

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2011

---

Legislative Document

No. 553

H.P. 436

House of Representatives, February 15, 2011

### An Act To Reduce Maine's Dependence on Oil

---

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FITTS of Pittsfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, HINCK of Portland, KNAPP of  
Gorham, McCLELLAN of Raymond, Senators: GOODALL of Sagadahoc, KATZ of  
Kennebec, RECTOR of Knox.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes that the Efficiency Maine Trust, with input from stakeholders,  
6 develop a plan to reduce Maine's dependence on oil. The plan must include targets for  
7 reducing Maine's total oil consumption that equal the maximum economically achievable  
8 oil savings. The targets may not provide less than a 30% overall reduction in oil  
9 consumption from 2009 levels by 2030 and a 50% overall reduction from 2009 levels by  
10 2050. In establishing these targets, the Efficiency Maine Trust and stakeholders shall  
11 consider:

12 1. The future oil and gasoline costs to the drivers, homeowners, industries and  
13 businesses in Maine, as well as the environmental and national security effects of Maine's  
14 oil dependence and the local economic development opportunities, including job creation  
15 potential, of improving energy efficiency and moving to clean, renewable, made-in-  
16 Maine energy sources; and

17 2. The potential of oil savings from the following strategies to improve energy  
18 efficiency and move to clean, renewable energy:

19 A. Shifting freight transported in Maine from trucks to other transportation modes,  
20 including rail and marine transportation;

21 B. The rapid deployment of electric vehicles, through a combination of policies that  
22 include comprehensive planning with utilities, investments in electric vehicle  
23 infrastructure, consumer tax incentives and targeted deployment communities;

24 C. Establishing rebates or other consumer incentives for retiring older, inefficient  
25 vehicles;

26 D. Coordinating land use and transportation planning to encourage growth in areas  
27 accessible by walking, biking and public transportation;

28 E. Expanding and investing in public transportation, including bus transit and light  
29 rail, and offering incentives for commuters to use public transportation where  
30 available;

31 F. Transitioning to renewable energy for heating, including energy from off-shore  
32 wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and sustainable biomass;

33 G. Achieving home and commercial weatherization and efficiency improvements  
34 including and in addition to those included in the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial  
35 plan;

1 H. Establishing additional policies and incentives for industrial efficiency  
2 improvements, including replacements of industrial boilers and other steps to reduce  
3 petroleum consumption; and

4 I. Adopting other strategies that can help enable Maine to achieve the oil-reduction  
5 targets.

6 The Efficiency Maine Trust shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy,  
7 Utilities and Technology by February 2012 with recommendations for short-term and  
8 mid-term policies needed to achieve the overall reductions in oil use, including  
9 recommendations for specific legislative actions. The recommendations must require  
10 that, by January 15, 2014 and by January 15th every 5 years thereafter, the Governor's  
11 Office of Energy Independence and Security shall evaluate the State's progress toward  
12 meeting the oil-reduction goals and make additional recommendations to the joint  
13 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and  
14 technology matters as necessary to ensure that the State can meet the reduction goals.