

## 2012 Legislative Bill Tracking

NRCM reviews every bill under consideration at the State House to determine which ones deserve support and which ones should be opposed based on their potential impact on Maine’s environment. This page provides updates on the priority bills that NRCM followed during the 2012 legislative session.

**Click on the link below** (in the left-hand column) to read memos by NRCM explaining more about each bill and our position on them.

**Note:** Bills are listed in order by bill LD number (found in the right column).

<b>Bill Information</b> Click on links below to read <b>NRCM position memos</b>	<b>Status Update</b>	<b>Bill Title &amp; Link to Full Text on Legislature’s Website</b>
<a href="#"><u>Land for Maine’s Future program bond funding</u></a> <b>NRCM SUPPORTS</b>	<a href="#"><u>NRCM testimony</u></a>  Public hearing was held Thursday, Feb. 23	<a href="#"><u>An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine’s Natural Resource-based Economy</u></a> (LD 852)
<a href="#"><u>Changes to who is eligible to participate in appeals of decisions by DEP and LURC</u></a> <b>NRCM OPPOSES</b> (we support the Majority ONTP report)	The minority report passed.	<a href="#"><u>An Act to Define “Person Aggrieved” in Proceedings before the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission</u></a> (LD 1647)
Reduces staff for implementation of building energy codes <b>NRCM OPPOSES</b>	<a href="#"><u>NRCM testimony</u></a> Work session was held Thurs., Mar. 1	<a href="#"><u>An Act To Create Efficiencies in the Administration and Enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code</u></a> (LD 1787)
<a href="#"><u>IWWH (wildlife habitat) rules</u></a> <b>NRCM SUPPORTS</b>	This bill passed both Houses.	<a href="#"><u>Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive</u></a>

		<a href="#">Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection</a> (LD 1797)
<a href="#">Reform to the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC)</a> <b>NRCM OPPOSES THE BILL AS WRITTEN</b>	<p>Has passed both houses and is awaiting funding on the Special Appropriations Table.</p> <p><a href="#">NRCM testimony</a></p> <p><a href="#">NRCM press release</a></p> <p><a href="#">“LURC Amendment Not Strong Enough”</a> – blog post by Cathy Johnson, North Woods Project Director</p>	<a href="#">An Act To Reform Land Use Planning in the Unorganized Territory</a> (LD 1798)
<a href="#">Regulatory “takings” bill</a> <b>NRCM OPPOSES THE MINORITY REPORT</b>		<a href="#">An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Committee To Review Issues Dealing with Regulatory Takings</a> (LD 1810)
<p>Merger of Dept. of Agriculture and Dept. of Conservation</p> <p><b>NRCM OPPOSES</b></p>	<p>Has passed both houses and is awaiting funding on the Special Appropriations Table.</p> <p><a href="#">NRCM testimony</a></p> <p><a href="#">Read news story</a></p>	<a href="#">An Act To Establish the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</a> (LD 1830)
<a href="#">Gut Maine’s mining laws and regulations</a> <b>NRCM OPPOSES</b> <a href="#">Read news story</a>		<a href="#">An Act to Improve Environmental Oversight and Streamline Permitting for Mining in Maine</a> (LD 1853) <b><a href="#">Amended bill language</a></b>

<p>Governor's renewable energy bill <b>NRCM opposed original bill and the Minority Report, which would undermined Maine's renewable energy laws, but we Support the Majority report from committee, which would not.</b></p>	<p>Headed to House and Senate for votes</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>An Act To Lower the Price of Electricity for Maine Consumers</u></a> (LD 1863)</p>
<p>Strip Efficiency Maine of its independence and put it in direct control of Administration <b>NRCM ACCEPTS FINAL BILL AS WRITTEN</b></p>	<p>Most harmful language was removed or altered in the final version of the bill, which had unanimous vote in committee. (The final version passed in both chambers.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u>NRCM testimony</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Fact sheet about this bill</u></a></li></ul>	<p><a href="#"><u>An Act To Improve Efficiency Maine Trust Programs To Reduce Heating Costs and Provide Energy Efficient Heating Options for Maine's Consumers</u></a> (LD 1864)</p>