



2023 Legislative Roundup

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Taking the Longview: Remarks by Dan Bosley NECEC's Government Relations Executive, 2011-2023

Major Legislative Themes



Clean Energy Goals



Environmental Justice



Storage



Workforce



Solar Siting and Development



Offshore Wind

Significant Bills



Vermont

Affordable Heat Act (S.5)
An Act Related to the PUC (S.112)



Maine

Offshore wind (LD 1895)
Net metering (LD 1986)



New Hampshire

Expanded NEM (HB281)
Energy Procurement (SB54)



Connecticut

Solar omnibus bill (HB 6764)
Consumer protection (SB 7)



Massachusetts

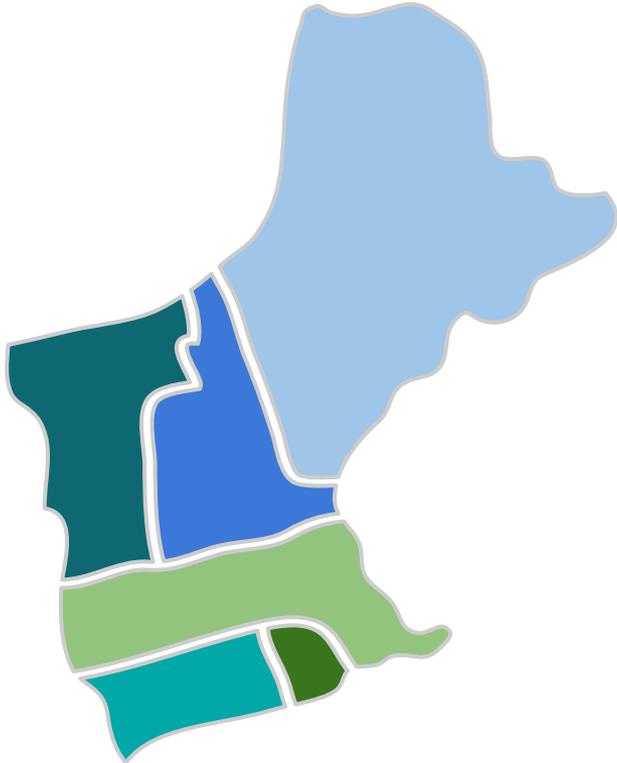
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Rhode Island

Net metering & REG: H. 5853 (Sub A)

The Roundup



Vermont - Jonathan Dowds, Renewable Energy Vermont

Maine - Dave Wilby, Wilby Public Affairs

New Hampshire - Nick Paul, Clean Energy New Hampshire

Connecticut - Ross Gionfriddo, Focus Government Affairs

Massachusetts - Tim Snyder & Natalie Treat, NECEC

Rhode Island - Natalie Treat, NECEC



Vermont



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S. 140 An act relating to an energy storage study committee

Died in
committee

S. 005 The Affordable Heat Act

Passed

S.112 An act relating to miscellaneous subjects related to the Public Utility Commission, created a study to consider RES language

Passed

H.320 An act relating to the Renewable Energy Standard.

Died in
committee

H.056 An act relating to affordable community energy solutions.

Died in
committee

H.289 An act relating to the renewable energy standard

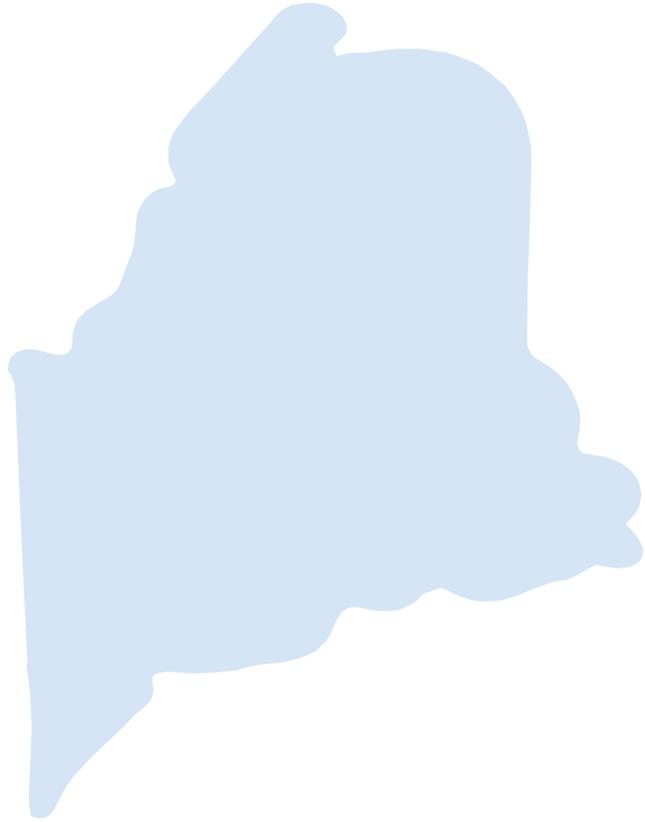
Died in
committee

Favorable

Mixed

Negative

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Maine



Maine

LD 1830	An act to advance Maine's clean energy goals	Carried over
LD 1850	An act relating to energy storage and the state's energy goals	Passed
LD 1881	An act regarding compensation fees and related conservation efforts to protect soils and wildlife and fisheries habitat from solar and wind energy development and high-impact electric transmission lines under the site location of development laws	Passed
LD 1895	An act regarding the procurement of energy from offshore wind resources	Passed
LD 1943	An act regarding future energy procurements for renewable energy development in Northern Maine	Passed
LD 924	An act resolve, to provide legislative approval of the transmission project selected by the public utilities commission pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program	Passed

