

2014 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 information on the priority bills that NRCM followed during the 2014 legislative session.

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

Bill Information	NRCM Position	Status Update
<u>Undermine Maine's renewable energy programs</u> (LD 646)	<u>NRCM Opposes</u>	Majority Ought Not to Pass Report passed in House and Senate. House vote: 81-52 Senate vote: 26-9
<u>Funding for Maine's solar program</u> (LD 1252)	NRCM Supports	Gov. LePage vetoed bill. House overrode veto on 4/14/14. Senate sustained veto on 4/16/14. <u>Read factsheet about solar</u>
<u>Farm to school programs</u> (LD 1431)	<u>NRCM Supports</u>	Passed in House and Senate. House vote: 120-19 Senate vote: 33-0
<u>Solid waste policy</u> (LD 1483)	NRCM Supports Majority Report <u>Neither For Nor Against testimony for original bill</u>	Became law without governor's signature.
<u>Ocean acidification study commission</u> (LD 1602)	NRCM Supports	Bill had final passage vote of 135-0 in the House on 3/27/14
<u>Expedite paint recycling law</u> (LD 1634)	<u>NRCM Supports</u>	<u>Bill has become law</u> , without governor's signature.
<u>Solar policy and goals for Maine</u> (LD 1652)	<u>NRCM Supports</u>	Bill became law without governor's signature <u>NRCM testimony</u>

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Restrict gold prospecting in certain streams (LD 1671)	NRCM Supports	Read factsheet about solar Legislature overrode governor's veto of this bill.
An Act to Protect Maine Lakes (LD 1744)	NRCM Supports	Governor vetoed bill. House voted to override veto, Senate did not. NRCM testimony
Change to Maine's mineral mining rules (LD 1772)	NRCM Supports Majority Report	House and Senate passed bill. Now headed to governor's desk. Read statement by NRCM on 4/17/14.
Dam relicensing bill (LD 1826)	NRCM Supports	Bill passed.
A bill that limits private property owners' ability to sell or donate their land by forbidding the federal government from acquiring any parcels greater than 3200 acres (LD 1828)	NRCM Supports Amended Bill	Bill passed in House and Senate. House vote: 118-27 Senate vote: 20-13
Governor's energy/harvesting bill (LD 1838). This bill would illegally divert funding from harvesting on Public Reserved Lands to the Efficiency Maine Trust.	NRCM Supports Majority Report	House voted Ought Not to Pass by vote of 89-53. Senate vote was 21-14 NRCM testimony