



# Natural Resources Council of Maine

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2024 Priority Legislation	NRCM Position	Status Update & Actions to Take
Investing in trails statewide through a Maine Trails Bond ( <a href="#">LD 1156</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on April 22, 2024. The Maine Trails Bond will now appear on the November ballot. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> <a href="#">Read fact sheet.</a> <a href="#">Learn more about the Maine Trails Bond.</a>
Recognizing the inherent sovereignty of the Wabanaki Nations ( <a href="#">LD 2007</a> ) Note: bill was amended to become "An Act Regarding the Criminal Jurisdiction of Tribal Courts and to Extend the Time for the Penobscot Nation to Certify Its Agreement to Public Law 2023, Chapter 369"	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on April 22, 2024. To learn more about the Wabanaki Alliance and their work, <a href="#">visit their website.</a> <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Customer costs and environmental & health effects of natural gas ( <a href="#">LD 2077</a> )	Support	Passed to be engrossed as amended by both House and Senate. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Provide free access to State Parks for Indigenous people ( <a href="#">LD 25</a> )	Support	Bill passed to be enacted by the House on February 1 and the Senate on February 6. Placed on appropriations table on February 6. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a> <a href="#">Read Portland Press Herald article.</a>
Establish zero-emission vehicle-to-grid pilot program for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles ( <a href="#">LD 122</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on March 14, 2024. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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Funding for Maine Climate Corps ( <a href="#">LD 142</a> )	Support	Bill carried over to 2024 and placed on appropriations table <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Ensure recyclability labeling of plastic containers and plastic packaging materials ( <a href="#">LD 295</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on April 2, 2024. <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	Bill became law without governor's signature on January 7, 2024 <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
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 and placed on appropriations table <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Establishes goals and requirements to reduce and divert food waste in Maine ( <a href="#">LD 1009</a> )	Support	House and Senate both passed to be engrossed as amended, and bill now placed on appropriations table <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 and placed on appropriations table <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 and placed on appropriations table <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Have State add water refill stations in State buildings ( <a href="#">LD 1418</a> )	Support	Bill placed in legislative dead files. No further action on this bill. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Amend tariff rates and billing credits under Net Energy Billing ( <a href="#">LD 1465</a> )	Oppose	Bill placed in legislative dead files. No further action on this bill. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Changes to Chapter 200, Maine's mining rules ( <a href="#">LD 1471</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed Resolve on April 16, 2024 <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 and placed on appropriations table <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 became law without the Governor's signature on March 5, 2024 <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Create Maine experiential education program ( <a href="#">LD 1682</a> )	Support	Bill is carried over to 2024 and placed on appropriations table <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Changes to eligibility for Tree Growth Tax program ( <a href="#">LD 1685</a> )	Oppose	Bill was placed in legislative dead file on February 13, 2024, with no further action to be taken. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Establish a clean hydrogen pilot program ( <a href="#">LD 1775</a> )	Oppose	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on March 19, 2024. <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 and placed on appropriations table <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Advance Maine's clean energy goals ( <a href="#">LD 1830</a> )	Support	Bill was placed in legislative dead file on January 3, 2024, with no further action to be taken. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Future of clean energy transmission in Northern Maine ( <a href="#">LD 1963</a> )	Support	House and Senate passed amended bill to be enacted on April 16. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Allow businesses to provide food in reusable containers and be able to receive them back to sanitize and reuse ( <a href="#">LD 2091</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed the bill into law on March 6, 2024. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Shoreland zoning protections ( <a href="#">LD 2101</a> )	Support	Governor Mills signed bill into law on April 9, 2024. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>
Responsibility for activities to increase use of refillable and	Neither For Nor Against	Governor Mills signed bill into law on March 6, 2024. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>

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reusable beverage containers ( <a href="#">LD 2134</a> )		
Enhance utility performance-based ratemaking ( <a href="#">LD 2172</a> )	Support	Bill placed in legislative dead file on April 1. No further action on this bill. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony</a>
Bill related to heat pump program at Efficiency Maine ( <a href="#">LD 2206</a> )	Oppose	Bill placed in legislative dead files. No further action on this bill.
Move decisions on emissions rules from the Board of Environmental Protection to the Legislature ( <a href="#">LD 2261</a> )	Oppose	Governor Mills signed bill into law on April 12, 2024. <a href="#">Read NRCM testimony.</a>