Favorable Mixed Negative TBD



Maine

LD 466	An act resolve, to evaluate options for the recycling of solar panels and wind turbine blades	Passed
LD 826	An act to provide for the management of the waste components of a solar energy development upon decommissioning	Passed
LD 496	An act to address battery storage system decommissioning and clarify solar energy development decommissioning	Passed
LD 339	An act to amend the portfolio requirements for Class II resources and require money collected from alternative compliance payments to be used for financial assistance	Passed
LD 1986	An act relating to net energy billing and distributed solar and energy storage systems	Passed
LD 1347	An act to eliminate the current net energy billing policy in Maine	Didn't pass

Favorable Mixed Negative TBD



Maine

LD 1847 An act to modify the visual impact standards for offshore wind port development and establish labor standards for wind power projects

LD 1591 An act to promote economic reuse of contaminated land through clean energy development

Vetoed

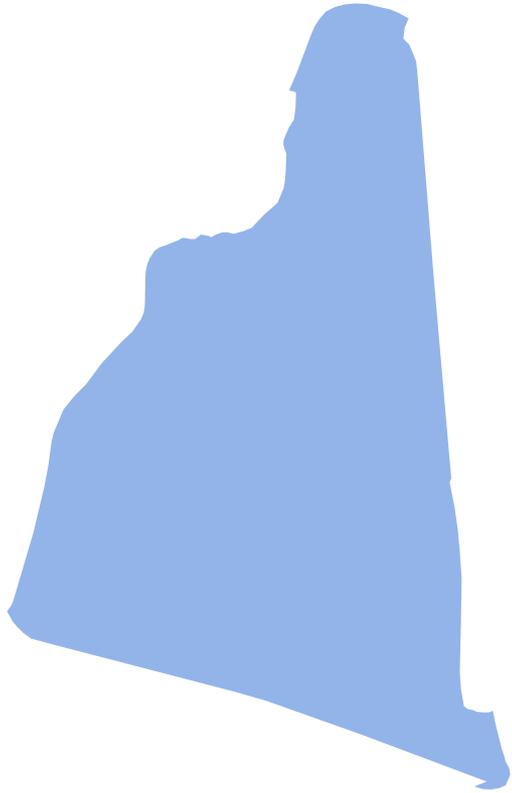
Passed

Favorable

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New Hampshire



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SB 54	An act relative to purchased power agreements for electric distribution utilities	Passed
HB 139	An act relative to hydrogen energy and establishing a hydrogen advisory committee	Passed
SB113	An act relative to cost effectiveness review of the joint utility energy efficiency plan	Passed
HB 166	AN act relative to the elimination of useful thermal energy from renewable energy classes	Died in committee
HB 234	An Act Relative to renewable energy credits	Died in committee
HB233	An act relative to useful thermal energy under the renewable portfolio standards	Passed
HB 281	An act relative to least cost integrated resource plans of utilities; municipal hosts for purposes of net energy metering	Passed

Favorable

Mixed

Negative

TBD



New Hampshire

SB 191	An act relative to road toll registration surcharges for electric vehicles	Included in budget
HB 412	An act re-establishing a commission to study revenue alternatives to the road toll for the funding of improvements to the state's highways and bridges	Passed
HB 92	An act requiring the adoption of innovative vehicle emissions standards pursuant to section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act	Died in committee
SB79	An act relative to the participation of customer generators in net energy metering	Didn't pass
HB 458	An act relative to participation in net energy metering by small hydroelectric generators	Died in committee

Favorable Mixed Negative TBD



New Hampshire

HB 609	An act relative to energy facility siting
SB 168	An Act relative to participation in a low-moderate income residential customers community solar project
HB246	An act relative to uses of moneys in the renewable energy fund
DE 23-068	2024-2026 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan
DE 22-060	Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure, Including Compensation of Customer-Generators

Retained

Retained

Tabled

Decision

11/30/23

Hearings

March 2024

Favorable

Mixed

Negative

TBD



Connecticut

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- HB 6764** An act concerning a solar uniform capacity tax and modifications to the state's renewable energy programs
- HB 6085** An act requiring certain solar workers to obtain a license to perform electrical work
- HB 6805** An Act concerning solar installations in condominiums and cooperatives
- SB 1147** An act concerning the environmental justice program of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
- SB 7** An act strengthening protections for Connecticut's consumers of energy
- HB 6354** An act establishing a green jobs program

