



Maine Conservation Voters

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD

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Welcome

Dear Friends of Maine's Environment and Democracy,

Our time is a study in contrasts.

At this moment, we are celebrating a banner year for Maine's environment, climate, and democracy.

Together with Governor Janet Mills, the Maine Legislature passed significant policies that equitably tackle climate change, invest in healthy communities, protect our environment and democracy, and advance environmental justice.

Members and supporters like you — along with partners from across conservation, climate, public health, democracy, and social justice organizations — helped stop the practice of filling Maine's landfills with out-of-state waste; raised water quality standards for more than 800 miles of rivers and streams; encouraged investments in energy-efficient, affordable, and compact housing; invested in secure and accessible elections; and so much more. The story behind those victories includes your advocacy actions and the astounding number of Maine people who testified before the Legislature!

In the same moment, much of what we value is at risk. The intersecting problems of climate change, economic volatility, racial inequity, and the global pandemic – coupled with nationwide assaults on democratic institutions and the erosion of fundamental rights including voting rights – weigh heavily on all of us. These challenges threaten our collective efforts to create a healthier, safer, and more equitable future for *all* Maine people.

This year, 84 lawmakers scored 100% on Maine's Environmental Scorecard, earning the title of Conservation Champion. Unfortunately, five members of the House scored ZERO on the scorecard, voting against bills that protect our environment, democracy, and communities.

Holding these contradictory truths can be difficult; thank goodness we don't have to do it alone. Thanks to all of you, we have much to celebrate.

Thank you for standing with us as we face consequential threats, seize historic opportunities, and hold our elected officials accountable for their votes. Together, we are bending the arc toward justice and a thriving environment, climate, and democracy in Maine.

With hope and gratitude,



Maureen Drouin
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Executive Director



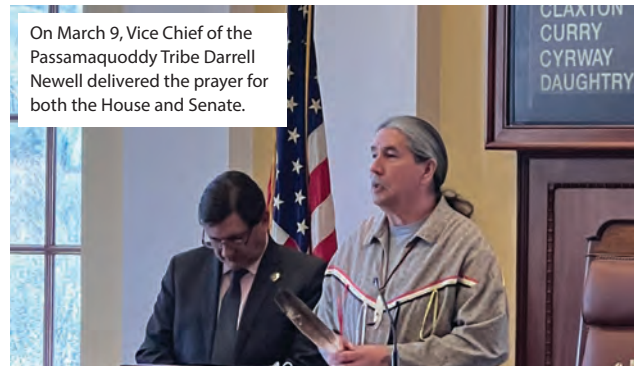
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Tribal Sovereignty Spotlight

The Wabanaki – the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Mi'kmaq Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe, and Penobscot Nation – are the original people of this place. There is no better way to protect tribal lands and waters than to restore tribal sovereignty. Maine Conservation Voters is part of a growing movement committed to the critical and urgent work of recognizing the inherent rights and sovereign powers of the Wabanaki Nations.

More than 40 years ago, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act and the Maine Implementing Act – known as the “Settlement Acts” – established a different, more restrictive status for the Wabanaki Nations than that of all 570 other federally-recognized tribes in the U.S. To this day, the Acts have kept the Wabanaki Nations from being able to regulate matters of criminal and civil jurisdiction, taxation, hunting, fishing, natural resources, and land use on tribal lands and from accessing federal opportunities to expand environmental protections, increase access



On March 9, Vice Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe Darrell Newell delivered the prayer for both the House and Senate.

to health care, respond to natural disasters, foster job creation and economic development, protect safe drinking water, and much more.

Recognizing the myriad impacts and strain that these structural inequities have placed on tribal communities, **the Maine Legislature established a bipartisan task force in 2019 to review and consider changes to the Maine Settlement Act.** The task force proposed reforming and modernizing the Maine Settlement Act, with 22 specific recommendations to restore tribal self-governance to the Wabanaki Nations.

In the 129th Legislature, **Rep. Donna Bailey introduced legislation, LD 2094, to recognize tribal sovereignty** and implement the task force recommendations. The Judiciary Committee heard testimony from 80 people and vigorously vetted the legislation, but the legislature adjourned early due to COVID-19 and did not vote on this consequential bill.



“It is not about special rights, it is about equal rights. When the tribes have increased opportunities and the ability to better protect our most sacred resources, it is good for all of Maine.”

—Penobscot Nation Ambassador Maulian Dana

Tribal sovereignty legislation was taken up again by the 130th Legislature in 2021, when **Assistant House Majority Leader Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross** introduced **LD 1626: An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act**. This time, the Judiciary Committee requested a carry-over to allow more time to adequately work the bill.

In 2022, tribal leaders, elders, and citizens were joined by more than 1,800 people who testified in favor of LD 1626 during the nearly 9-hour public hearing or submitted written comments – *making it one of the most supported bills in Maine history*. The bill was backed by more than 100 environmental, faith, youth-led, labor, equal rights, women’s health care, senior, and economic justice groups.

Following the public hearing, people from all across the state participated in the Wabanaki Alliance Coalition’s first Lobby Day in Augusta to continue building support and momentum for LD 1626 and other critical bills. Nearly 100 people gathered in the State House halls, holding homemade signs and educating their legislators about the importance of LD 1626.

In April, LD 1626 passed mostly along party lines in the House (81-55) and without debate in its initial votes in the Senate. The bill was then enacted by the House and sent back to the Senate – but **Governor Mills** asked Democratic Senators to keep the bill from reaching her desk, threatening to veto the legislation altogether if it was enacted. The Senate complied and the bill was left unfinished when the legislature adjourned.



MCV staff members (left) and Rep. Jeff Evangelos (bottom left), Sen. Anne Carney (bottom center), and Asst. House Majority Leader Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross (bottom right) with constituents on Wabanaki Alliance Lobby Day.



“Our ancestors made sacrifices so we could be here today, and it is our sacred duty to continue to press for full restoration and recognition of Wabanaki sovereignty.”

—Wabanaki Nations Statement Regarding L.D. 1626, April 26, 2022

The Mills Administration was the primary obstacle to passing tribal sovereignty, testifying in opposition to both LDs 2094 and 1626. At the same time LD 1626 was moving forward through the legislative process, Wabanaki leaders and the Mills Administration were in discussions about possible areas of agreement. This ultimately resulted in a narrowly-focused bill, LD 585, that provided benefits to the Wabanaki Nations available to other federally-recognized tribes in the areas of taxation and sports betting.

The movement for tribal sovereignty and justice for the Wabanaki Nations will continue – and the resilience and strength of Wabanaki leaders, elders, and citizens are unmatched. The sovereign rights of the Wabanaki Nations are inherent, not for any other government to grant or revoke. This is a fact that every other state in the nation respects. It is time for the State of Maine to do the same.



