Advance New Renewable Energy Sources
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.

This bill 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 billion\(^1\), 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 An Act to Reform Maine’s Renewable Portfolio Standard

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\(^1\)https://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
Appalachian Mountain Club
Atlantic Salmon Federation
Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Conservation Law Foundation
Environmental Health Strategy Center
Environment Maine
Friends of Casco Bay
Islesboro Island Trust
Maine Association of Conservation Commissions
Maine Audubon
Maine Center for Economic Policy
Maine Conservation Alliance
Maine Council of Churches
Maine Council of Trout Unlimited
Maine Interfaith Power & Light
Maine Lakes Society
Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association
Maine People’s Alliance
Maine Public Health Association
Maine Rivers
Maine Wilderness Guides Organization
Midcoast Conservancy
Natural Resources Council of Maine
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Chapter
RESTORE: The North Woods
Sierra Club, Maine Chapter
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative
The Ocean Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
The Wilderness Society
Toxics Action Center
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