

Policy

Toolkit

A guide to climate policy



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Maine

Introduction

Hello!

My name is Javan Santos and I am the Policy Manager for The Climate Initiative. Through these policy toolkits, I hope to show youth that policy can be simple and accessible for young people who are passionate about making change in their community. I started writing policy when I was in high school and have worked in policy for almost seven years now. The experience and knowledge from those years are poured into these toolkits for youth to use to make a difference in climate advocacy. Whether you are hoping to analyze policy, talk to a policymaker, or learn about what it takes to turn an idea into a law, I hope that you will learn something helpful in the resources these toolkits provide.

After you learn the fundamentals of navigating policy, this toolkit also comes with a run down of several different state-specific policy tools. In it, you'll find a history of climate policy in your state, legislators that are supportive of climate policy according to organizations within your state, and other useful information. Climate advocacy is not easy, and there is so much at stake for youth if nothing is done. My hope is that these toolkits will provide you all you need to make much needed change in your state and your community!

If you have any questions or thoughts on how we at The Climate Initiative can help your advocacy, please feel free to reach out to me at:
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Maine Policy Landscape

Maine has several policies seeking to address the state's impact on climate change. As a climate advocate, it is important to know what policies are already being implemented so that you can push your government even further. Find below what's already happening in Maine at the policy level and a brief explanation of what impact it has. Understanding these policies is the first step to knowing what to prioritize in your climate advocacy.

Maine Climate Council

- The Maine Climate Council which was created by LD 1679 in June of 2019, and was charged with developing this four-year Climate Action Plan to put Maine on a trajectory to decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.
- "Maine Won't Wait" is the name of the 4 year action plan
 - Backed by the first comprehensive scientific and technical assessment about climate change in Maine in a decade.
- You can find more information about the members of Maine's Climate Council on the Climate Leaders page of this toolkit.



Maine's Climate Action Plan Goals

The Maine Climate Action Plan was a plan that was developed during the COVID-19 Pandemic to address Maine's climate action goals. You can find more information at the [link here](#). Found below is a summary of the plan and its goals and strategies to mitigate climate change.

- Strategy A: Embrace the Future of Transportation in Maine
- Strategy B: Modernize Maine's Buildings: Energy-Efficient, Smart and CostEffective Homes and Businesses
- Strategy C: Reduce Carbon Emissions in Maine's Energy and Industrial Sectors through Clean-Energy Innovation
- Strategy D: Grow Maine's Clean-Energy Economy and Protect Our Natural-Resource Industries
- Strategy E: Protect Maine's Environment and Working Lands and Waters: Promote Natural Climate Solutions and Increase Carbon Sequestration
- Strategy F: Build Healthy and Resilient Communities
- Strategy G: Invest in Climate-Ready Infrastructure
- Strategy H: Engage with Maine People and Communities about Climate Impacts and Program Opportunities

To find out more about the different strategies and more about the potential funding sources to fund this plan, click the [link here](#)!

Currently Enacted Laws

L.D. 1711 - To Promote Solar Energy Projects & Distributed Generation Resources in Maine

- Sponsored by Senator Dana Dow (R)
- Will incentivize at least 375 megawatts (MW) of new distributed generation in Maine, which is expected to be primarily solar photovoltaic (PV) development for projects under 5 MW. The bill creates two separate but complimentary incentives, one for commercial and institutional customers and another for community shared projects, with prices that are set competitively and declining in subsequent procurements.
- Also removes the net energy billing account and size cap; requires that community shared projects serve low- and moderate-income customers; encourages development of landfill and brownfield projects and may incentivize the pairing with energy storage.
- L.D. 1711 allows for a new net energy billing program with an alternative bill credit for non-residential customers.

