

Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs and Esteemed Members of the EUT Committee

I am in Opposition of this bill LD 197 Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State

The heart of the matter this bill presents is the GEO and whether it remains viable within the “Golden Age of America”

“Windmills are an economic and environmental disaster. I don't even want one built during my Administration. Most expensive energy, only work with massive government subsidies, which we will no longer pay.” President Donald Trump, January, 2025

The Governor's Energy Office has become a democrat haven for promotion of offshore wind and electric vehicles.

As a state that can not afford to keep offshore wind and electric vehicle viable by funding them with taxpayer or ratepayer money, the GEO becomes a dysfunctional but expensive group of renewable zealots Maine can do without.

The GEO, with the injection of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan of 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and The Inflation Reduction Act, grew from 6 staffers to 21 staffers. Their push for expensive energy policies permeate this committee room without public push-back.

They, naturally have become emboldened, but President Trump has issued new federal orders that congress will follow up on which will deliver resounding defeat to GEO working plans, past and present.

Now, Governor Mills has proposed elevating the GEO from administration level to cabinet level to be known as the Department of Energy Resources. Wrong move at the wrong time. America is moving towards energy dense fuels to power the “Golden Age”

Follow the voters mandate and abolish the GEO/Department of Energy Resources and remove this bill from further consideration.

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