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provide all types of investments and financial services authorized under the accelerator to renewable energy generation and grid technology projects. By January 29, 2028, the trust must provide a report on the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters, and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 1726 An Act to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Integrated Distribution Grid Planning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 293 does the following.

1. It requires the Governor's Energy Office to seek to ensure consistency in energy planning and analysis, including through the use of an energy forecasting method consistent with the method used by the office in preparing the comprehensive state energy plan.
2. It requires grid plans filed by certain transmission and distribution utilities, when appropriate, to consider the energy forecasting method used to prepare the comprehensive state energy plan. It also specifies that available and emerging technologies, which must be analyzed in the grid plan filing, include the use of advanced conductors and grid-enhancing technologies. These changes to the grid plan filing established by the law take effect February 1, 2026.
3. It allows the Public Utilities Commission, in a competitive solicitation, to use grid plan filings to develop requests for proposals, evaluate bids and negotiate agreements in order to optimize grid capacity.
4. It requires the commission, in consultation with the Efficiency Maine Trust and the Office of the Public Advocate, to conduct a review of the nonwires alternative investigation and recommendation process established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132-C. By March 1, 2026, the commission must provide a report of its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.
5. It requires the commission to explore and evaluate the feasibility of adopting emerging flexible interconnection options in order to use distributed energy resources, increase grid capacity, decrease grid instability and reduce costs. By February 15, 2026, the commission must submit an initial report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters summarizing the commission's activities and, by February 15, 2027, the commission must submit a final report to that committee.