justification	While this is a concept draft, the substance of what is contemplated in this bill would likely be considered a competing measure. The Committee does not want to complicate that process with potential competing measures, nor to create conflicts in law if that ballot question were to be passed by voters. It is likely there will be other bills in our possession that will need to be carried over for this reason and the Committee feels that these bills should not count towards our total carry over cap because this is an issue out of our control. We need to allow a vote on that ballot question take place before we can meaningfully consider these bills.
<b>LD 1511</b>	<b>An Act To Finance Distribution Investments at the Lowest Cost to Customers and To Encourage Utility Performance</b> (Sponsor – Representative Berry)
Vote	The Committee voted 7-2 to request carryover
Justification	The Committee feels this may be a useful vehicle to keep to encompass concepts from bills this session that were voted ONTP, but had merits to pursue in a more deliberative and holistic manner. In addition, the sponsor is working on further concepts and needs additional time to develop this further.
<b>LD 1579</b>	<b>An Act To Transition State and Local Motor Vehicle Fleets to 100 Percent Zero-emission Vehicles</b> (Sponsor – Senator Vitelli)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The committee want to wait for the Governor’s Energy Office to finish their roadmap to EV and wants any legislation passed to be in sync with this roadmap.

<b>LD 1587</b>	<b>An Act To Provide More Options to Maine Electric Service Customers and Support Maine's Climate Goals An Act To Remove the Municipal Ordinance Exemption for the Development of Nonessential Transmission Lines</b> (Sponsor-Representative Landry)
Vote	The Committee unanimously voted to request carryover
Justification	The substance of what is contemplated in this bill may be considered a competing measure. The Committee does not want to complicate that process with potential competing measures, nor to create conflicts in law if that ballot question were to be passed by voters. We need to allow a vote on that ballot question take place before we can meaningfully consider this bill.
<b>LD 1634</b>	<b>An Act To Create the Maine Generation Authority</b> (Sponsor – Representative Grohoski)
Vote	The Committee voted 7-2 to request carryover
Justification	The Committee thinks this bill has merit to save ratepayers money, but more time is needed to act prudently.