To learn more about Wabanaki history, tribal sovereignty, and sign-up for the Wabanaki Alliance’s email list, go to WabanakiAlliance.com.

You can also follow the Wabanaki Alliance on social media at:



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Securing Access to Clean Drinking Water



LD 906: An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water

Sponsored by Rep. Rena Newell

LD 906 improves access to safe drinking water for the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and surrounding communities. For decades, the public water supply delivered by the state-regulated Passamaquoddy Water District has often been discolored, odorous, and tainted with high levels of carcinogens – and systemic barriers have blocked efforts to address the unsafe and deteriorating water system. LD 906 is a victory in the fight for clean drinking water for all communities. It assigns jurisdiction over Passamaquoddy drinking water to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, not the State of Maine, enabling the tribe to regulate its own drinking water under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. It also opens the door to new federal funding opportunities and gives the Passamaquoddy Water District critically needed financial support.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #586 April 19, 2022	Senate Roll Call #749 April 13, 2022
✓ 104	✓ 21
✗ 33	✗ 11
A 10	A 0
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“Having access to clean, clear, odorless drinking water is a basic human need and is vital to healthy living and survival.”

—Rep. Rena Newell



148 REGISTRANTS

for MCV's Lunch & Learn featuring

Rep. Rena Newell
and **Attorney and Passamaquoddy Tribal Citizen Corey Hinton**



105 EMAILS
to legislators



75 PHONE CALLS
on Wabanaki Alliance Lobby Day

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:



Hundreds of Maine people gathered for the Rally for Clean Drinking Water in April.

LD 906 was heard in the Maine Legislature's Judiciary Committee, which voted on the bill along party lines—the Democrats supporting it and the Republicans opposing. When the bill reached the full legislature, the House had a protracted debate. Three Republican members of the Judiciary Committee argued against the bill's passage while 14 Representatives rose in support, from both sides of the aisle. In the Senate, seven members rose to speak on the bill; only two Republican Senators—**Sens. Rick Bennett** and **Scott Cyrway**—voted for the legislation along with all of the Democrats in the Senate. In the House, 24 Republicans cast supportive votes alongside all of the Democrats and Independents, and the powerful House vote (104-33) on the heels of the rally at the State House, persuaded **Governor Mills** to negotiate with the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik on bill specifics. An agreement was reached and the Governor signed the bill into law.



Closing the Out-of-State Waste Loophole



LD 1639: An Act To Protect the Health and Welfare of Maine Communities and Reduce Harmful Solid Waste

Sponsored by Sen. Anne Carney

LD 1639 closes the loophole in Maine’s waste management laws that allowed Massachusetts and other New England states to truck their construction and demolition waste to the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town. The loophole classified waste as “in-state” once it entered a solid waste processing facility in Maine, no matter where it originated, and allowed nearly 40 tons of out-of-state waste to be dumped at Juniper Ridge nearly every day. Rapidly filling landfills require expansions and lead to increased pollution, which disproportionately impacts the Penobscot Nation, residents living near the landfill, and the Penobscot River and Bay. This legislation will help protect Maine’s environment and public health.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #549 April 11, 2022	Senate Roll Call #714 April 7, 2022
✓ 102	✓ 32
✗ 25	✗ 0
A 20	A 0
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182 REGISTRANTS
for MCV's 2021
Lunch & Learn
featuring Don't Waste ME

207 REGISTRANTS
for MCV's 2022
Lunch & Learn

289 EMAILS
to legislators

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:



Don't Waste ME, a citizen action group supporting waste policies that strengthen communities and protect the environment, organized around this issue of environmental justice, and their tenacity and determination led to this victory. Efforts of Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition were led by the Natural Resources Council of Maine and Community Action Works, with Conservation Law Foundation playing a key supporting role.



In the Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee, the Democrats were joined by Republican **Sen. Rick Bennett** in voting for LD 1639. Bill sponsor **Sen. Anne Carney** agreed to offer an amendment to push the effective date of the legislation to February 2023 and called on the ENR Committee, with support from Maine's Department of Environmental Protection, to consider ways to recycle in-state demolition and construction waste. These changes solidified bipartisan support and the Senate vote was unanimous, 34-0. There was no debate in the House, where the Democrats were joined by 25 Republicans in voting in favor of the legislation. **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.

Planning for the Electric Grid of the Future



LD 1959: An Act Regarding Utility Accountability and Grid Planning for Maine's Clean Energy Future

Governor's Bill reported by Sen. Stacy Brenner

LD 1959 holds Maine's large electric utilities accountable to ratepayers and our climate future. It requires Central Maine Power (CMP) and Versant to develop integrated grid plans to improve electric system reliability and resiliency; enable the cost-effective achievement of the greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies in Maine's Climate Action Plan; and assist in the transition to a clean, affordable, and reliable electric grid. LD 1959 also requires separate climate change protection plans including specific actions for addressing the expected impacts of climate change. Crucially, the legislation mandates that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) publish quarterly report cards on utility performance and impose administrative penalties for a utility's poor performance, and provides for a process to divest an underperforming investor-owned utility of its utility assets to a qualified buyer. The PUC must also report back to lawmakers how it can best support this work, including an assessment of staffing and resource needs and its potential use of competitive procurement of goods and services by the utilities and the resource.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #604 April 20, 2022	Senate Roll Call #806 April 25, 2022
✓ 77	✓ 19
✗ 56	✗ 10
A 14	A 0
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149 REGISTRANTS for MCV's Lunch & Learn featuring

Sen. Stacy Brenner and Public Advocate Bill Harwood



130 EMAILS to legislators

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:

One of the last bills to be worked on this session, LD 1959 nearly did not pass. Democrats on the Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT) Committee were divided, with five supporting one version of the bill and four (joined by Republican **Rep. Nathan Carlow**) supporting another. The remaining Republicans on the committee supported a version of the bill preferred by CMP.

Initially, none of the versions or "reports" received a majority vote in the House.



"Stabilizing rates for customers and setting up a framework to achieve our climate goals is so crucial. The sooner we head in the direction where oil and natural gas are not things that Mainers need to depend on in order to drive, heat their homes, and do the work that they need to do, the better off we're all going to be in terms of price volatility." —Sen. Stacy Brenner

Bill sponsor **Sen. Stacy Brenner**; EUT Chair **Sen. Mark Lawrence** and Committee members **Sen. Eloise Vitelli**, **Rep. Melanie Sachs**, **Rep. Paige Zeigler**, and **Rep. Scott Cuddy**, along with **Rep. Lydia Blume**, spent hours advocating for the bill, and the Democratic caucus ultimately reached a compromise on a report that allowed for the competitive procurement of goods and services. The bill passed along strict party lines in the House with the Republicans opposing, 77-56 (with one exception: Democrat **Rep. Kevin O'Connell** voted against). In the Senate, only one Republican supported the bill. **Governor Mills** signed her bill into law.

Upgrading Water Quality Standards for Rivers and Streams



LD 1964: An Act To Update Certain Water Quality Standards and Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

Environment and Natural Resources Committee bill reported by Sen. Stacy Brenner

Every three years, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) makes recommendations to upgrade the water quality classification on Maine's rivers and streams, according to the federal Clean Water Act. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and DEP recommended upgrading the water quality classification on 800 miles of rivers and streams. In a fitting tribute, the Legislature unanimously approved the recommendations.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #483 March 24, 2022	Senate Roll Call #654 March 29, 2022
✓ 129	✓ 33
✗ 0	✗ 0
A 19	A 0
E 0	E 1



“Human talent and ingenuity can tackle seemingly impossible tasks, and this success can give us hope as we face new challenges. This is a tribute to Senator Muskie, and the success of the Clean Water Act.”

—Rep. Ralph Tucker

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:

LD 1964 was part of the Environmental Priorities Coalition's common agenda. The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) led the coalition efforts, with Friends of Casco Bay playing a key supporting role.



In this time of intense partisanship and polarization, the Legislature was unified in protecting Maine waters. On the House floor, **Committee Chair Rep. Ralph Tucker** gave a moving speech about the bill and the Clean Water Act, and thanked all who worked to get us where we are today. He was followed by many of his colleagues, including Republican **Rep. Jeff Hanley**, who spoke about how dirty the rivers were when he was a boy and the transformation that has occurred because of Maine's water quality laws, and Democrat **Rep. John Martin**, who recalled serving as an aide for Maine Senator Ed Muskie when the United States Congress passed the Clean Water Act, overriding a veto from President Richard Nixon. Senators from both sides of the aisle spoke eloquently as well, and **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.



On March 29, the Maine Senate voted unanimously in support of LD 1964.

Preventing PFAS Contamination of Farmland



LD 1911: An Act To Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemicals

Sponsored by Rep. Bill Pluecker

LD 1911 makes Maine the first state in the nation to ban the application of PFAS-contaminated sludge and sludge-derived compost. PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are persistent, toxic chemicals used in products like nonstick pans, food packaging, waterproof jackets, and carpets to repel water, grease, and stains. Even personal care products like sunscreen and shampoo can contain PFAS. Called “forever chemicals” because they build up in our bodies and environment, PFAS can lead to serious health impacts including fertility issues, immunotoxicity, and certain types of cancer. These dangerous chemicals have been so widespread for so long that they contaminate our wastewater — and PFAS-contaminated wastewater sludge has been spread on farmland as fertilizer for decades. This legislation will protect Maine’s farmland from further contamination.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #574 April 15, 2022	Senate Roll Call #754 April 14, 2022
✓ 85	✓ 34
✗ 50	✗ 0
A 12	A 0
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BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:



On March 9, we joined our partners, legislative champions, and farmers across Maine for Gov. Mills’ ceremonial signing of LD 1911 into law.

In recent years, Maine lawmakers have enacted precedent-setting and strongly bipartisan policies to address PFAS pollution, and with the strong leadership of Defend Our Health, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, this session was no different.

LD 1911 was strengthened and championed in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee by Chairs **Sen. Stacy Brenner** and **Rep. Ralph Tucker**. Though the Committee vote was largely partisan, Republican **Sen. Rick Bennett** served as lead Senate sponsor, contributed the sole Republican vote on the Committee, and fostered bipartisan support in the Senate, where the chamber vote was unanimous. It was a different story in the House, where the legislation received the support of only four Republicans: **Reps. MaryAnne Kinney, Dan Newman, Wayne Parry, and Jen Poirier**. **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.



“We cannot afford to ignore this contamination in the vain hope it will just go away. We cannot pass along the mistakes of past generations to our children for them to deal with.”

—Rep. Bill Pluecker

Securing Election Transparency and Audits



LD 1155: An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits

Sponsored by Rep. Nicole Grohoski

LD 1155 establishes post-election audits to ensure that Maine’s elections remain secure and accessible. Though the bill itself did not become law, key provisions and language were incorporated into the supplemental budget, making Maine the 45th state to require post-election audits. These audits, different from the “sham” audits used as political tools in other states, provide an additional level of control to ensure that Maine continues to administer high-quality, secure elections. Other provisions adopted include a requirement that the Secretary of State develop a streamlined election complaint process and produce and publicly disseminate a guide to election procedures, a request often heard from voters and voting rights advocates, including MCV.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

No House Roll Call	Senate Roll Call #364 June 15, 2022
	✓ 32
	✗ 0
	A 0
	E 3

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:



Team MCV with Secretary of State Shenna Bellows at the State House in Augusta.

Secretary of State Shenna Bellows was a force behind this legislation and has worked on this issue since 2019, when she served in the Legislature. During the bill’s public hearing, there were six supportive testimonies and no testimonies in opposition to LD 1155. Strong leadership from bill sponsor **Rep. Nicole Grohoski** and bipartisan support in the Appropriations Committee – including from Republican **Rep. Patrick Corey** – facilitated this legislation being funded. The Senate unanimously passed the legislation but the House did not take a roll call vote on the bill. Funding for an audit division within the Secretary of State’s office was incorporated into the state’s supplemental budget, which **Governor Mills** signed into law.



LD 1155 was a key priority of Mainers for Modern Elections (MME), a pro-democracy coalition committed to ensuring that our right to vote safely transcends politics and partisanship by advocating for safe, secure, and modern elections. The League of Women Voters of Maine led coalition efforts, supported by MME members.

Expanding Opportunities for Climate Education in Schools



LD 1902: Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools

Sponsored by Rep. Lydia Blume

LD 1902 establishes the Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program in direct response to the needs of Maine teachers. Recognizing that Maine students must be prepared to respond to the climate crisis, the state's climate action plan recommends increasing public education offerings related to climate and energy – and in the 2019 Census for Community-Based Environmental Learning in Maine, teachers identified climate education as the area they most need help. LD 1902 establishes a three-year pilot program within the Department of Education to provide grants for professional development for K-12 educators on climate science, encourage partnerships between schools and community organizations, and support the preparation of courses on interdisciplinary climate education. The state budget allocates \$2 million to the pilot and the Department of Education may supplement that with outside funding.

YES IS THE PRO ENVIRONMENT VOTE

House Roll Call #454 February 23, 2022	Senate Roll Call #591 March 9, 2022
✓ 82	✓ 18
✗ 54	✗ 12
A 12	A 0
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111 REGISTRANTS
for MCV's
Lunch & Learn



**284 PETITION
SIGNATURES**



"It's critical and timely that we give young Mainers, no matter their economic status, ZIP code or race, the tools to live, work and succeed on a rapidly warming planet."

—Rep. Lydia Blume

BEHIND THE ROLL CALL:

The bill's creation was driven by hundreds of teachers, students, and organizational partners during the 2021 Maine Climate Education Summit. Organized by the Maine Environmental Education Association (MEEA), the Summit connected youth and adult leaders around a common vision to advance equitable access to climate change education and created space for those on the front lines of climate education to collaborate with the Department of Education and Maine lawmakers. Many participants were already collaborating through the Climate Education Advocacy working group convened by the Nature Based Education Consortium (NBEC), which successfully advocated for the inclusion of climate education in *Maine Won't Wait*.








Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition rallied around LD 1911. Maine Audubon, Sierra Club Maine, and The Climate Initiative led these efforts, in close collaboration with MEEA and NBEC. Many other organizations provided leadership and support through the NBEC network, including:

Coastal Youth Climate Coalition, The Ecology School, Gateway Community Services, Maine Science Teachers Association, Maine Youth for Climate Justice, The Nature Conservancy in Maine, and Norway Youth Climate Action.






Given the swell of community support, it was disappointing to see LD 1902 divided along party lines in the Education Committee and in the Senate, with the Democrats in favor and Republicans opposing. Sponsor **Rep. Lydia Blume** was the champion of this legislation, and Appropriations Committee Chairs **Sen. Cathy Breen** and **Rep. Teresa Pierce** were instrumental in funding the pilot program. **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.

2022 Senate Scorecard

-  pro-environment vote
-  anti-environment vote
-  unexcused absence
-  excused absence
-  * not in office






DISTRICT		2022 Score	Lifetime Score	Passamaquoddy Drinking Water LD 906	Election Transparency LD 1155	Out-of-State Waste Loophole LD 1639	Climate Education LD 1902	PFAS Sludge Ban LD 1911	Grid Planning LD 1959	Water Quality Standards LD 1964
31	BAILEY (D-YORK)	100%	96%							
9	BALDACCI (D-PENOBSCOT)	100%	100%							
19	BENNETT (R-OXFORD)	86%	79%							
17	BLACK (R-FRANKLIN)	67%	64%							
25	BREEN (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	100%							
30	BRENNER (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	100%							
29	CARNEY (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	100%							
27	CHIPMAN (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	98%							
20	CLAXTON (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	100%	100%							
11	CURRY (D-WALDO)	100%	100%							
16	CYRWAY (R-KENNEBEC)	71%	50%							
24	DAUGHTRY (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	94%							
4	DAVIS (R-PISCATAQUIS)	50%	44%							
32	DESCHAMBAULT (D-YORK)	100%	96%							
26	DIAMOND (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	91%							
5	DILL (D-PENOBSCOT)	100%	90%							
3	FARRIN (R-SOMERSET)	60%	44%							
10	GUERIN (R-PENOBSCOT)	50%	25%							
14	HICKMAN (D-KENNEBEC)	100%	100%							
1	JACKSON (D-AROOSTOOK)	100%	86%							
18	KEIM (R-OXFORD)	57%	57%							
35	LAWRENCE (D-YORK)	100%	89%							
21	LIBBY (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	100%	98%							
13	MAXMIN (D-LINCOLN)	100%	100%							
12	MIRAMANT (D-KNOX)	100%	100%							
6	MOORE (R-WASHINGTON)	57%	50%							
15	POULIOT (R-KENNEBEC)	57%	53%							
34	RAFFERTY (D-YORK)	100%	100%							
8	ROSEN (R-HANCOCK)	57%	51%							
28	SANBORN (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	100%							
2	STEWART (R-AROOSTOOK)	57%	43%							
22	TIMBERLAKE (R-ANDROSCOGGIN)	50%	19%							
23	VITELLI (D-SAGADAHOC)	100%	100%							
33	WOODSOME (R-YORK)	67%	62%							

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138 ALLEY (D-BEALS)	100%	95%						
73 ANDREWS (L-PARIS)	33%	15%						
65 ARATA (R-NEW GLOUCESTER)	50%	40%						
49 ARFORD (D-BRUNSWICK)	100%	100%						
67 AUSTIN (R-GRAY)	17%	30%						
8 BABBIDGE (D-KENNEBUNK)	83%	97%						
47 BELL (D-YARMOUTH)	100%	100%						
149 BERNARD (R-CARIBOU)	17%	23%						
55 BERRY (D-BOWDOINHAM)	100%	93%						
63 BICKFORD (R-AUBURN)	33%	33%						
22 BLIER (R-BUXTON)	50%	35%						
3 BLUME (D-YORK)	83%	95%						
27 BOYLE (D-GORHAM)	100%	85%						
80 BRADSTREET (R-VASSALBORO)	17%	29%						
36 BRENNAN (D-PORTLAND)	100%	100%						
61 BROOKS (D-LEWISTON)	83%	91%						
24 BRYANT (D-WINDHAM)	100%	94%						
28 CAIAZZO (D-SCARBOROUGH)	100%	100%						
127 CARDONE (D-BANGOR)	83%	96%						
16 CARLOW (R-BUXTON)	50%	46%						
137 CARMICHAEL (R-GREENBUSH)	50%	38%						
68 CEBRA (R-NAPLES)	0%	27%						
60 CLOUTIER (D-LEWISTON)	100%	100%						
106 COLLAMORE (R-PITTSFIELD)	50%	31%						
42 COLLINGS (D-PORTLAND)	100%	100%						
58 CONNOR (R-LEWISTON)	50%	31%						
14 COPELAND (D-SACO)	100%	100%						
25 COREY (R-WINDHAM)	67%	78%						
100 COSTAIN (R-PLYMOUTH)	17%	20%						
90 CRAFTS (D-NEWCASTLE)	100%	100%						
59 CRAVEN (D-LEWISTON)	100%	93%						
43 CROCKETT (D-PORTLAND)	83%	90%						
98 CUDDY (D-WINTERPORT)	100%	90%						
72 DILLINGHAM (R-OXFORD)	50%	38%						
97 DODGE (D-BELFAST)	100%	100%						
115 DOLLOFF (R-MILTON TOWNSHIP)	0%	10%						

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94 DOUDERA (D-CAMDEN)	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130 DOWNES (R-BUCKSPORT)	50%	38%	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
121 DRINKWATER (R-MILFORD)	33%	20%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
111 DUCHARME (R-MADISON)	33%	15%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
122 DUNPHY (D-OLD TOWN)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
91 EVANGELOS (I-FRIENDSHIP)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
120 EVANS (D-DOVER-FOXCROFT)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
136 FAULKINGHAM (R-WINTER HARBOR)	50%	20%	✓	✓	✗	A	✗	✓
66 FAY (D-RAYMOND)	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11 FECTEAU (D-BIDDEFORD)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104 FOSTER (R-DEXTER)	17%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
93 GEIGER (D-ROCKLAND)	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 GERE (D-KENNEBUNKPORT)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
142 GIFFORD (R-LINCOLN)	17%	11%	✗	✗	A	✗	A	✓
13 GRAMLICH (D-OLD ORCHARD BEACH)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82 GREENWOOD (R-WALES)	33%	23%	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
102 GRIFFIN (R-LEVANT)	17%	15%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	A
118 GRIGNON (R-ATHENS)	0%	11%	A	A	A	A	A	A
132 GROHOSKI (D-ELLSWORTH)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
101 HAGGAN (R-HAMPDEN)	0%	14%	✗	A	✗	A	✗	A
114 HALL (R-WILTON)	50%	30%	✓	✓	✗	✗	A	✓
87 HANLEY (R-PITTSTON)	33%	19%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
83 HARNETT (D-GARDINER)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19 HARRINGTON (R-SANFORD)	17%	31%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	A
81 HASENFUS (D-READFIELD)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117 HEAD (R-BETHEL)	0%	16%	A	A	✗	✗	✗	A
53 HEPLER (D-WOOLWICH)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
131 HUTCHINS (R-PENOBSCOT)	17%	15%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
4 HYMANSON (D-YORK)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141 JAVNER (R-CHESTER)	17%	10%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
32 KESSLER (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99 KINNEY (R-KNOX)	50%	46%	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
113 LANDRY (D-FARMINGTON)	83%	90%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86 LAROCHELLE (D-AUGUSTA)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88 LEMELIN (R-CHELSEA)	17%	8%	✗	A	✗	✗	✗	✓
64 LIBBY (R-AUBURN)	17%	8%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
37 LOOKNER (D-PORTLAND)	67%	85%	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓

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129 LYFORD (R-EDDINGTON)	17%	19%	✘	A	✘	✘	✘	✔
74 LYMAN (R-LIVERMORE FALLS)	33%	23%	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔
110 MADIGAN (D-WATERVILLE)	83%	98%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	A
151 MARTIN (D-EAGLE LAKE)	100%	76%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
150 MARTIN (D-SINCLAIR)	100%	97%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
57 MARTIN (R-GREENE)	33%	31%	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
56 MASON (R-LISBON)	17%	14%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
1 MATHIESON (D-KITTERY)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
92 MATLACK (D-ST. GEORGE)	100%	95%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
148 McCREA (D-FORT FAIRFIELD)	100%	96%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
51 McCREIGHT (D-HARPSWELL)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
134 McDONALD (D-STONINGTON)	67%	90%	✔	A	✔	✔	✔	A
62 MELARAGNO (D-AUBURN)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
2 MEYER (D-ELIOT)	100%	95%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
30 MILLETT (D-CAPE ELIZABETH)	100%	96%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
71 MILLETT (R-WATERFORD)	67%	38%	✔	✔	✔	A	✘	✔
33 MORALES (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
45 MORIARTY (D-CUMBERLAND)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
75 MORRIS (R-TURNER)	33%	20%	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔
78 NADEAU (R-WINSLOW)	33%	23%	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	A
76 NEWMAN (R-BELGRADE)	67%	46%	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔
128 O'CONNELL (D-BREWER)	83%	85%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔
5 O'CONNOR (R-BERWICK)	33%	19%	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
15 O'NEIL (D-SACO)	83%	93%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	A
23 ORDWAY (R-STANDISH)	17%	25%	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔
123 OSHER (D-ORONO)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
10 PARRY (R-ARUNDEL)	67%	38%	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔
52 PAULHUS (D-BATH)	50%	55%	✔	A	✔	✔	A	A
133 PEBWORTH (D-BLUE HILL)	100%	89%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
77 PERKINS (R-OAKLAND)	50%	29%	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔
140 PERRY (D-CALAIS)	67%	82%	A	✔	✔	✔	A	✔
124 PERRY (D-BANGOR)	83%	65%	✔	A	✔	✔	✔	✔
116 PICKETT (R-DIXFIELD)	17%	27%	✘	A	✘	✘	✘	✔
44 PIERCE (D-FALMOUTH)	83%	92%	✔	✔	A	✔	✔	✔
95 PLUECKER (I-WARREN)	100%	100%	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
107 POIRIER (R-SKOWHEGAN)	50%	38%	✘	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔
17 PRESCOTT (R-WATERBORO)	0%	16%	A	✘	✘	✘	A	A

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144 QUINT (R-HODGDON)	17%	8%						
31 RECKITT (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	100%	86%						
34 RIELLY (D-WESTBROOK)	100%	100%						
69 RISEMAN (I-HARRISON)	100%	100%						
6 ROBERTS-LOVELL (D-S. BERWICK)	67%	90%						
7 ROCHE (R-WELLS)	33%	31%						
125 ROEDER (D-BANGOR)	100%	100%						
108 RUDNICKI (R-FAIRFIELD)	17%	10%						
48 SACHS (D-FREEPORT)	100%	100%						
35 SALISBURY (D-WESTBROOK)	83%	92%						
21 SAMPSON (R-ALFRED)	17%	29%						
46 SHARPE (D-DURHAM)	0%	45%						
12 SHEEHAN (D-BIDDEFORD)	100%	100%						
112 SKOLFIELD (R-WELD)	33%	41%						
143 STANLEY (R-MEDWAY)	17%	8%						
119 STEARNS (R-GUILFORD)	33%	49%						
105 STETKIS (R-CANAAN)	33%	11%						
89 STOVER (D-BOOTHBAY)	100%	85%						
126 SUPICA (D-BANGOR)	100%	100%						
39 SYLVESTER (D-PORTLAND)	50%	86%						
40 TALBOT ROSS (D-PORTLAND)	100%	96%						
54 TEPLER (D-TOPSHAM)	83%	97%						
26 TERRY (D-GORHAM)	100%	100%						
79 THERIAULT (R-CHINA)	17%	19%						
103 THORNE (R-CARMEL)	33%	23%						
50 TUCKER (D-BRUNSWICK)	100%	100%						
139 TUELL (R-EAST MACHIAS)	17%	46%						
147 UNDERWOOD (R-PRESQUE ISLE)	33%	23%						
70 WADSWORTH (R-HIRAM)	33%	24%						
84 WARREN (D-HALLOWELL)	100%	100%						
29 WARREN (I-SCARBOROUGH)	100%	92%						
109 WHITE (D-WATERVILLE)	100%	100%						
146 WHITE (R-MARS HILL)	17%	19%						
135 WILLIAMS (D-BAR HARBOR)	100%	92%						
38 WOOD (D-PORTLAND)	100%	100%						
41 ZAGER (D-PORTLAND)	100%	100%						
96 ZEIGLER (D-MONTVILLE)	100%	100%						

2021-2022 Senate Honor Roll

100% Donna Bailey (D-YORK)	100% Chip Curry (D-WALDO)	100% Nate Libby (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)
100% Joe Baldacci (D-PENOBSCOT)	100% Mattie Daughtry (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Chloe Maxmin (D-LINCOLN)
86% Rick Bennett (R-OXFORD)	100% Susan Deschambault (D-YORK)	100% Dave Miramant (D-KNOX)
100% Cathy Breen (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Bill Diamond (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Joe Rafferty (D-YORK)
100% Stacy Brenner (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Jim Dill (D-PENOBSCOT)	100% Heather Sanborn (D-CUMBERLAND)
100% Anne Carney (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Craig Hickman (D-KENNEBEC)	100% Eloise Vitelli (D-SAGADAHOC)
100% Ben Chipman (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Troy Jackson (D-AROOSTOOK)	
100% Ned Claxton (D-ANDROSCOGGIN)	100% Mark Lawrence (D-YORK)	

2021-2022 House Honor Roll

100% Robert Alley (D-BEALS)	100% Valli Geiger (D-ROCKLAND)	100% Sarah Pebworth (D-BLUE HILL)
100% Poppy Arford (D-BRUNSWICK)	100% Traci Gere (D-KENNEBUNKPORT)	83% Joe Perry (D-BANGOR)
83% Chris Babbidge (D-KENNEBUNK)	100% Lori Gramlich (D-OLD ORCHARD BEACH)	83% Teresa Pierce (D-FALMOUTH)
100% Art Bell (D-YARMOUTH)	100% Nicole Grohoski (D-ELLSWORTH)	100% Bill Pluecker (I-WARREN)
100% Seth Berry (D-BOWDOINHAM)	100% Thom Harnett (D-GARDINER)	100% Lois Galgay Reckitt (D-S. PORTLAND)
83% Lydia Blume (D-YORK)	100% Tavis Hasenfus (D-READFIELD)	100% Morgan Rielly (D-WESTBROOK)
100% Jim Boyle (D-GORHAM)	100% Allison Hepler (D-RICHMOND)	100% Walter Riseman (I-HARRISON)
100% Mike Brennan (D-PORTLAND)	100% Patricia Hymanson (D-YORK)	100% Amy Roeder (D-BANGOR)
83% Heidi Brooks (D-LEWISTON)	100% Chris Kessler (D-SOUTH PORTLAND)	100% Melanie Sachs (D-FREEPORT)
100% Mark Bryant (D-WINDHAM)	100% Scott Landry (D-FARMINGTON)	83% Suzanne Salisbury (D-WESTBROOK)
100% Chris Caiazzo (D-SCARBOROUGH)	100% Raegan LaRochelle (D-AUGUSTA)	100% Erin Sheehan (D-BIDDEFORD)
83% Barbara Cardone (D-BANGOR)	83% Colleen Madigan (D-WATERTVILLE)	100% Holly Stover (D-BOOTHBAY)
100% Kristen Cloutier (D-LEWISTON)	100% John Martin (D-EAGLE LAKE)	100% Laura Supica (D-BANGOR)
100% Ben Collings (D-PORTLAND)	100% Danny Martin (D-SINCLAIR)	100% Rachel Talbot Ross (D-PORTLAND)
100% Lynn Copeland (D-PORTLAND)	100% Kristi Mathieson (D-KITTERY)	83% Denise Tepler (D-TOPSHAM)
100% Lydia Crafts (D-NEWCASTLE)	100% Anne Matlack (D-ST.GEORGE)	100% Mo Terry (D-GORHAM)
100% Margaret Craven (D-LEWISTON)	100% David McCrea (D-FORT FAIRFIELD)	100% Ralph Tucker (D-BRUNSWICK)
83% Ed Crockett (D-PORTLAND)	100% Jay McCreight (D-HARPSWELL)	100% Charlotte Warren (D-HALLOWELL)
100% Scott Cuddy (D-WINTERPORT)	100% Gina Melaragno (D-AUBURN)	100% Sophia Warren (D-SCARBOROUGH)
100% Jan Dodge (D-BELFAST)	100% Michele Meyer (D-ELIOT)	100% Brune White (D-WATERTVILLE)
100% Vicki Doudera (D-CAMDEN)	100% Rebecca Millett (D-CAPE ELIZABETH)	100% Lynne Williams (D-BAR HARBOR)
100% Michelle Dunphy (D-OLD TOWN)	100% Victoria Morales (D-S. PORTLAND)	100% Barbara Wood (D-PORTLAND)
100% Jeff Evangelos (I-FRIENDSHIP)	100% Steve Moriarty (D-CUMBERLAND)	100% Sam Zagar (D-PORTLAND)
100% Richard Evans (D-DOVER-FOXCROFT)	83% Kevin O'Connell (D-BREWER)	100% Paige Zeigler (D-MONTVILLE)
100% Jessica Fay (D-RAYMOND)	83% Maggie O'Neil (D-SACO)	
100% Ryan Fecteau (D-BIDDEFORD)	100% Laurie Osher (D-ORONO)	

Story of the Session



The second year of the 130th Legislature brought a return to the State House, where lawmakers met in person and the halls were open to the public for the first time since 2020. Committee rooms were outfitted for hybrid meetings, allowing for a return to in-person collaboration and advocacy while maintaining the accessibility that allowed so many Maine people to participate in state government via Zoom and YouTube. **Things moved quickly throughout the so-called “short session” as people, advocates, and legislative champions worked for climate action, environmental protection, and a healthier, more equitable Maine.** The story of the session wouldn't be complete without these bills.

Protecting Maine's Environment, Public Health, and Climate Future

Maine's **Environmental Priorities Coalition (EPC)** is a partnership of 40 organizations working together to protect Maine's environment, public health, and climate future. This year the EPC identified nine bills representing the best collective opportunities to equitably advance our shared priorities.

✔ **LD 2013: An Act Relating to PFAS Contamination in the State**
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee bill reported by Sen. Jim Dill
Acknowledging that PFAS contamination endangers Maine farmers and Maine's agricultural economy, the legislature created a \$60 million Impacted Farmers Mitigation Fund and established an advisory committee to help the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry administer the funds. The bill received unanimous support in the Maine Legislature's Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) Committee after an emotional public hearing, in which farmers from across the state shared how PFAS contamination has devastated their lands, health, and livelihoods. LD 2013 also received unanimous support in the Senate; no House roll call was taken. LD 2013 was incorporated into the state budget.

✔ **LD 736: An Act To Enhance the Ecological Reserve System**
Sponsored by Rep. Nicole Grohoski
Maine's Ecological Reserve System was created to protect and monitor Maine's diverse habitat types, as well as rare, threatened, and endangered species, and includes beloved Maine places such as the Bigelow Mountain Preserve and Cutler Coast. By updating and expanding this system, LD 736 advances biodiversity, conservation, and nature-based climate solutions. The ACF Committee unanimously recommended “ought to pass.” The Legislature passed the bill without debate and **Governor Mills** signed it into law.



