

132nd Maine Legislature
An Act ~~Regarding to Advance Long-duration~~ Energy Storage Within the State
L.D. 1130

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This bill strikes and replaces the language of the bill with the following:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3145, as amended by PL 2023, c. 374, §1, is further amended to read:

§3145. State energy storage policy goals

The state goal for energy storage system development is at least 300 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2025 and at least 400 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2030. ~~Beginning January 1, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, Each odd-numbered year as part of the state energy plan,~~ the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9 ~~shall~~ may reevaluate and may increase the state goal for energy storage system development and shall, in the state energy plan, report ~~that~~ any increase to the goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters. The committee may report out a bill to the Legislature relating to that report. For the purposes of this section, "energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6.

SUMMARY

This amendment aligns the reporting timeline of the storage goal to reporting of the energy plan so that in each odd-numbered year, the Governor's Energy Office shall review and potentially increase the state storage goals as part of the state energy plan. Any increase shall be reported to the legislative committee overseeing energy and utilities as part of the energy plan and that committee may propose related legislation.