

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

One-time Reports Expected to be Received During the Second Regular Session as a Result of Enacted Legislation During the First Regular and Special Session of the 130th Legislature

- Public Law 2021, chapter 101 (LD 143) requires the Public Utilities Commission to provide to the committee by January 15, 2022 any information of decisions made in relation to Docket No. 2021-00061.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 318 (LD 251) requires both the commission and the Public Advocate to submit to the committee by January 15, 2022 initial calculations related to the portion of the assessment applicable to investor-owned utilities and consumer-owned utilities within each category of public utility that would be allocated to each utility based on a 3-year rolling average of revenue reported by the utility.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 327 (LD 336) requires the commission, in consultation with the Public Advocate and Governor's Energy Office, to submit to the committee by February 1, 2022 a report regarding technology, location and other options for the creation of transmission infrastructure related to the deployment of offshore wind energy generation in the Gulf of Maine.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 402 (LD 347) requires the commission, on or before February 15, 2022, to submit a report to the committee regarding its findings from an inquiry required by this law to review alternative rate structures to support electric vehicle charging stations for nonresidential applications, and any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding the establishment of alternative rate structures to support electric vehicle charging stations for nonresidential applications.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 298 (LD 528) requires the commission, by February 1, 2022, to submit a report on the feasibility and possible benefits of a power-to-fuel pilot program that would result in the development of power-to-fuel projects utilizing renewable energy. The report must also include an estimation of the ratepayer impacts of a pilot program, a comparison on how those ratepayer impacts compare to other types of energy storage technologies and a review of measures other states have taken to facilitate the development of energy storage and whether those measures were successful at promoting energy storage, minimizing ratepayer impacts and promoting a diversification of energy storage technologies.

This law also requires the Governor's Energy Office to conduct an energy storage market assessment study and submit a report to the committee on that study by March 1, 2022.

- Public Law 2021, chapter 390 (LD 936) requires the Governor's Energy Office in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission to convene a stakeholder group to consider various distributed generation project programs to be implemented between 2024

and 2029 and the need for improved grid planning (More details on this process and report requirements are included in the “Summaries of Enacted Laws” document). It requires an interim report to be submitted by January 1, 2022 to the committee that identifies issues that need further consideration or require additional resources including funding to complete and that includes recommendations and any proposed legislation to implement those recommendations that are supported by a majority of stakeholders (Note that this also requires a final report to be submitted to the committee by January 1, 2023).

- Resolve 2021, chapter 29 (LD 1306) directs the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communications Bureau to research and review protocols and procedures necessary to ensure the delivery of crisis response services under the State's E-9-1-1 system and to submit a report on or before February 1, 2022 to the committee outlining necessary protocols and procedures and including any recommendations needed to implement those protocols and procedures.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 364 (LD 1484) directs the Maine Connectivity Authority, in consultation with the ConnectMaine Authority, to review the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes pertaining to each entity and develop recommendations for any necessary changes to those provisions to facilitate the oversight of the ConnectMaine Authority by the Maine Connectivity Authority and any other recommendations. The Maine Connectivity Authority is directed to submit such recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the committee on or before January 15, 2022.
- Resolve 2021, chapter 63 (LD 1666) requires the commission to submit a report, by January 31, 2022, to the committee that includes the results of the evaluation on the feasibility of the commission establishing and operating a statewide, multi-use online energy data platform that will provide natural gas and electric customers with safe, secure access to information about their usage and will allow for the aggregation of community-level data and the removal of personally identifiable information from that data.
- Public Law 2021, chapter 279 (LD 1682) requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to submit to the committee by February 15, 2022 a report that includes any recommendations regarding definitions and equity considerations, including any suggested legislation.

***Note** – All the laws requiring these one-time reports provides the committee with the authority to report out a bill or legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.