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LD 1659 An Act To Create the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 358 creates the Maine Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator to support the development of clean energy and sustainability projects and infrastructure through providing financing support, including loans, loan guarantees and other financial and risk mitigation products. The accelerator is administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust.

LD 1666 Resolve, To Require the Public Utilities Commission To Issue a Request for Information on a Statewide, Multi-use Online Energy Data Platform

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 63 requires the Public Utilities Commission to issue a request for information to evaluate the feasibility of the commission establishing and operating a statewide, multiple-use online energy data platform that will provide natural gas and electric utility customers with safe, secure access to information about their usage and will allow for the aggregation of and removal of personally identifiable information from community-level energy data. It requires the commission to submit a report, by January 31, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes the results of the evaluation. Lastly, it allows the committee to report out a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.

LD 1682 An Act To Require Consideration of Climate Impacts by the Public Utilities Commission and To Incorporate Equity Considerations in Decision Making by State Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 279 adds to the purposes of the Public Utilities Commission the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It requires the commission, in its execution of its duties, powers and regulatory functions to aid in the facilitation of the achievement of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 576-A while ensuring system reliability and resource adequacy.

It requires the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, in consultation with other state agencies and offices, to develop methods to incorporate equity considerations in decision making at the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and other state agencies, and to develop definitions for “environmental justice,” “environmental justice populations,” “frontline communities” and any other terms determined to be necessary to capture equity considerations in decision making at the department, the commission and other state agencies. It requires the office to allow for input from the public and stakeholders. It requires the office to submit a report that includes any recommendations regarding definitions and equity

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

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