



Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy

Support: LD 1350 An Act to Expand Maine's Clean Energy Economy

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The clean energy transition is well underway, putting Maine people to work making buildings more energy efficient, constructing new solar and wind projects around the state, and bringing more electric cars on the road than ever before. To capture the greatest benefit for Maine people we need to keep investing in local, clean energy sources to meet our Climate Action Plan goals of 80% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

LD 1350 will keep Maine on track to meet our Climate Action Plan goals and provide economic and climate benefits across the state.

Affordable, Stable, and Well-sited Clean Energy

- Maine's reliance on polluting fossil fuels is responsible for harmful energy price spikes. Investing in more renewable energy reduces our dependency on unreliable markets, keeping prices more stable for everyone.
- LD 1350 uses a tried-and-true competitive procurement process to bring low-cost renewables and energy storage onto the grid.
- LD 1350 gives us the opportunity to choose local renewable projects that are well-sited, minimizing impacts to agricultural land and our natural resources.

Good-paying Jobs and Economic Benefits

- Renewable energy projects built in Maine create new jobs and provide financial benefits to communities where they are located, supporting schools, roads, and local infrastructure needs.
- In 2020 more than 11,000 Mainers worked in clean energy. LD 1350 would continue to grow Maine's clean energy economy, providing even more high-quality jobs for Maine people.
- Home-grown renewable energy keeps more of the \$4 billion that we spend out-of-state on fossil fuels here in Maine.

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Acting with Ambition on Climate Change

- Clean energy is the backbone of Maine's Climate Action Plan, cutting greenhouse gas emissions and enabling us to save money by electrifying heating and transportation.
- Maine people are already seeing the impacts of climate change. Extreme weather, warming winters, and rising sea levels threaten Maine's economy and communities. We must act now.
- Contact your state legislators and ask them to boost our clean energy economy by supporting LD 1350.



Find your state legislators here:

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