

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 14, 2023

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### **An Act to Ensure That the Maine Electric Grid Provides Additional Benefits to Maine Ratepayers**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

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 to require the Public Utilities Commission to:

6 1. Ensure that the State's electric grid is managed to benefit ratepayers by encouraging  
7 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and providing opportunities for ratepayers to control  
8 costs and to implement local energy solutions;

9 2. Investigate technological advances to minimize the need for new grid infrastructure,  
10 including grid-enabling connection ports on water heaters, reconditioning transmission  
11 lines, dynamic line ratings and dynamic hosting capacity maps;

12 3. Order implementation of technological advances that the commission determines are  
13 cost-effective and in the public interest; and

14 4. Report to the Legislature on how the commission stays informed about new  
15 technology and requires the adoption of specific technology to benefit ratepayers.