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## MAJORITY

### ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

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#### STATE OF MAINE

#### SENATE

#### 132ND LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 576, L.D. 1420, "Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce"

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce needs sufficient time to conduct the study directed by this legislation and must commence its work as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the matters to be studied by the commission involve critical issues related to ensuring that the State has the workforce necessary for reaching its energy and climate goals; and

Whereas, the results of this study could have direct impacts on how the State meets workforce demands associated with its growing energy industry; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 16 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

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1 3. Three public members, one of whom is a member of a labor organization that  
2 represents workers in the energy industry, one of whom is a member of an environmental  
3 organization and one of whom represents the interests of the renewable energy industry,  
4 appointed by the President of the Senate;

5 4. Three public members, one of whom has professional expertise in conducting peer-  
6 reviewed research regarding energy transition issues, one of whom resides in the First  
7 Congressional District and one of whom resides in the Second Congressional District,  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9 5. One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor;

10 6. The chair of the Public Utilities Commission or the chair's designee;

11 7. The chair of the Maine Apprenticeship Council or the chair's designee;

12 8. One member representing a transmission and distribution utility in the State,  
13 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

14 9. One member representing an energy industry employer that employs workers that  
15 are not members of a union, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the  
16 Speaker of the House; and

17 10. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's designee.'

18 Amend the resolve in section 7 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out  
19 the following: "February 1, 2026" and inserting the following: 'December 15, 2025'

20 Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

21 '**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation  
22 takes effect when approved.'

23 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
24 section number to read consecutively.

## 25 SUMMARY

26 This amendment does the following.

27 1. It adds an emergency preamble and clause.

28 2. It adds to the membership of the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy  
29 Transition for Maine's Workforce a member representing a transmission and distribution  
30 utility in the State, a member representing an energy industry employer that employs  
31 workers that are not members of a union and the Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's  
32 designee.

33 3. It changes the date by which the report of the commission must be submitted from  
34 February 1, 2026 to December 15, 2025.

## 35 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

36 (See attached)



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LD 1420

LR 2332(02)

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Ensure a Just and Equitable Energy Transition for Maine's Workforce**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)**  
**Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology**  
**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

### Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of the Governor, Public Utilities Commission or the Office of the Public Advocate to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.