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History and Final Disposition

LD 1895 / SP0766

An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources. Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy Utilities and Technology. Public Hearing 05/18/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 06/22/23. Amended by: CA S-420, SA/CA S-503. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 07/27/23, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 481.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(EUT\) \(05/18/2023\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

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Floor Proceedings and Debate

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p. H-1177 (Amendment(s) S-503, S-420)

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[PL 2023, c. 481](#)

Reports and Other Related Documents

[Maine Revenue Services. Report on Developing a Fishing Community Protection Tax Incentive Program \(February 1, 2024\)](#)

News Articles

Offshore wind power bill calls for big buy-in from state (Tux Turkel) (Portland Press Herald, 1/25/2023, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/PPH 230125D.pdf)

Swirling debate over direction of offshore wind power (Penelope Overton) (Portland Press Herald, 5/19/2023, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/PPH 230519B.pdf)

Opposing bills on offshore wind heard in Augusta recently (Anne Berleant) (Ellsworth American, 5/26/2023, p. Sec. B, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/Ellsworth American 230525A.pdf)

We must harness offshore wind but protect Sears Island (Sarah Leighton) (Bangor Daily News, 6/6/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/BDN 230606B.pdf)

Bills call for responsible development of offshore wind (Maureen Drouin and Francis Eanes) (Portland Press Herald, 6/6/2023, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/PPH 230606F.pdf)

Offshore wind can benefit our environment and our pocketbooks (Tom Mikulka) (Bangor Daily News, 6/9/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/BDN 230609G.pdf)

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Young people like me want to work in offshore wind in Maine (Luke Healy) (Portland Press Herald, 6/15/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/PPH 230615F.pdf)

Maine must act now to take advantage of offshore wind (Editorial) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 6/20/2023, p. D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/MST 230618E.pdf)

Maine's immigrants have a lot to gain from offshore wind (Tobin Williamson) (Portland Press Herald, 6/22/2023, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/PPH 230622E.pdf)

Port facilities must be part of offshore wind strategy (Tony Buxton) (Bangor Daily News, 6/23/2023, p. A9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/BDN 230623G.pdf)

Revised wind bill put forth (Anne Berleant) (Ellsworth American, 7/21/2023, p. B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/Ellsworth American 230720B.pdf)

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Mills hails, signs 3,000-megawatt offshore wind power procurement bill (Will Tuell) (Machias Valley News Observer, 8/8/2023, p.) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/Machias Valley News Observer 230809F.pdf)

Creating family-sustaining jobs through offshore wind development (Glenn "Chip" Currey) (Republican Journal, 9/7/2023, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD18xx/nc131-LD-1895/Republican Journal 230907B.pdf)

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