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technologies and to review what measures other states have taken to facilitate the development of energy storage and whether those measure were successful at promoting energy storage, minimizing ratepayer impacts and promoting a diversification of energy storage technologies. It requires the commission submit a report on its evaluation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 1, 2022 and allows the committee to report out a bill based on the report; and

5. Requires the Governor's Energy Office to conduct an energy storage market assessment study and submit a report on that study by March 1, 2022.

### **LD 597 An Act To Establish the Thermal Energy Investment Program**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 199 establishes the Thermal Energy Investment Fund and creates the Thermal Energy Investment Program within the Efficiency Maine Trust. The law specifies that funds collected from alternative compliance payments made by competitive electricity providers to satisfy the portfolio requirements for thermal renewable energy credits must be used to fund the Thermal Energy Investment Fund. It requires the trust to use funds from the fund, if there are any, to provide incentives and low-interest or no-interest loans for new thermal energy-derived projects. It requires that the trust consult with the Finance Authority of Maine, when appropriate, in the development of any Thermal Energy Investment Program incentives and the distribution of money from the Thermal Energy Investment Fund. It prohibits the use of funds for incentives or loans for the refurbishment or maintenance of existing facilities.

### **LD 815 An Act To Support School Decarbonization**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 152 changes the school energy savings program, which was developed and administered by the Efficiency Maine Trust, to a school decarbonization program. It requires the trust to provide technical and financial support to help kindergarten to grade 12 schools become carbon neutral. It also repeals the school solar energy program administered by the trust.

### **LD 936 An Act To Amend State Laws Relating to Net Energy Billing and the Procurements of Distributed Generation**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 390 specifies the requirements that must be met for a distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of at least two megawatts and no more than five megawatts to be able to participate in net energy billing under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title