LD 1494 - Reform Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

- Sponsored by Senator Eloise Vitelli (D)
- Increases Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to achieve 80 percent renewable energy by 2030, up from 40 percent today and a goal of 100% by 2050. In addition, the bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to procure long-term contracts for new clean energy generation, which may be paired with advanced energy storage.
- Requires the creation of a new thermal portfolio standard to incentivize efficient heating and cooling installations, contains several cost containment mechanisms including a \$50 cap on alternative compliance payments, and requires renewable energy policy studies to be conducted in conjunction with other planning efforts.
- This bill gives Maine one of most ambitious RPS programs in the country.

LD 1682 - Require Consideration of Climate Impacts by the Public Utilities Commission & Incorporate Equity Considerations in Decision Making by State Agencies

- [Energy News Article](#)
- Sponsored by Representative Victoria Doudera (D)
- Requires the Governor's Policy office to define "environmental justice" "environmental justice populations", "frontliner communities" and any other relative climate justice and equity definitions.
- Also requires them to submit a report by 2022 for any equity recommendations for the implementation of PUC policies for equity.

LD 1572 - Resolve to Analyze The Impact of Sea Level Rise

- Sponsored by Representative Blume (D) (York) (Governor's Bill)
- Requires government agencies to review rules and suggest new rules in response to sea level rise.
- Requires them to assess the impacts of a 1.5 foot level rise by 2050 and the impacts of a 4 foot rise by 2100.

H.P. 1113 - Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution (PFAS)

- Representative Gramlich (Old Orchard Beach) and Senator Bennett (Oxford)
- Maine became the first state to ban PFAS or "forever chemicals" by 2030.
- PFAS is a chemical found in almost everything in our daily lives and has been associated with many health issues for people.

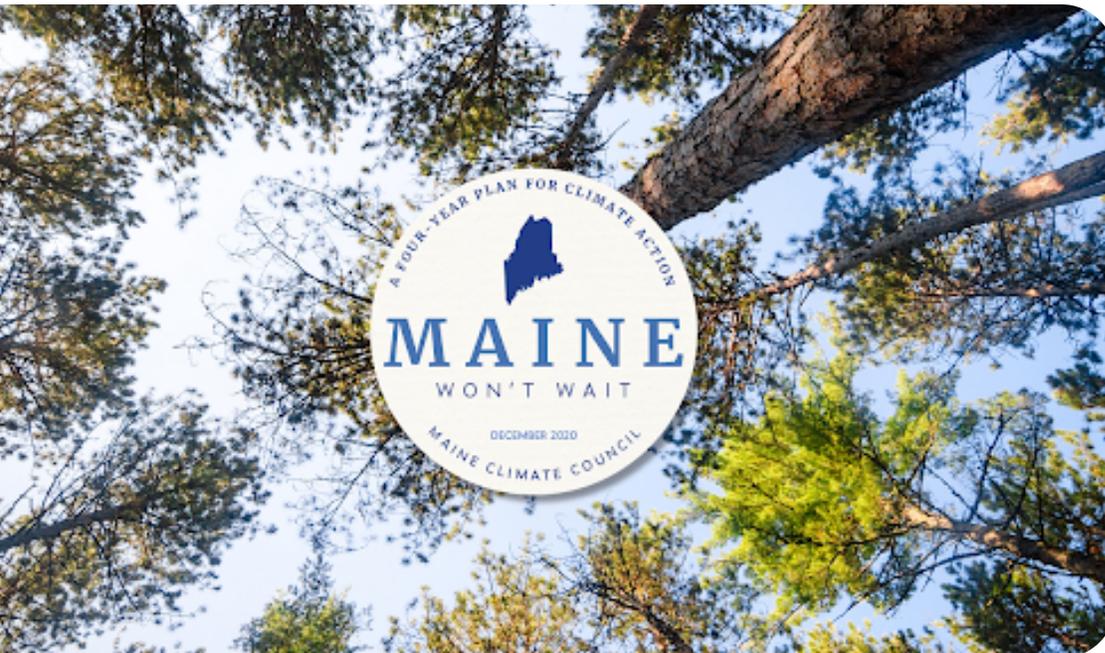
LD 99 - Require the State to Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry

- Representative Margaret O'Neil (D) (Saco)
- An act restricting the government and its retirement fund from investing in any stocks or bonds related to the fossil fuel industry.
- Removes ways that fossil fuels perpetuate their existence through being a "profitable" investment option.

H.P. 1146

- Rep Nicole Grohoski (D) (Ellsworth)
- A bill shifting the cost of recycling away from the consumer and onto the companies.
- Creates a packaging stewardship fund that will receive payments based on the amount of packaging a company produces.
- Will be implemented in 2023

In addition to bills that are currently passed as law, it's important to recognize those bills that are still in the process or have failed to pass. Bills that are vetoed can come back again in some shape or form, so learning about them now can help prepare you for future discussions.



Bills Not Enacted: Pending

This list shows bills that are currently being discussed in your state legislature! Please return to this toolkit occasionally to see updates on the progress of these policies.

LD 1256

- Representative Lookner (D) and Senator Miramant (D)
- To require all bills and rules to either get a Climate Impact Note or to get a Climate Impact Waiver, meaning that any government policy will have to state in pounds the climate impact it will have.

LD 1554

- Representative Wadsworth (R) and Senator Aroostook (R)
- Provides loans for businesses to sustainably transition their businesses to help meet Maine's climate goals.

LD 1350

- Senator Vitelli (D)
- Amends State's renewable portfolio standards to authorize two additional competitive solicitations to make 15% more of Maine's total energy generation renewable energy.
- Known as a resource to expand Maine's green energy economy, due to government purchase of renewables and providing credit to renewable energy.



Bills Not Enacted: Failed

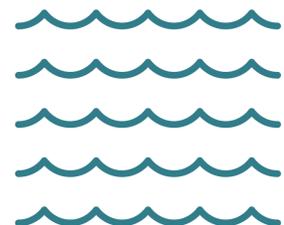
Not all bills are able to become law, and some of them either get stuck in the process or get directly opposed. This does not mean that the bill cannot be reintroduced at a time when there is more support for it! Knowing some bills that have not been able to make it through the process in the past can inspire creative solutions to push these policies again in the future!

LD 1708

- Rep. Seth Berry (D) and Senator Richard Bennett (R)
- To enact the Pine Tree Power Company to shift from privately owned energy utilities to community owned.
- Was changed to allow the question to be sent to the voters.
- Would create an elected board elected by Maine energy consumers that would run the power company, but will seek a petition so that the law or the question can be placed on the ballot.

LD 602

- Senator David Miramaent (D)
- Would have banned single-use plastic straws, splash sticks and beverage lid plugs.
- Would have required a fee for all non-plastic single use containers of at least five cents.



Maine Climate Leaders

The Maine Climate Council is Maine's appointed leaders to address the climate crisis. This council is responsible for making plans and policy to deal with the climate crisis in Maine. These people all have a stake in working towards mitigating the climate crisis. Find more info at the [link here!](#)

Members of the Maine Climate Council

Co-Chairs:

- Hannah Pingree, Director of the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future
- Melanie Loyzim, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection

Members of the State Legislature:

- Representative Lydia Blume (D)
- Representative Richard Campbell (R)
- Senator Everett Brownie Carson (D)
- Senator David Woodsome (R)

Members of the Executive Branch, or their designees:

- Amanda Beal, Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
- Dan Burgess, Director of the Governor's Energy Office

Members of the Executive Branch, or their designees CONT.:

- Judy Camuso, Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Major General
- Doug Farnham, Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
- Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner of the Department Administrative and Financial Services
 - Designee: Elaine Clarke, Chief Facilities Officer
- Laura Fortman, Commissioner of the Department of Labor
 - Designee: Kim Moore, Director of the Bureau of Employment Services
- Heather Johnson, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development
- Patrick Keliher, Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources

Members of the Maine Climate Council Cont.

Members of the Executive Branch, or their designees CONT.:

- Pender Makin, Commissioner of the Department of Education
 - Designee: Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities and support from
- Page Nichols, DOE Director of Innovation
- Bruce Van Note, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation
- Jeanne Lambrew, Commissioner of Department of Health and Human Services
 - Designees: Nirav Shah, Director of the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Susan Breau, Hydrogeologist - Water Resources Team Manager, Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Members of Quasi-Government Agencies:

- Dan Brennan, Executive Director of the Maine State Housing Authority
- Michael Stoddard, Executive Director of Efficiency Maine Trust
- Members Representing Environmental Nonprofit Organizations or Foundations:
 - Alexander Buck, President, Horizon Foundation
 - Kate Dempsey, Maine State Director for The Nature Conservancy

Members with Expertise in Climate Change Science:

- Ivan Fernandez, Distinguished Professor at the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute & School of Forest Resources

Members with Expertise in Resilience, Climate-Change Adaptation, Emergency Management, or Disaster-Risk Reduction:

- Judy East, Executive Director of the Land Use Planning Commission
- Kristina Ford, Selectwoman for Town of Boothbay (resigned November 9, 2020)

Members of the Maine Climate Council Cont.

Other Members:

- Jessie Perkins, Executive Director of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce
- Expert on State's Energy Sector: Ken Colburn, Energy and Climate Expert
- Representative of Manufacturing Industry: Benedict Cracolici, Energy Manager for Sappi North America
- Representative of Maine's Tribes: Ambassador Maulian Dana, Penobscot Nation
- Representative of Municipal Government: Steven C. Golieb, Town Councilor for the Town of Millinocket
Representative of Small Business: Daniel Kleban, Owner of Maine Beer Company
- Representative of Agriculture: Melissa Law, Owner of Bumbleroot Organic Farm in Windham
Representative of Building and Construction Trades: Matt Marks, Executive Director of the Associated General Contractors of Maine
- Representative of Marine Fisheries: Patrice McCarron, Executive Director of Maine Lobsterman's Association
- Representative of Business: Jeff Saucier, Environmental Control for McCain's Foods
- Representative of Labor: Matt Schlobohm, Executive Director of the Maine AFL-CIO
- Representative of Forest Industry: Patrick Strauch, Executive Director of the Maine Forest Products Council
- Representative of Maine Youth: Ania Wright, Student at the College of the Atlantic

Legislative Branch

Maine Senate:

- 35 Senators
- 22 Democrats
- 12 Republicans
- Troy D. Jackson Senate President (D) District 1
- Each Senator is elected for a term of two years and limited to four consecutive terms. A Senator must be a citizen of Maine for at least one year, be a resident of the district for at least 3 months prior to the election and continue to reside within the district during the term of office, and be at least 25 years of age at the time of election.

Maine House of Representatives:

- 151 members
- 80 democrats
- 65 republicans
- 4 independents
- 1 libertarian
- 3 non voting seats for members representing the Penobscot Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
- Christopher W. Babbidge (D) is the Kennebunk representative.
- Traci Gere (D) is the Kennebunkport representative.
- [Click here to reach your local legislator](#)

Legislative Council: Administrative body for the Legislative Branch of State government

- Speaker Ryan M. Fecteau, Chair
- President Troy D. Jackson, Vice-Chair
- Senator Eloise A. Vitelli, Senate Majority Leader
- Senator Matthea Daughtry, Senate Assistant Majority Leader
- Senator Jeffrey L. Timberlake, Senate Minority Leader
- Senator Matthew Pouliot, Senate Assistant Minority Leader
- Representative Michelle Dunphy, House Majority Leader
- Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, House Assistant Majority Leader
- Representative Kathleen R. J. Dillingham, House Minority Leader
- Representative Joel Stetkis, House Assistant Minority Leader

Key Climate Officials

Key Climate Officials - Identified with Data from the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) and the Maine League of Conservation Voters (MLCV). An important part of advocating is knowing who to talk to! Here's some information on some of the state legislators that other orgs have found to be aligned with environmental and climate missions.

State Legislators and their Track Records:

- Representative Lydia Blume (D)
 - On Maine's Climate Council
 - 100% 2019-2020 MCV Score and 96% Lifetime Score
- Representative Richard Campbell (R) (Previous)
 - On Maine's Climate Council
 - 29% Session MCV Score and 18% Lifetime Score
- Representative Jim Thorne (Current)
- Senator Everett Brownie Carson (D) (Previous)
 - On Maine's Climate Council
 - 100% Scores on MCV
- Senator CHloe Maxmin (D) (Current)
 - Wrote the State Divestment from the fossil fuel industry bill
 - Wrote two Bills supported by NRCM
 - LD 155, to prevent certain pesticides for outdoor residential use.
 - LD 437 TO establish a maine healthy soils program
- Senator David Woodsome (R)
 - 50% Session MCV Score and 66% MCV Lifetime Score
- Representative Christopher Kessler
 - Sponsored Bill that Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) supports
 - To provide for Maine's Participation in Atlantic Loop Energy Project, a Canadian electrical grid that is meant to make renewable energy more accessible.
 - Another use of state law in foreign relations
 - 100% MCV Session Score and Lifetime Score

Key Climate Officials Cont.

State Legislators and their Track Records:

- Representative Seth Berry
 - Introduced 3 bills the NRCM supports:
 - The Bill to create the Pine Tree Power Company LD 1708
 - Act to Continue the Green Power Electricity Offer LD 304
 - Act to improve consumer protections for community solar projects.
 - 86% Session MCV Score and 96% Lifetime Score
- Representative Nicole Grohoski
 - Introduced three bills that the NRCM supports:
 - LD 170, regulates nonessential transmission lines and protects people from added costs related to non essential transmission lines, also requires greenhouse gas reduction goals to be considered in establishing these lines.
 - LD 347, requires local jurisdictions to submit to Maine's PUC a rate for their utilities.
 - LD 1541, act that puts the onus on producers for their packaging.
 - 86% Session Score and Lifetime Score
- Senator Heather Sanborn
 - Introduced two bills that NRCM supports
 - LD 340, allows local jurisdictions to assess a green energy program to finance green energy in certain areas.
 - LD 1708 in the Senate
 - 100% MCV Session and Lifetime Score

Maine State Policy History

Found below is a history of some of the most noteworthy climate laws passed by the state of Maine! Follow the links below if you're interested in learning just what your state has done to respond to climate change. Find [more info here!](#)



Act to Promote Clean Energy Jobs and to Establish the Maine Climate Council

- June 26th, 2019

LD 563 - Maine Act to Help Municipalities Prepare for Sea Level Rise

- May 29th, 2019
- Allows coastal municipalities and regions to consider sea level rise during their development and infrastructure planning.

Act to Promote Clean Energy Jobs and to Establish the Maine Climate Council

- June 26th, 2019

Maine LD 1602 – Establishes a Commission to study the impacts of ocean acidification in Maine

- April 30th, 2014

Maine SP0733, LD 1818 - "Resolve, To Continue Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation Options for the State"

- April 1st, 2010
- [Learn more here](#)

Maine SP0163 / LD 460 - "Resolve, To Evaluate Climate Change Adaptation Options for the State"

- April 23rd, 2009

Maine Sand Dune Rules

- June 8th, 2006

Maine has many firsts when it comes to environmental policy! Here are a few examples of how Maine is trailblazing in the realm of environmental policy.

