

Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs and Fellow Energy Consumers of the EUT Committee

I support LD 1321 An Act to Reform Net Energy Billing by Establishing Limitations on the Programs' Duration and Compensation

This bill states: “after November 1 ,2025 only distributed generation resources with a nameplate capacity of 20 kilowatts or less may be used for net energy billing. “ and ends NEB, December 31,2045

This bill recognizes distributed generation is just that, generation, and as generation it should only receive supply credits/payments.

This bill does credit NEB participants with standard offer retail rates versus wholesale market prices which still means ratepayers will incur an associated cost but, far less than the present costs.

This bill also allows for the sale of Renewable Energy Credits but not outside of Maine.

This bill helps to make 2025 the year of peak solar in Maine and get us back to thinking about reliable resources to propel Maine into an energy affordable future.

ISO-NE predicts solar output will start seeing significant curtailment as soon as 2035. Ramping down solar projects now will reduce curtailment as well as negative pricing that factors into retirements of reliable generation plants.

Soon, SMR Nuclear Plants will become an important addition to the New England generation mix. ISO-NE predicts SMRs could start operating as soon as 2035 and be producing 1667 megawatts in 2040.

It is time to start thinking about the reality of Greenhouse Gas Reduction and the true impact Maine renewable programs have on the global situation, especially when the global situation includes many countries who are not responding to Greenhouse Gases as an urgent issue or even an issue at all.

The Maine DEP reported that Maine had achieved 75% Net Neutral Carbon by 2016 and 91% Net Neutral Carbon by 2021. Let's not destroy solid Maine Economic growth with overly expensive electricity as competition from others who have a more realistic approach to GHG leave us in poverty.

This bill recognizes Maine needs relief from high electricity costs and deserves an “Ought to Pass” vote.

Thank You Clayton McKay Dixfield, The Only One