Didn't pass
Didn't pass
Didn't pass
Passed
Passed
Passed

Connecticut

- HB 5608** An act concerning certain solar photovoltaic facilities located on prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance or core forest lands
- HB 6397** An act concerning zero carbon emissions
- HB 6853** An act concerning funding for microgrids and resilience projects
- SB 73** An Act Establishing Local Representation On The Connecticut Siting Council For Local Projects
- HB 6942** An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State And Concerning Certain Grant And Financing Programs, State Construction Related Thresholds, School Construction Projects

Passed
Didn't pass
Passed
Vetoed
Passed



Massachusetts



Massachusetts

H.1864	An act relative to clean energy workforce standards and accountability	Introduced
H.1865 & S.1179	An act relative to a just transition to clean energy	Introduced
H.3151	An act establishing a pathway to net zero buildings	Introduced
H.3177	An Act relative to increased access for small business to participate in energy savings programs	Introduced
H.3180	An act relative to automatic re-enrolment in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Introduced
H.3187	An act relative to energy facilities siting improvement to address environmental justice, climate, and public health	Introduced
S.2142		
H.3188	An act relative to hydro	Introduced



Massachusetts

H.3190	An act relative to large-scale solar energy installations on agricultural or recreational land of the Commonwealth	Introduced
H.3192, S2144	An act relative to building energy and decarbonization	Introduced
H.3197	An act to provide for natural gas workforce safety	Introduced
H.3203	An act relative to the future of clean heat in the Commonwealth	Introduced
H.3212	An act advancing a delivered fuel energy efficiency surcharge for the Commonwealth	Introduced
H.3197	An act to provide for natural gas workforce safety	Introduced
H.3229, S2163	An act prohibiting public and ratepayer funding of clear cutting forests and woodlands	Introduced

Favorable

Mixed

Negative

TBD



Massachusetts

H.3230, S.2164	An act allowing municipalities to reasonably regulate solar siting	Introduced
H.3232	An act establishing a zero-carbon renovation fund	Introduced
H.3689	An act transitioning Massachusetts to clean electricity, heating and transportation	Introduced
H.3691, S.2127	An act relative to healthy and sustainable schools	Introduced
H.873	An act relative to making methane accounting truthful helps	Introduced
S.2078	An act to establish home energy efficiency ratings	Introduced
S.2096	An act relative to Massachusetts' carbon dioxide removal leadership	Introduced

Favorable

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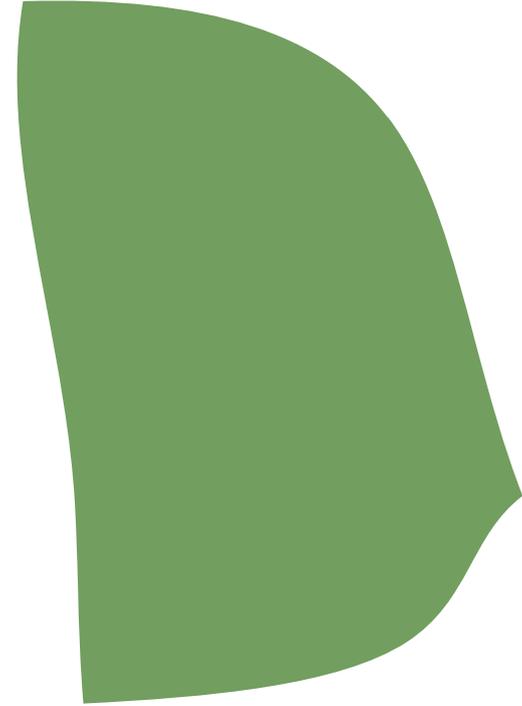
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Massachusetts

S.2103	An act relative to Mass Save Assessments	Introduced
S.2120	An act increasing solar rooftop energy	Introduced
S.2147	An act relative to Green Jobs	Introduced
S.2080	An act to ensure more women serve on corporate boards of directors	Introduced
S.2141	An act to promote energy and economic resilience through clean energy education, and job pathway programs	Introduced
S.2157	An act repurposing the Commonwealth's power plants to a clean energy future	Introduced
S.2168	An act relative to energy storage procurement for 2030 and 2035	Introduced
S.2176	An act sparking the construction of 21st Century buildings	Introduced
S.2180	An act to ensure adequate and affordable energy	Introduced



Rhode Island

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H. 5414-S0919	An act relating to businesses and professions -- electricians.	Did not pass
HB 5033	An act relating to public utilities and carriers -- net metering	Did not pass
HB 5850	An act relating to public utilities and carriers- energy storage	Did not pass
HB 5853	An act relating to public utilities and carries -- net metering	Passed
SB 465	An act relating to public utilities and carries - microgrids docket	Did not pass
SB 503	An act relating to an energy storage study committee	Did not pass
H 6293, SB 0856	An act relating to public utilities and carriers -- duties of utilities and carriers	Passed

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Q & A Time

Thank you!

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