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CHAPTER 52**S.P. 248 - L.D. 568****Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Evaluate Different Procurement Methods for Standard-offer Service**

Sec. 1. Evaluation of standard-offer service procurement methods. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall evaluate differing methods to procure standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, including, but not limited to, establishing supply contracts of varying lengths that may include soliciting bids for the procurement of standard-offer service more frequently than once per year. The commission shall consider methods to procure standard-offer service that are likely to result in:

1. Improved bid quality and quantity;
2. Lower electricity rates for customers; and
3. Electricity rate stability.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 2, 2026, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology a report that:

1. Details the commission's evaluation under section 1;
2. Identifies whether the commission changed its procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026 and whether any of the results identified in section 1 were achieved or are likely to be achieved;
3. Provides the commission's rationale if the commission did not change the procurement strategy for standard-offer service beginning January 1, 2026; and
4. Includes other relevant information.

The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53**H.P. 611 - L.D. 946****Resolve, to Increase Access to Energy Efficiency Programs by Low-income and Moderate-income Residents**

Sec. 1. Electric vehicle rebates. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall ensure at least 1/2

of all funding available for electric vehicle rebates during the period of the trust's 6th triennial plan developed by the trust in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104, subsection 4 is distributed to low-income and moderate-income residents of this State.

Sec. 2. Energy efficiency programs. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall ensure at least 1/2 of all funding available for incentives for weatherization and heat pumps for dwellings in the State during the period of the trust's 6th triennial plan developed by the trust in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104, subsection 4 is distributed for low-income and moderate-income residents of this State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54**S.P. 501 - L.D. 1212****Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating**

Sec. 1. Modern wood heating. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Governor's Energy Office, shall work with representatives of the modern wood heating system industry to study and make recommendations relating to programs and incentives encouraging the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The Efficiency Maine Trust shall submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025. The report must include recommendations for Efficiency Maine Trust programs and incentives supporting the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55**H.P. 1151 - L.D. 1724****Resolve, Authorizing the Baxter State Park Authority to Convey Certain Land in Cumberland County**

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State