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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 3 / HP0005

An Act to Establish the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program to Aid Residents with High Heating Costs and to Finalize the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program. Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Public Hearing 12/21/22. OTP-AM Accepted 01/04/23. Amended by: CA H-1. Final Disposition: Emergency Enacted, Emergency Signed 01/04/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 1.

**Original Bill**

[LD 3 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 3 / PL 2023, c. 1](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0003.pdf  
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(AFA\) \(12/21/2022\)](#)
- (Click audio link on committee page. Audio files may cover several bills.)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-1\) \(LD 3 2023\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-1\) \(LD 3 2023\)](#)

[Amendment HA \(H-2\) \(LD 3 2023\)](#)

[Amendment SB \(S-2\) \(LD 3 2023\)](#)

[Amendment SC \(S-3\) \(LD 3 2023\)](#)

[Amendment SD \(S-4\) \(LD 3 2023\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, January 4, 2023 \(H-24-44\)](#)

p. H-24 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-1, H-2)

[HOUSE, January 4, 2023 \(H-24-44\)](#)

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[HOUSE, January 4, 2023 \(H-24-44\)](#)

p. H-38 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p39)) (Amendment(s) H-1)

[SENATE, January 4, 2023 \(S-24-51\)](#)

p. S-37 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p38)) (Amendment(s) H-1)

[SENATE, January 4, 2023 \(S-24-51\)](#)

p. S-44 (Remarks)

[HOUSE, January 10, 2023 \(H-45-51\)](#)

p. H-50

[SENATE, January 10, 2023 \(S-52-61\)](#)

p. S-53

[HOUSE, July 6, 2023 \(H-1132-1152\)](#)

p. H-1144 (Remarks (in passing))

[SENATE, February 22, 2024 \(S-1814-1831\)](#)

p. S-1818 (Remarks (in passing))

[SENATE, March 6, 2024 \(S-1912-1924\)](#)

p. S-1919 (Remarks (in passing))

[SENATE, April 17, 2024 \(S-2385-2444\)](#)

p. S-2421 (Remarks (in passing))

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2023, c. 1](#)

## News Articles

Lawmakers to hold public hearing on efforts to send \$450 relief checks, boost heating aid (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 12/19/2022, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/PPH 221217B.pdf)

Committee reaches deal on heating aid package (David Marino Jr. and Michael Shepherd) (Bangor Daily News, 12/27/2022, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/BDN 221223A.pdf)

Taxpayers may start receiving \$450 heating relief checks in late January (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 12/27/2022, p. A1, A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/PPH 221223C.pdf)

Pragmatism won at heating aid hearing (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 1/3/2023, p. A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/BDN 230102A.pdf)

Legislature OKs \$450 checks for heat aid (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 1/5/2023, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/PPH 230105C.pdf)

Maine House, Senate pass \$475M fuel assistance bill (Will Tuell) (Machias Valley News Observer, 1/10/2023, p. 1, 17) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/The Machias Valley News Observer 230110A.pdf)

Heating relief is good, but we need long-term solutions (Dick Campbell) (Machias Valley News Observer, 1/10/2023, p. 7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/The Machias Valley News Observer 230110B.pdf)

Once again, no real long-term solutions to be found in Augusta (Laurel Libby) (Sun Journal (Lewiston), 1/10/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD00xx/nc131-LD-0003/Sun Journal 230110B.pdf)

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