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Boosting offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine ( <a href="#">LD 1895</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on July 27, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>  To learn more about offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine, <a href="#">visit our webpage.</a>
Investing in trails statewide through a Maine Trails Bond ( <a href="#">LD 1156</a> )	Support	Bill will be carried over to the 2024 legislative session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>  <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a>
Supporting redemption centers and Maine's Bottle Bill ( <a href="#">LD 134</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on May 5, 2023.  To learn more about Maine's Bottle Bill, <a href="#">visit our webpage.</a>

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Supporting modernization of Maine's Bottle Bill ( <a href="#">LD 1909</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on July 27, 2023  <a href="#">Read bill fact sheet.</a>  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Recognizing the inherent sovereignty of the Wabanaki Nations ( <a href="#">LD 2007</a> )	Support	Bill to be carried over to 2024 legislative session  To learn more about the Wabanaki Alliance and their work, <a href="#">visit their website.</a>
Provide free access to State Parks for Indigenous people ( <a href="#">LD 25</a> )	Support	Committee requested to carry over the bill to 2024 session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>  <a href="#">Read Portland Press Herald article.</a>

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Remove 100 MW limit on renewable resources for energy <a href="#">(LD 43)</a>	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Add wildlife species to Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List <a href="#">(LD 57)</a>	Support	Signed into law by Governor Mills on May 8, 2023  <a href="#">Read testimony by Dr. Jeffrey Wells.</a>
Improve electrical supply cost transparency <a href="#">(LD 69)</a>	Oppose	Resolve signed into law by Governor Mills on May 8, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Approve major substantive rule for petroleum storage facilities <a href="#">(LD 71)</a>	Support	Resolve signed into law by Governor Mills on May 8, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Establish zero-emission vehicle-to-grid pilot program for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles ( <a href="#">LD 122</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Funding for Maine Climate Corps ( <a href="#">LD 142</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Funding for lakes restoration and protection ( <a href="#">LD 164</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on July 26, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Increased use of waste-to-energy as renewable energy ( <a href="#">LD 175</a> )	Oppose	EUT Committee voted Ought Not to Pass. There will be no further action on this bill.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Add electric bikes to EV rebate program ( <a href="#">LD 256</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 8, 2023

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Bill related to State budget for FYs ending in June 2023, 2024, and 2025 ( <a href="#">LD 258</a> )	Support	<a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> Governor Mills signed the bill into law on July 11, 2023
Require transparency from transmission & distribution utilities for political activity spending ( <a href="#">LD 325</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 23, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Remove climate from the Public Utilities Commission's responsibilities ( <a href="#">LD 340</a> )	Oppose	Voted down in House and Senate. Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Amend Maine's Tree Growth Tax ( <a href="#">LD 341</a> )	Oppose	House and Senate accepted Ought Not to Pass report from committee. Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Repeal law regarding Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program ( <a href="#">LD 376</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Direct Maine DOT to Implement Recommendations of Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council ( <a href="#">LD 404</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed Resolve into law on June 28, 2023
Two bills to make renewable energy credits permanent for waste-to-energy facilities ( <a href="#">LD 399</a> ) and ( <a href="#">LD 437</a> )	Oppose	Governor Mills signed LD 399 into law on June 30, 2023  LD 437 was killed in committee. No further action to be taken.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony."</a>
Repeal Maine's statewide single-use plastic bag ban ( <a href="#">LD 425</a> )	Oppose	Senate voted 24-9 against the bill; House voted 80-64 against the bill. Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Create vehicle-to-grid pilot project with electric school buses ( <a href="#">LD 519</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed Resolve into law on June 8, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Require EV charging station installation in new commercial and multi-family parking lot construction ( <a href="#">LD 524</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Comprehensively and equitably reform electric rates ( <a href="#">LD 542</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed Resolve into law on June 26, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Remove five-cent fee on bags from retail stores ( <a href="#">LD 572</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Remove 100 MW limit on renewable resources for energy ( <a href="#">LD 622</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Reduce carbon emissions from State vehicles ( <a href="#">LD 655</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Delay implementation of bill that closed out-of-state waste loophole in Maine law ( <a href="#">LD 718</a> )	Oppose	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 23, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Require direct wine shippers to comply with Maine Bottle Bill ( <a href="#">LD 846</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 22, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Prohibit municipalities from prohibiting a particular energy system or distributor ( <a href="#">LD 894</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Legislative approval of Aroostook County transmission project ( <a href="#">LD 924</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed Resolve into law on June 22, 2023



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Create 21st century electric grid ( <a href="#">LD 952</a> )	Support	<a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>  Governor Mills signed Resolve into law on June 22, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Reduces the need for plastic water bottles by installing water refilling stations in schools ( <a href="#">LD 957</a> )	Support	  House and Senate passed to be enacted on July 25  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Ban use and sale of painted lead fishing jigs, to protect loons ( <a href="#">LD 958</a> )	Support	  Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 20, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Requires grocery stores to donate or divert surplus food and food waste instead of disposal in landfills and incinerators ( <a href="#">LD 959</a> )	Support	  Bill pulled by sponsor. No further action to be taken.

