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Testimony of Rep. James Dill introducing

**LD 1063 "An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of
Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste
in Conjunction with Recycling"**

Before the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and distinguished members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, my name is Jim Dill, and I represent House District 26 and the communities of Bradley, Old Town and Penobscot Nation Voting District. I am here before you today to present **LD 1063 "An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling"**

This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts for energy and renewable energy credits with generators fueled by municipal solid waste (MSW) in conjunction with recycling. The PUC would solicit contracts for up to 35 megawatts for energy and renewable energy credits from generators with selection of contracts which provide the most benefit to ratepayers and that have contract pricing levels of below 7 cents per kilowatt hour.

This goes hand in hand with what the state is supposed to do with MSW, which is definitely not send it to landfills. Waste to energy is estimated to reduce landfill volumes by 80-90% and diverts nearly 400,000 tons of MSW from Maine landfills annually.

I'd be happy to try to answer any questions, but I'm sure there are more qualified people behind me. Thank you.