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considerations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by February 15, 2022. It allows each committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the report.

LD 1710 An Act To Require Prompt and Effective Use of the Renewable Energy Resources of Northern Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 380 establishes the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program, administered by the Public Utilities Commission, to remove obstacles to the use of and development of renewable energy resources in Aroostook County and any other area of the State in which the retail market is administered by the Northern Maine Independent System Administrator.

It requires the commission to issue a request for proposals for the development and construction of the 345-kilovolt double circuit generation connection line, or at the commission's discretion a transmission line or lines capable of connecting renewable resources located in northern Maine with the electric grid operated by ISO-New England. It also requires the commission to issue a request for proposals for the development and construction of renewable energy generation projects in northern Maine to be connected to and to transmit generated electricity using the transmission line or lines constructed as a result of the request for proposals for transmission required by this law.

It provides the commission with discretion in its administration of the programs and specifies that if at the close of the competitive bidding process the commission determines that no proposal meets the requirements or that approval of a contract or contracts is not in the public interest, the commission may reject all proposals and open a new competitive bidding process.

In implementing and administering the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program, the commission is directed to make every effort to facilitate the construction and development of the line or lines including participating in any regional or federal proceeding relating to the line or lines and participating in proceedings involving the inclusion or integration of the line or lines and any associated upgrades by the ISO-New England system or the New England Power Pool into the ISO-New England system's transmission plan, bulk power system and pool transmission facilities.