

Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Conditional Support of

LD 1355, *Resolve, to Require the Office of Tax Policy to Study Taxation of Renewable Energy Infrastructure*

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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier and members of the Taxation Committee, my name is Kate Dufour, and I am providing testimony in conditional support for LD 1355, until MMA's Legislative Policy Committee establishes the association's official position at its April 16 meeting.

However, based on the responses to a poll of policy committee members, municipal leaders are leading toward supporting the study proposed in LD 1355. Local officials believe the study could result in the development of a reasonable approach to taxing renewable energy infrastructure and provide consistency in communities around the state. It is important, however, that the resulting recommendations focus on the need to build the taxable base in all our municipalities, rather than continue to erode it, thereby shifting additional burdens onto the remaining property taxpayers to fund the services that benefit all property owners.

Should MMA's official position on this bill vary from the testimony provided above, staff will submit supplemental testimony for the committee's consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the municipal perspective on this issue.