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House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

An Act to Comprehensively and Equitably Reform Electricity Rates

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

R(+ B. Hunt ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative RUNTE of York. Cosponsored by Representative: ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: **CONCEPT DRAFT** 2 3 **SUMMARY** 4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. 5 This bill would require the Public Utilities Commission to develop and implement new rate structures for electric utilities that accomplish the following: 6 7 1. Electric distribution utility revenue's no longer being based on kilowatt-hour sales, 8 removing the threat of lost revenue from reduced consumption because of local generation 9 or energy efficiency and demand management measures; 10 2. Replacement of the existing fixed net energy credit system with one that reflects the value of energy when delivered as well as systemic and societal benefits; 11 12 3. Establishment of a standard-offer service with various pricing levels based on the value of energy consumed at the time of use; and 13 14 4. The filing by utilities of multiyear rate plans that provide for an annual review by the Public Utilities Commission and, based on achievement of commission-approved 15 performance metrics, including reliability and resiliency, affordability, interconnection 16 response time and customer service performance, allow the commission to award or 17 18 penalize the utilities.