

## 2018 Legislative Bill Tracking from the Natural Resources Council of Maine

Bill Information & Summary	NRCM Position	Status Update
Water: Clean water bond ( <a href="#">LD 178</a> )	NRCM Supports	Public hearing held on Tuesday, January 9. <a href="#">Read bond bill fact sheet.</a>
Energy: Remove 100 MW limit on hydropower generation ( <a href="#">LD 532</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Defeated in the House and Senate.
Energy: Biomass bond ( <a href="#">LD 897</a> )	NRCM is Neither For Nor Against	Public hearing held on Wednesday, January 10. <a href="#">Learn more about biomass.</a> <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Protecting Wildlife: Open up Sheepscot Pond for native sea-run fish ( <a href="#">LD 922</a> )	NRCM Supports	Bill is dead. No further action will be taken. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Energy: Biomass bond ( <a href="#">LD 953</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Public hearing held on Wednesday, January 10. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Coastal risks: Establish the Maine Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission ( <a href="#">LD 1095</a> )	NRCM Supports	Passed House (86-58) and Senate (unanimously). Sent to governor.
Solar: Bill to expand community solar and eliminate gross metering ( <a href="#">LD 1444, amendment C-A</a> )	NRCM Supports	Governor vetoed bill on Friday, March 30. Senate voted (26-7) to override veto on April 2. House voted to sustain veto on April 10. <a href="#">See House roll call vote.</a> <a href="#">Read updated bill fact sheet.</a>
Water: Wastewater infrastructure bond ( <a href="#">LD 1510</a> )	NRCM Supports	Public hearing held on Tuesday, January 9. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a>
Energy: Diversion of RGGI funding ( <a href="#">LD 1515</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Bill was defeated. No further action will occur.

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Reduce Waste: Maine Food Recovery Act (bill to reduce food waste and food insecurity) ( <a href="#">LD 1534</a> )	NRCM Supports	Passed House and Senate. Sent to governor. <a href="#">Read fact sheet.</a> <a href="#">Read NRCM 2017 testimony.</a>
Energy: energy manufacturing jobs bill ( <a href="#">LD 1632</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Bill was defeated. No further action will occur. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Energy: RGGI bill ( <a href="#">LD 1657</a> )	NRCM Supports	<a href="#">Bill became law</a> on Feb. 28 without the governor's signature. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Water: Bill to block sea-run fish access to Sheepscot Pond ( <a href="#">LD 1667</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Bill was defeated. No further action will occur. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Solar: Bill to eliminate gross metering for solar ( <a href="#">LD 1686</a> )	Solar bill is now LD 1444 NRCM Supports LD 1444	Bill was killed. Active solar bill is now LD 1444. See above. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Energy: Bill to weaken Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (LD 1699)	NRCM Opposes	Bill was defeated. No further action will occur. <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a> <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Bottle Bill: Lower deposit on liquor bottles from 15 cents to five cents (LD 1703)	NRCM Opposes	Defeated in House and Senate. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a> Read Feb. 1 <a href="#">Bangor Daily News</a> editorial.
Bill that would make it a crime to collect petition signatures within 50 feet of a polling place (LD 1726)	NRCM Opposes	Work session held on February 28. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Land use: Allow lease of Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site (LD 1739)	NRCM Opposes	<a href="#">Bill is dead.</a> No further action will be taken.

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Energy: energy storage study ( <a href="#">LD 1741</a> )	NRCM Supports	House adopted bill 79-56. Pending in the Senate. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Energy: Biomass-generated energy purchase ( <a href="#">LD 1745</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Public hearing held on Tuesday, January 16.
Public lands: authorize changes to ownership and leases on certain public lands ( <a href="#">LD 1789</a> )	NRCM Supports Amended Bill.	Committee amended language and voted unanimously in support of new bill language. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Toxics: DEP rule changes to allow more burning of toxic construction waste and spreading of contaminated soil as construction material ( <a href="#">LD 1797</a> )	NRCM supported amendments that improved the bill.	Bill passed with amendments. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Energy: bill to tax hybrids and electric vehicles ( <a href="#">LD 1806</a> )	NRCM Opposes	Defeated by House and Senate. <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a> <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Energy: Bill to amend laws

governing expedited permitting

for wind energy ([LD 1810](#))

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Toxics: Bill that would not allow

towns to pass their own pesticide

ordinances ([LD 1853](#))

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