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History and Final Disposition

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An Act To Restore Local Ownership and Control of Maine's Power Delivery Systems. Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Public Hearing 05/14/19. Final Disposition: Died Upon Conclusion of the 129th Legislature 11/16/20.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

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[Seth A. Berry, House Chair, Joint Standing Comm'e on Energy, Utilities and Technology.](#)

[Comments to London Economics Incorporated, LLC regarding the evaluation of LD 1646 \(December 4, 2019\)](#)

News Articles

Power companies and their critics clash over proposal for consumer-owned utility (Tux Turkel) (Portland Press Herald, 5/15/2019, p. B1, B2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/PPH 190515E.pdf)

Central Maine Power pushes back at lawmaker's drive for consumer-owned utility (Lori Valigra) (Bangor Daily News, 5/16/2019, p. A2) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/BDN 190516D.pdf)

Some Mainers want to replace CMP and Emera Maine with a public utility - Here's how it works in Nebraska (Lori Valigra) (Bangor Daily News, 5/23/2019, p. A1, A4) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/BDN 190523A.pdf)

Public power- Would it be green power? (Lance Tapley) (Free Press, 5/23/2019, p. 7) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/Free Press 1900523C.pdf)

Proposal to study public power options for Maine moves forward (Tux Turkel) (Portland Press Herald, 6/18/2019, p. C1, C3) • (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/PPH 190618D.pdf)

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Maine lawmaker reins in public power proposal, asks for new study of the plan (Lori Valigra) (Bangor Daily News, 7/25/2020, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include citation: 129/LD16xx/nc129-LD-1646/BDN 200725-26H.pdf)

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