



Advance New Renewable Energy Sources

LD 1494 will increase Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 80% by 2030.

We all benefit from made-in-Maine renewables that reduce carbon pollution, increase energy independence, and grow our economy.

Maine people support clean, local, renewable energy.

- Carbon pollution threatens Maine's environment and public health, resulting in poor air quality that contributes to asthma and other respiratory problems. It also causes rapidly warming and acidifying waters in the Gulf of Maine that endanger our fishing industries.
- Clean renewable energy is key to diversifying our energy mix and reducing climate pollution.
- Maine's vast clean energy resources offer cost-effective local energy at grid, community, and individual scales.
- Renewable Portfolio Standards effectively grow grid-scale renewables and complement rooftop and community solar development.



LD 1494 will prioritize new in-state renewables—including solar, wind, and biomass heating— and grow Maine's economy.

- RPS policies have created nearly 12,000 Maine jobs and increased the state's economy by more than \$1 billion¹, with very low costs to electric customers.²
- Long-term contracts for renewable generation encourage private investment and provide rate payers with long-term savings.
- Made-in-Maine renewable power generation enhances energy independence, resilience, and long-term economic growth.
- A strong RPS will promote innovation and encourage new renewable energy projects. Maine's current requirements do not encourage growth because they are being met primarily with existing resources.

Maine is ready for collaborative climate policy.

This legislation reflects input from diverse stakeholders—including environmental and clean energy advocates and biomass, hydro, wind, and solar interests.



Support LD 1494: An Act to Reform Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard

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¹https://www.renewablemaine.org/docs/LEI_Study_Summary_by_MREA.pdf

²<https://www.maine.gov/mpuc/legislative/reports.shtml>



Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition

is a partnership of 34 environmental, conservation and public health organizations representing over 100,000 members who want to protect the good health, good jobs and quality of life that our environment provides.

We are counting on Maine policymakers to take the important steps needed to make wise use of Maine's extraordinary environment so Maine people and Maine communities can thrive.

Acadia Center	Maine People's Alliance
Appalachian Mountain Club	Maine Public Health Association
Atlantic Salmon Federation	Maine Rivers
Bicycle Coalition of Maine	Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Conservation Law Foundation	Midcoast Conservancy
Environmental Health Strategy Center	Natural Resources Council of Maine
Environment Maine	Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
Friends of Casco Bay	RESTORE: The North Woods
Islesboro Island Trust	Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions	Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
Maine Audubon	The Ocean Conservancy
Maine Center for Economic Policy	The Trust for Public Land
Maine Conservation Alliance	The Wilderness Society
Maine Council of Churches	Toxics Action Center
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited	Upstream
Maine Interfaith Power & Light	350 Maine
Maine Lakes Society	
Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association	