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Create a Forest Advisory Board to bring together a variety of viewpoints to share information, facilitate public input, and look at the forest comprehensively ( <a href="#">LD 993</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Lengthens school lunch periods to reduce wasted food and establishes share bins to safely redistribute uneaten food ( <a href="#">LD 1002</a> )	Support	House and Senate passed the bill  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Establishes goals and requirements to reduce and divert food waste in Maine ( <a href="#">LD 1009</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024 legislative session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations ( <a href="#">LD 1141</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Promote passenger rail service for commuters ( <a href="#">LD 1170</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Increase fees for solid waste generators ( <a href="#">LD 1171</a> )	Neither For Nor Against	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Balance renewable energy development and natural and working land conservation ( <a href="#">LD 1227</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024 legislative session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Increase protection for threatened and endangered species habitat from development ( <a href="#">LD 1246</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 12, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Extend funding for the Land for Maine's Future program ( <a href="#">LD 1285</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024 legislative session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Eliminate net energy billing policy ( <a href="#">LD 1347</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further actions to be taken.

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Proposed amendments to Maine's Metallic Mineral Mining Act ( <a href="#">LD 1363</a> )	Support	<a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> Governor Mills signed the bill into law on July 7, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Require adoption of sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions limits ( <a href="#">LD 1411</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 20, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Have State add water refill stations in State buildings ( <a href="#">LD 1418</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Require the PUC to adopt rules promoting renewable energy ( <a href="#">LD 1431</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Proposed legislation related to Maine's Mining Law (two bills: <a href="#">LD 1433</a> and <a href="#">LD 1476</a> )	Oppose	Both bills are dead. No further action on either.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Advance Maine's public transit system through Public Transit Advisory Council and increased funding ( <a href="#">LD 1559</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 26, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Surcharge on electric vehicle registrations to fund Maine's highway fund ( <a href="#">LD 1572</a> )	Oppose	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Promote reuse of contaminated land for renewable energy development ( <a href="#">LD 1591</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 26, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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An Act Regarding Environmental Justice ( <a href="#">LD 1621</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Reduce plastic packaging waste ( <a href="#">LD 1645</a> )	Neither For Nor Against	Bill died in non-concurrence. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Verify global greenhouse gas emissions for certain transmission line projects ( <a href="#">LD 1658</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further action.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Protect Maine's Solid Waste Hierarchy by not allowing "advanced recycling" technologies to count as recycling ( <a href="#">LD 1660</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Require and encourage safe interconnected transportation construction projects ( <a href="#">LD 1674</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 20, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Create Maine experiential education program ( <a href="#">LD 1682</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Changes to eligibility for Tree Growth Tax program ( <a href="#">LD 1685</a> )	Oppose	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Establish a clean hydrogen pilot program ( <a href="#">LD 1775</a> )	Oppose	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Phase out certain fluorescent light bulbs ( <a href="#">LD 1814</a> )	Support	Bill became law without governor's signature on July 5, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Establish an outdoor school for all Maine students program ( <a href="#">LD 1817</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Related to port facilities for offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine ( <a href="#">LD 1818</a> )	Support	Bill placed in legislative dead file.  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Advance Maine's clean energy goals ( <a href="#">LD 1830</a> )	Support	EUT Committee requested this bill be carried over to 2024 session  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Modify visual impact standards for offshore wind ports ( <a href="#">LD 1847</a> )	Support	Bill is dead. No further actions  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Compensation fees and conservation efforts to protect soil and habitat related to wind & solar projects ( <a href="#">LD 1881</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on July 26, 2023  <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Expand the use of funds to support land conservation ( <a href="#">LD 1969</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on June 23, 2023



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Net Energy Billing, distributed solar, and energy storage systems ([LD 1986](#))

Support

Governor Mills signed the bill into law on July 10, 2023

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Restore access to federal laws beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations ([LD 2004](#))

Support

House and Senate failed to override Governor Mills' veto of this bill

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