- Maine is the first state to pass a climate change law in 2003
 - [Read more here](#)
- Maine is the first state to ban PFAS
 - PFAS are artificial chemicals found to be harmful, [read more about Maine's ban here.](#)
- Maine is the first state to ban styrofoam
 - [Read more here](#)
- Spurred by the National Resource Council of Maine and concerned citizens, Maine is the first state to pass a law requiring major auto manufacturers to establish and fund a system for the removal and safe disposal of mercury containing components in old cars before they are scrapped.
- Maine is the first state to bring in product stewardship, a policy where product manufacturers would be mandated to finance collection as well as recycle to minimize the waste of product manufacturing in the state.
 - [Read more here](#)



Bill Guide



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2021

Legislative Document

No. 1541

H.P. 1146

House of Representatives, April 22, 2021

An Act To Support and Improve Municipal Recycling Programs and Save Taxpayer Money

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 20, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GROHOSKI of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: HANLEY of Pittston, KESSLER of South Portland, PLUECKER of Warren,
SKOLFIELD of Weld, ZEIGLER of Montville, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, BRENNER
of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland.

Bill Number

Tells you which chamber the bill is from and assigns a number for easy reference.

The State of Maine has two numbers: LD (legislative document) followed by a number and either HP (House Paper) or SP (Senate Paper) telling you which chamber's version you are reading.

Bill Title

Describes what the bill hopes to achieve.

Sponsor Line

Tells you who the primary sponsor is, or which legislator is leading the push for the bill. It also lists cosponsors and the sponsors in other chambers.

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Line Numbers

Line numbers are required in every section of the bill to allow for easy reference.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**
2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2146** is enacted to read: 
3 **§2146. Stewardship program for packaging**
4 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
5 following terms have the following meanings.
6 A. "Alternative collection program" means a program for the management of
7 packaging material that is operated by an individual producer or group of producers
8 and that has been approved by the department in accordance with subsection 8.
9 B. "Brand" has the same meaning as in section 1771, subsection 1.
10 C. "Collection" means the gathering of waste, including the preliminary sorting and
11 storage of waste for the purposes of transport to a recycling establishment.
12 D. "Franchisee" means a person that is granted a franchise by a franchisor authorizing
13 the use of the franchisor's trade name, service mark or related characteristic and the
14 sharing of the franchisor's proprietary knowledge or processes pursuant to an oral or
15 written arrangement for a definite or indefinite period.
16 E. "Franchisor" means a person that grants to a franchisee a franchise authorizing the
17 use of the person's trade name, service mark or related characteristic and the sharing of
18 the person's proprietary knowledge or processes pursuant to an oral or written
19 arrangement for a definite or indefinite period.
20 F. "Low-volume producer" means a producer that sold, offered for sale or distributed
21 for sale in or into the State during the prior calendar year products contained, protected,
22 delivered, presented or distributed in or using more than one ton but less than 15 tons
23 of packaging material in total.
24 G. "Municipality" means a city, town, county, township, village or plantation; a refuse
25 disposal district under chapter 17; or a regional association.
26 H. "Packaging material" means a discrete type of material, or a category of material
27 that includes multiple discrete types of material with similar management requirements
28 and similar commodity values, used for the containment, protection, delivery,
29 presentation or distribution of a product, including a product sold over the Internet, at
30 the time that the product leaves a point of sale with or is received by the consumer of
31 the product. "Packaging material" does not include a discrete type of material, or a
32 category of material that includes multiple discrete types of material, that is:
33 (1) Intended to be used for the long-term storage or protection of a durable product
34 and that can be expected to be usable for that purpose for a period of at least 5
35 years;
36 (2) A beverage container, as defined in section 3102, subsection 2, subject to the
37 requirements of chapter 33; or
38 (3) A container for architectural paint, as defined in section 2144, subsection 1,
39 paragraph A, that is collected through a paint stewardship program that is in
40 operation and that has been approved by the department pursuant to section 2144,
41 as long as the stewardship organization operating that program;

Section Title

States what legislative action is taking place (Amend, Add, Repeal, etc) Also states what part of the law is changed. This Section Amends Title 38 of Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (MRSA), Section 2146

Definitions Section

A List of terms that will be used throughout the bill and their exact meaning for the purposes of this bill

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1 (2) Has a consistent market for purchase. For the purposes of this subparagraph,
2 "consistent market for purchase" means, with respect to a type of packaging
3 material, that entities processing recyclable material are willing to purchase full
4 bales of that type of fully sorted packaging material in quantities equal to or in
5 excess of the supply of that fully sorted packaging material.