A kayaker enjoys a paddle on Flagstaff Lake, which is surrounded by the Bigelow Mountain Preserve.

✔ LD 2018: **An Act To Implement Recommendations Regarding the Incorporation of Equity Considerations in Regulatory Decision Making**

Environment and Natural Resources Committee bill reported by Rep. Ralph Tucker

LD 2018 defines, prioritizes, and supports meaningful community engagement to ensure that environmental policies are developed and enforced in close partnership with frontline communities impacted “first and worst” by environmental threats. This legislation flowed from a report required by LD 1682, which was enacted last year to advance equitable decision-making across state agencies. The Senate voted 19-11 in support of the bill, with only one Republican vote in favor. The House did not have a roll call. The bill became law without the Governor’s signature.

✔ LD 1979: **An Act To Sustain Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry by Ensuring Consistency between Comprehensive River Resource Management Plans and State Water Quality Standards**

Sponsored by Sen. President Troy Jackson

The health of Maine’s rivers and sea-run fish – including the endangered Atlantic salmon – are threatened by dams that block upstream and downstream migration. The initial version of LD 1979 would have limited the State’s ability to advocate for dam removal, which has historically led to thriving fish populations, cleaner water, and economic benefits for waterfront communities, but is often opposed by dam owners. The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee amended the bill to remove the problematic language and, as enacted, LD 1979 requires development of a plan for river management. The Democrats on the ENR Committee voted for the amended bill, as did one Senate Republican, and the bill became law without the Governor’s signature.

✘ LD 489: **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment**

Sponsored by Sen. Chloe Maxmin

Recognizing that our right to breathe clean air and drink clean water should be fundamental, LD 489 proposed to enshrine the right to a clean and healthy environment in the Maine Constitution. The Pine Tree Amendment campaign generated broad support and advocacy: beautifully painted signs dotted the state; more than 1,200 Mainers signed letters of support; and many people advocated passionately in Augusta. LD 489 received bipartisan support but failed to gain the two-thirds vote necessary for a constitutional amendment to go to the voters.



Dozens gathered at the State House in Augusta for the Pine Tree Amendment Lobby Day on March 22.

The EPC also prioritized ✔ LD 1902, ✔ LD 1964, ✔ LD 1639, and ✘ LD 1626.



On March 29, MCV joined VEM leaders in Augusta to call on legislators to address systemic inequities in Maine.

Advancing a More Equitable Maine

In the spring of 2020, more than 60 organizations and hundreds of individuals across Maine came together to reimagine our systems and policies in light of COVID-19 and the inequities it laid bare. Many of us contributed our expertise, insights, and perspectives to build a Vision for an Equitable Maine (VEM) and called on legislators to pass priority bills to address systemic inequities.

- ✔ **LD 2003: An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions**
Sponsored by House Speaker Ryan Fecteau

A bipartisan commission of legislators introduced LD 2003 to address Maine’s shortage of safe, affordable housing and encourage compact, mixed-use development that makes communities more accessible and connected. The bill was amended several times. Democrats in both chambers generally supported the bill and Republicans for the most part opposed it. The exceptions were Republican **Reps. Amy Arata, Bruce Bickford,** and **Jen Poirier**, who voted in favor, and Democrats **Rep. Patty Hymanson** and **Sen. Bill Diamond**, who voted against. The vote was 20-13 in the Senate and 78-51 in the House. **Governor Mills** signed it into law.
- ✔ **LD 1610: An Act To Promote Equity in Policy Making by Enhancing the State’s Ability To Collect, Analyze and Apply Data**
Sponsored by Asst. House Majority Leader Rachel Talbot Ross

Data is central to policy making, and high quality data that is disaggregated by race and gender is one of the best tools we have to identify gaps and build gender and racial equity. LD 1610 will improve the state’s ability to collect good data on race and other demographics to advance equity and address disparities through policymaking. The bill was voted along strict party lines, Democrats in favor and Republicans in opposition, and was signed into law by **Governor Mills**.
- ✔ **LD 585: An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010**
Sponsored by Asst. House Majority Leader Rachel Talbot Ross

LD 585 is the result of negotiations between Governor Mills and the Wabanaki Nations. This bill addresses tribal-state relations, taxation, and mobile sports betting. The tribal-state relations portions will help create a more functional and respectful relationship between the State of Maine and the Wabanaki Nations. The taxation and mobile sports betting portions will help the tribes raise needed funds for community infrastructure and services. Republican **Sen. Marianne Moore** voted with the Senate Democrats in support of the bill (23-11). In the House, 12 Republicans voted with the Democrats and Independents for a 82-42 vote. **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.



LD 1875: **An Act To Address PFAS Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities**

Sponsored by Rep. Paige Zeigler

Landfill leachate is contributing to PFAS contamination in the Penobscot River, which is vitally important to the Penobscot Nation. This legislation requires the State to study the best way to treat landfill leachate at state-run landfills, Juniper Ridge in Old Town and Dolby in East Millinocket, to prevent PFAS contamination. The State is charged with developing recommendations to present to the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee next session. The ENR Committee unanimously approved the bill and it sailed through both chambers with no debate. **Governor Mills** signed the bill into law.

Implementing Maine Won't Wait: A Four Year Plan for Climate Action

As the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, the Governor's Energy Office, and state agencies including the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) work to implement the many initiatives flowing from **Maine Won't Wait**, the Legislature continued to set in statute the goals and strategies of the state's climate action plan.



LD 1429: **An Act To Achieve Carbon Neutrality in Maine by the Year 2045**

Sponsored by Rep. Michelle Dunphy

Another one of Maine's important climate goals now has the force of law. Beginning January 1, 2045, net annual greenhouse gas emissions may not exceed zero metric tons. This bill had the support of all Democrats and Independents, plus Republican **Sens. Rick Bennett, Marianne Moore, and Kim Rosen** and Republican **Reps. Nate Carlow and Patrick Corey**. The bill became law with **Governor Mills'** signature.



LD 1656: **An Act To Promote Energy-Efficient Affordable Housing**

Sponsored by Rep. Rebecca Millett

Maine State Housing, which finances and builds affordable housing, is now required to make that housing comply with energy efficiency and sustainability standards such as passive house or green building certification. This bill was voted on in 2021 along party lines in the House (no Senate roll call was taken) and carried over to 2022, when it was enacted and became law with **Governor Mills'** signature.



LD 1974: **An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps**

Environment and Natural Resources Committee bill reported by Sen. Stacy Brenner

With the leadership of **Rep. Morgan Rielly**, the Legislature last year tasked Volunteer Maine, the state's service commission, with establishing the Maine Climate Corps. Maine Won't Wait recommended creation of a Climate Corps to enlist people in climate mitigation and adaptation projects throughout the state; support the resilience of Maine communities; and provide much-needed workforce development in the environmental and clean energy sectors. The Resolve was unanimously supported by the Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Committee and was enacted "under the hammer" by the full Legislature. Resolves do not require action by the Governor.



