

**Testimony of Ashley Luszczki**  
**Before the Joint Standing Committees on Energy, Utilities and Technology**  
**In Support of L.D. 1250, An Act to Provide that Portfolio Requirements for Renewable**  
**Electricity Resources Apply Only to Actual Retail Sales**  
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and members of Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is Ashley Luszczki. I am here on behalf of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, representing a network of 5,000+ small to large businesses. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of L.D. 1250, An Act to Provide that Portfolio Requirements for Renewable Electricity Resources Apply Only to Actual Retail Sales.

This legislation seeks to make a simple, but important modification to Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) law to ensure that renewable energy requirements apply only to electricity sold to end-use consumers. The Chamber believes this change aligns with the intent of Title 35-A, §3210 - to promote local energy generation and increase the use of renewable energy by Maine consumers.

Currently, Maine's RPS requires electricity providers to ensure that a growing portion of the power they sell comes from renewable sources. The RPS is a critical tool to account for our state's progress in integrating renewable resources into our electricity mix. However, one area that requires clarity is the use of on-site generation, which is not purchased and delivered through the electric distribution company. The current structure could be further clarified to ensure renewable energy requirements are directly tied to the amount of electricity actually sold to consumers.

This legislation would be particularly impactful for businesses with behind-the-meter generation. These businesses are reducing their reliance on the grid and many are contributing to Maine's clean energy goals.

At a time when energy costs are an increasing concern for the business community, we believe L.D. 1250 is consistent with the intent of the RPS program, will strengthen the program's effectiveness, keep Maine's RPS goals on track, and help to control costs for electricity suppliers and ratepayers. For these reasons, the Chamber urges your support.