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S.P. 248 - L.D. 568

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

Sec. 1. Evaluation of standard-offer service procurement methods.

Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall evaluate differing methods to procure standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, including, but not limited to, establishing supply contracts of varying lengths that may include soliciting bids for the procurement of standard-offer service more frequently than once per year. The commission shall consider methods to procure standard-offer service that are likely to result in:

1. Improved bid quality and quantity;
2. Lower electricity rates for customers; and
3. Electricity rate stability.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 2, 2026, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology a report that:

1. Details the commission's evaluation under section 1;
2. Identifies whether the commission changed its procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026 and whether any of the results identified in section 1 were achieved or are likely to be achieved;
3. Provides the commission's rationale if the commission did not change the procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026; and
4. Includes other relevant information.

The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.