Maine people support the Climate Corps!

328 people signed

MCV's petition in support of LD 1974 and Patagonia helped us spread the word!



✔ LD 1970: **An Act To Implement Agency Recommendations Relating to Sea Level Rise and Climate Resilience**

Introduced by Rep. Ralph Tucker

LD 1970 encourages municipalities to plan for climate impacts and authorizes the MDEP to consider statutory sea level rise projections – 1.5 feet by 2050 and 4 feet by 2100 – in permitting decisions. This bill also requires that culverts allow for fish passage. House Republicans on the ENR Committee opposed the bill, but it had the support of Democrats and one Senate Republican. LD 1970 was enacted without debate by the Legislature and became law with **Governor Mills’** signature.

✔ LD 2026: **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 180: Appliance Efficiency Standards**




Department of Environmental Protection bill reported by Rep. Ralph Tucker

In 2021, the Legislature acted to increase energy efficiency in appliances and charged the MDEP with drafting the rules. The rules were approved this session by all of the Democrats and Independents in the Legislature, plus Republican **Sens. Rick Bennett, Lisa Keim, and Kim Rosen** and Republican **Reps. Nathan Carlow and Patrick Corey**. The bill was signed into law by **Governor Mills**.

✔ LD 1579: **An Act To Transition State and Local Motor Vehicle Fleets to Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles and Zero-emission Vehicles**

Sponsored by Sen. Eloise Vitelli

This aspirational electric vehicle goal-setting bill sets targets to help state agencies, public schools, counties, and municipalities transition to plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and zero emission vehicles. The House voted along party lines, 75-57, to pass the bill. The Senate vote was also party line, 20-12 and the bill became law with **Governor Mills’** signature.

 State Agencies	New light-duty vehicles → plug-in hybrids & zero-emission vehicles When: 50% by 2025; 100% by 2030
 Public School Buses	Annual purchases, contracts and leases → zero-emission vehicles When: 75% by 2035
 Counties and Municipalities	New light-duty vehicles → plug-in hybrids & zero-emission vehicles When: 100% by 2035

✘ LD 1350: **An Act To Expand Maine’s Clean Energy Economy**

Sponsored by Sen. Eloise Vitelli

LD 1350 was the only bill this session that would have brought significant new clean energy resources online to meet Maine’s climate and clean energy goals. This bill would have required the state to contract for 7.5% more renewable energy under Maine’s Renewable Portfolio Standard. The bill failed passage because Democrats were divided, with some wanting a higher percentage of clean energy to be procured.

MILLS ADMINISTRATION'S

Record on Climate



Governor Mills charted a bold new course for protecting Maine's environment, climate, and democracy after eight years of harm under the previous Administration. Notably, she acted decisively through legislation and executive action to demonstrate that **Maine Won't Wait** to tackle the effects of climate change, reduce our dependence on oil, and build the state's clean energy future.

2019

Set bold, ambitious climate goals through legislation and executive action, including:

- ✔ Achieving carbon neutrality by 2045.
- ✔ Reducing greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050; and
- ✔ Requiring 80% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050.

Re-established Maine's role as a climate leader by joining the U.S. Climate Alliance; committing to meeting the goals of the Paris Climate Accord; and becoming the first sitting Maine governor to address the United Nations General Assembly at the 2019 Climate Action Summit.

Promoted Heat Pumps to Reduce Home Heating Costs: Governor Mills passed legislation to support the installation of 100,000 new heat pumps by 2025, a technology that reduces the use of fossil fuels and saves Maine people money on their heating bills. Since 2019, Maine has installed more than 40,000 new high-efficiency heat pumps for heating and cooling, including a record 28,000 from June 2020 to July 2021.

Created the Maine Climate Council to rise to this challenge, meet the ambitious goals that science and justice demand, and prepare Maine people, businesses, and communities for the future.

2020

Kept her promise to make addressing climate change a centerpiece of her first term in office, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Released *Maine Won't Wait*, an ambitious four-year plan for climate action in Maine.

 **Set a target** to more than double Maine's clean energy jobs to 30,000 by 2030.



On June 17, 2022, 400 community leaders, scientists, state legislators, tribal citizens, federal delegation members and staff, students, and representatives from dozens of environmental nonprofits, public health groups, schools, land trusts, and government agencies came together for Maine's First Climate Conference.

2021

Established the first “Lead by Example” targets for state operations to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency.

Signed legislation to implement *Maine Won’t Wait*, including bills to:

- ✔ Ban climate-harming hydrofluorocarbons;
- ✔ Put sea level rise projections into state laws and rules;
- ✔ Become the first state to commit to fossil fuel divestment;
- ✔ Establish new efficiency standards for appliances;
- ✔ Become the ninth state in the nation to enact targets for battery storage of renewable energy; and more.

Signed legislation to implement the historic *Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan*, which will provide transformative funding for critical climate initiatives such as:

- ✔ Expanding broadband;
- ✔ Improving municipal infrastructure vulnerable to climate change;
- ✔ Expanding EV charging infrastructure;
- ✔ Growing a clean energy workforce;
- ✔ Accelerating weatherization and energy efficiency improvements;
- ✔ Building energy efficient affordable and workforce housing;
- ✔ Piloting new shared workforce transportation programs; and
- ✔ Making storm and wastewater systems more resilient to climate effects.

Supported responsibly-sited renewable energy development in the Gulf of Maine:



- ✔ Signed legislation to advance the nation’s first offshore wind research site in the Gulf of Maine and help launch the first floating offshore wind turbines in the U.S.
- ✔ Established an Offshore Wind Roadmap process.

Signed a biennial budget that includes renewed funding for land conservation; new grants to help communities curb harmful greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate impacts; and **doubled the state’s “rainy day fund”** to a historic high of almost half a billion dollars.

2022

Signed legislation to:

- ✔ Hold Maine’s electric utilities accountable to ratepayers and our climate future;
- ✔ Enshrine the goal of carbon neutrality by 2045 in statute;
- ✔ Ensure that state-funded housing is safe, affordable, and energy efficient;
- ✔ Establish a Maine Climate Corps that mobilizes volunteers and builds Maine’s environment & clean energy workforce;
- ✔ Adopt agency recommendations relating to statutory sea level rise projections;
- ✔ Implement increased energy efficient appliance standards;
- ✔ Create a new pilot climate education program;
- ✔ Make budget investments in additional EV rebates as well as climate staff capacity in Maine’s natural resource agencies; and
- ✔ Launch the Community Resilience Partnership, a \$4.75 million program to provide grants and technical assistance to municipal and tribal governments to start or enhance their local climate action plans and undertake community projects to curb carbon emissions, transition to clean energy, and become more resilient to the effects of climate change.

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