

**WIND BILLS CARRIED OVER
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

LD	SUMMARY
<p>LD 616 An Act To Amend the Expedited Permitting Area for Wind Energy Development under the Jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission</p>	<p>Expedited Permitting Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes 5 specific townships and plantations in the unorganized territories from the expedited permitting area
<p>LD 1147 An Act To Protect Maine's Scenic Character</p>	<p>Scenic Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands the policy to protect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ scenic resources that have been identified as significant by municipalities in their comprehensive plans and; ○ the scenic resources of certain great ponds on which there are commercial sporting • Increases from 8 miles to 15 miles the jurisdictional distance for requiring visual impact assessments • Creates a rebuttable presumption that proposed grid-scale wind energy development projects within 15 miles of Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Appalachian Trail, a federally designated wilderness area or the Allagash Wilderness Waterway will have an unreasonable adverse effect on a scenic resource. • Requires the DEP to consider the cumulative impacts of development when permitting under the law expedited permitting laws • Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to undertake rulemaking for decommissioning plans • Directs updates of the scenic character studies of the great ponds done in 1987 and 1989.
<p>LD 1323 An Act Regarding Wind Power Siting in the Unorganized Territory</p>	<p>Expedited Permitting Area; Zoning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires that before the DEP may approve a proposal for a grid-scale wind energy development in the unorganized or deorganized area of the State, the LUPC must certify that the area has been zoned for planned development • Removes a legislative finding regarding wind energy development that should be a permitted use in the unorganized and deorganized areas of the State.
<p>LD 1434 An Act To Clarify the Laws Governing Noise from Wind Turbines</p>	<p>Wind Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill requires unregulated wind energy developments that buy and sell electricity to meet the same sound level standards that wind energy developments permitted under the Site Development law must meet