6 "Readily recyclable" does not include types of packaging material that entities that
7 process recyclable material generally accept only in small quantities or that such
8 entities typically sort out from other recyclable material during processing.

9 Q. "Recycling" has the same meaning as in section 1771, subsection 7.

10 R. "Reuse" has the same meaning as in section 1771, subsection 8.

11 S. "Similar municipalities" means 2 or more municipalities that, as determined by
12 department rule in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection 13, paragraph
13 A, subparagraph (3), have similar population sizes, geographic locations, proximity to
14 resources and regional recycling capacity and other factors determined by the
15 department to affect the costs associated with the collection, processing, transportation
16 and recycling or disposal of packaging material by municipalities.

17 T. "Toxicity" means, with respect to packaging material, the presence in packaging
18 material or the use in the manufacturing, recycling or disposal of packaging material
19 of intentionally introduced metals or chemicals regulated pursuant to Title 32, chapter
20 26-A; food contact chemicals of high concern or priority food contact chemicals
21 regulated pursuant to Title 32, chapter 26-B; or chemicals of concern, chemicals of
22 high concern or priority chemicals identified pursuant to chapter 16-D.

23 **2. Producer exemptions.** Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
24 contrary, a producer is exempt from the requirements and prohibitions of this section in
25 any calendar year in which:

26 A. The producer realized less than \$2,000,000 in total gross revenue during the prior
27 calendar year;

28 B. The producer sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State during
29 the prior calendar year products contained, protected, delivered, presented or
30 distributed in or using less than one ton of packaging material in total; or

31 C. The producer realized more than 50% of its total gross revenue in the prior calendar
32 year from the sale of goods it acquired through insurance salvages, closeouts,
33 bankruptcies and liquidations.

34 A producer claiming an exemption under this subsection shall provide to the department
35 sufficient information to demonstrate that the producer meets the requirements for an
36 exemption under this subsection within 30 days of receiving a request from the department
37 to provide such information.

38 **3. Selection of stewardship organization; contract.** Consistent with the
39 requirements of this subsection, the department shall select and enter into a contract with a
40 packaging stewardship organization to operate the packaging stewardship program under
41 this section.

42 A. No later than May 1, 2022, and consistent with applicable competitive bidding
43 requirements under state purchasing laws, the department shall issue a request for

Substantive Language

The Language that dictates the policy to be enacted. Section 2 exempts certain producers from this policy and section 3 requires The Department of Environmental Protection to enter into a contract.

Maine City & County Climate Change Policies

Portland, Maine

- The City of Portland has committed to reducing community wide greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050 and transitioning to 100% clean energy for municipal operations by 2040.
- Collaborating with the municipality of South Portland to do inventories of greenhouse gas emissions.

Bangor, Maine

- Has passed a climate change emergency resolution in the anticipation of more specific policy proposals to follow.

Cumberland County, Maine

- Cumberland County released a survey to people in the area to assess how climate change will impact the county and what steps would be acceptable to the community.
- This is great research to build a policy foundation on and is not often seen when policy is created.

York County, Maine

- Hired a Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency Coordinator to create a new climate change action plan for the region, and to develop a collaborative approach to tackling sea level rise and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Maine Legislature Template

Email javan@theclimateinitiative.org for a Word Document template for writing your own bills!



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Thank you!