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H.P. 1234

House of Representatives, April 30, 2025

An Act to Improve Interagency Coordination on Renewable Energy Construction Projects

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WEBB of Durham.

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Database of renewable energy construction projects. The office shall, in coordination with state agencies that permit, enforce or provide state assistance regarding renewable energy construction projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Labor, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Public Utilities Commission, create and maintain a database of renewable energy construction projects to identify renewable energy trends. For purposes of this subsection, "renewable energy construction project" or "project" has the same meaning as "assisted project" as defined in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 1-A and "state assistance" means the provision of certifications or other economic assistance described in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 1-A, paragraph B. For each renewable energy construction project, the database must include:

A. The project's name;

B. The owner's name and contact information, including, but not limited to, the owner's mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address;

C. The project's location, including, but not limited to, the physical address, including the town and county, and latitude and longitude;

D. The project's nameplate capacity;

E. The anticipated date of start of construction of the project;

F. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, chapter 43;

G. Whether the project is subject to the provisions of Title 26, section 1306-A or 3213;

H. The status of state assistance the project has applied for;

I. The status of permits the project has received or applied for; and

J. The status of any approval requested for the project under Title 38, section 484-C or 484-D or Title 38, chapter 35.

By December 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the office shall submit a report summarizing renewable energy trends identified in the database to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters.

SUMMARY

This bill directs the Governor's Energy Office, in coordination with state agencies that permit, enforce or provide state assistance regarding renewable energy construction projects, to create and maintain a database of renewable energy construction projects to identify renewable energy trends. It requires the office to submit an annual report summarizing renewable energy trends identified in the database to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters.