

NRCM State House Action Day 2025

When Speaking with Legislators:

1. **Introduce yourself and thank them.** Thank them for taking the time to meet with you. Share your name, town you live in, and mention you are here today with the Natural Resources Council of Maine.
2. **Tell them what you care about and why.** Say you're here because you're passionate about environmental issues impacting Maine. Keep it real and personal. *"I care about _____because..."*
3. **Make the ask and note their response.** *"Can I count on you to support _____?"*
4. **Always say thank you.** No matter what, say a warm thank you for their time and consideration.

Discussing NRCM's Priority Environmental Bills:

Achieve 100% Clean Electricity for Maine by 2040 (LR 2177)

Bill sponsor: Senator Mark Lawrence

If you say one thing: 100% clean electricity by 2040 is a practical path forward to a lower-cost energy future and a strong economy.

How it will do this: This bill will encourage the responsible development of new homegrown energy sources by updating Maine's clean energy goals to include reaching 100% clean electricity by 2040. It increases the state's renewable portfolio standard (RPS) and establishes a new clean energy standard (CES) to deliver more affordable clean energy to Maine families and businesses.

What more you need to know: Investing in new sources of homegrown clean energy will create new good-paying jobs, save Mainers money, and help us become more energy independent by diversifying our energy supply.

Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program (LDs 593 and 362)

Bill sponsor: Senator Russell Black

If you say one thing: Funding is about to run out for Maine's most successful land conservation program, Land for Maine's Future (LMF), unless legislators act this year to fund it.

How it will do this: Providing dedicated funding to LMF will keep this program going, allowing it to partner with local towns and conservation organizations to protect access to special places throughout the state that have exceptional natural, economic, or recreational value.

What more you need to know: LMF funding has been extraordinarily successful at protecting public lands, working farms, working waterfronts, and more across all 16 Maine counties. Conserving public access to special places for everyone, especially heritage industries like farming and fishing, is a key value for Maine people.

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Increase Clean Transportation Options (LD 1138)

Bill sponsor: Senator Stacy Brenner

If you say one thing: Investing in clean transportation options like more frequent and reliable transit and safer streets will improve safety, protect our health, and support local economic growth.

How it will do this: Transportation emissions are the largest source of climate pollution in Maine, but right now, transportation planning isn't required to consider climate change. This bill will require climate impact assessments for all new transportation projects and ensure that projects only move forward if they have a net climate benefit.

What more you need to know: Pollution from our roads and the lack of options for alternative transportation disproportionately impacts low-income communities.

Notes:



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