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Original Title: An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems. New Title: An Act Regarding Restoration and Protection of Coastal Sand Dune Systems and Permitting of an Offshore Wind Terminal on Sears Island. Presented by Representative RUNTE of York. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Public Hearing 03/18/24. Final Disposition: Carried Over 05/10/24.

Original Bill

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(ENR\) \(03/18/2024\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

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Legislature gets its first look at Searsport offshore wind site (Stephen Singer) (Portland Press Herald, 3/19/2024, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2266/PPH 240319E.pdf)

House rejects Mills' plan to build Sears Island offshore wind project (Stephen Singer) (Portland Press Herald, 4/10/2024, p. A1, A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2266/PPH 240410A.pdf)

Legislature split on exempting offshore wind port from sand dune protections (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 4/17/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2266/BDN 240417B.pdf)

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Wind development on undeveloped Sears Island is a dead end (David Itallaander) (Portland Press Herald, 4/23/2024, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2266/PPH 240423G.pdf)

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