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An Act to Lower the Energy Burden of Residents by Advancing Climate Change Goals

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §577-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 476, §9, is amended to read:

10. Report. Beginning January 15, 2021, and annually thereafter, the council shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters describing the activities of the council, the subcommittee and its working groups over the prior calendar year and including any findings and recommendations of the council, including any proposed legislation. Beginning January 15, 2026, the report must include specific recommendations to lower the energy burden for residents of the State. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any recommendations contained in the report.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Maine Climate Council to include in its annual report specific recommendations to lower the energy burden for residents of the State.