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This act would help address three issues that impact Mainers: housing shortages, labor shortages, and the climate crisis. Building more renewable housing would ensure that Mainers can live safely and securely and would also help spur new economic development in the state. In addition, building this new housing sustainably would help Maine reduce its negative impact on the environment and would set a precedent for how environmental challenges can be addressed alongside social and economic ones. As a young person, I want to grow into a world where people don't have to worry about finding good housing and where a stable climate enables healthy ecosystems for the benefit of human and non-human life. Passing this bill would exemplify Maine's leadership and vision for healthy communities and a healthy environment.