



Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
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RE: LD 2112, An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity

Dear Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs, and Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee:

My name is Anthony Erwin and I am Maine Audubon's Policy Advocate. Since 1843, Maine Audubon has worked to conserve Maine wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people in education, conservation, and action. On behalf of Maine Audubon and our 30,000 members, supporters, and volunteers we thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of LD 2112, *An Act to Authorize Municipalities to Form Community Choice Aggregation Programs to Procure Electricity*.

The most pervasive threat facing wildlife in Maine is climate change. The effects of climate change are having profound impacts on the species and ecosystems that are vital for our state. Nongame species such as Saltmarsh Sparrows are losing important nesting habitat due to sea-level rise and game species such as moose are being impacted by booming populations of Winter Ticks due to warmer temperatures. To help slow the rate of change and lessen the effects on the environment, Maine must continue its transition to a renewable future.

LD 2112 would allow municipalities to form community choice aggregation programs to procure electricity, which would give the power to communities to choose greener forms of energy. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), municipal aggregation is a useful tool for communities to exert more control over their electricity sources, obtain more green power, and lower electricity costs.¹ And electricity procured through community choice aggregation can be 15 to 20 percent lower than residential retail prices.² Key components required of the transition away from fossil fuels are affordability and access to clean energy sources, and LD 2112 supports both.

By lowering the amount of energy generated by the burning of fossil fuels, we can slow the rate of climate change. And even slowing the rate of climate change by a small percentage will have profound positive impacts on ecosystems. LD 2112 is a way for Maine communities to procure cleaner sources of energy and assist Maine in achieving its climate goals. **Maine Audubon urges this committee to support LD 2112.** Thank you for your leadership and commitment to a more sustainable Maine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Erwin".

Anthony Erwin
Policy Advocate

¹ U.S. EPA. (2026). *Community Choice Aggregation*.
<https://www.epa.gov/green-power-markets/community-choice-aggregation>
² U.S. EPA. (2026). *Community Choice Aggregation*.
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