

I oppose LD 3 in its current form (An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program), and it ought not to pass unless amended.

I understand this bill provides one-time funding to support emergency housing and emergency shelters to prevent people from experiencing homelessness this winter. I would expect this bill to be amended to apply to legal Maine residents and legally processed asylum seekers only.

I understand there will be relief funds distributed to eligible households to offset the exorbitant high costs of energy to heat our homes. I would expect this bill to be amended to provided accountability for any funds issued. These funds are for heating assistance, not alcohol, drugs, big screen TVs, etc. Period.

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