



## Advance New Renewable Energy Sources

Increase Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 80% by 2030.

***We all benefit from made-in-Maine renewables that reduce carbon pollution, increase energy independence, and grow our economy.***

### **Maine people support clean, local, renewable energy.**

- Carbon pollution threatens Maine's environment and public health, resulting in poor air quality that contributes to asthma and other respiratory problems. It also causes rapidly warming and acidifying waters in the Gulf of Maine that endanger our fishing industries.
- Clean renewable energy is key to diversifying our energy mix and reducing climate pollution.
- Maine's vast clean energy resources offer cost-effective local energy at grid, community, and individual scales.
- Renewable Portfolio Standards effectively grow grid-scale renewables and complement rooftop and community solar development.



### **This bill will prioritize new in-state renewables—including solar, wind, and biomass heating— and grow Maine's economy.**

- RPS policies have created nearly 12,000 Maine jobs and increased the state's economy by more than \$1 billion<sup>1</sup>, with very low costs to electric customers.<sup>2</sup>
- Long-term contracts for renewable generation encourage private investment and provide rate payers with long-term savings.
- Made-in-Maine renewable power generation enhances energy independence, resilience, and long-term economic growth.
- A strong RPS will promote innovation and encourage new renewable energy projects. Maine's current requirements do not encourage growth because they are being met primarily with existing resources.

### **Maine is ready for collaborative climate policy.**

This legislation reflects input from diverse stakeholders—including environmental and clean energy advocates and biomass, hydro, wind, and solar interests.



## **Support An Act to Reform Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard**

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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.renewablemaine.org/docs/LEI\\_Study\\_Summary\\_by\\_MREA.pdf](https://www.renewablemaine.org/docs/LEI_Study_Summary_by_MREA.pdf)

<sup>2</sup><https://www.maine.gov/mpuc/legislative/reports.shtml>



## Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 34 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

***We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive.***

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| Acadia Center                                 | Maine People's Alliance                             |
| Appalachian Mountain Club                     | Maine Public Health Association                     |
| Atlantic Salmon Federation                    | Maine Rivers                                        |
| Bicycle Coalition of Maine                    | Maine Wilderness Guides Organization                |
| Conservation Law Foundation                   | Midcoast Conservancy                                |
| Environmental Health Strategy Center          | Natural Resources Council of Maine                  |
| Environment Maine                             | Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter |
| Friends of Casco Bay                          | RESTORE: The North Woods                            |
| Islesboro Island Trust                        | Sierra Club, Maine Chapter                          |
| Maine Association of Conservation Commissions | Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative           |
| Maine Audubon                                 | The Ocean Conservancy                               |
| Maine Center for Economic Policy              | The Trust for Public Land                           |
| Maine Conservation Alliance                   | The Wilderness Society                              |
| Maine Council of Churches                     | Toxics Action Center                                |
| Maine Council of Trout Unlimited              | Upstream                                            |
| Maine Interfaith Power & Light                | 350 Maine                                           |
| Maine Lakes Society                           |                                                     |
| Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association |                                                     |