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LD 1691

Need for LD 1691

[] Cannabis growers use an immense amount of energy, like grocery stores. This cost has almost tripled over the past three years.

[] Caregivers were excluded from the energy relief bill sponsored by Sen. Prez Jackson last session due to it being funded by Federal void relief money

[] Maine has lost over 1k registered caregivers, mostly due to high production costs. We are at lowest amount of registered caregivers since 2014. As of 3/31/23 2070 caregivers. 3/31/14 had 2161.

[] Clarifies we are sales tax exempt on SOME purchases, such as energy and Fertilizer, just like other agricultural industries in the state.

[] To stabilize the program and encourage voluntary inspections by OCP, allow annual registration fees to be waived(which amounts to \$1,531 annually for most) if in compliance with OCP inspection standards.