



# Legislative Update

**132nd Legislature – 1st Session**

EMT Board Meeting

February 26, 2025

# Building Codes

- **LD 445** (Sponsor – Rep. Ducharme)
- Action – Reduce the applicability of uniform building codes (including the IECC -- “Energy Code”)
  - Increase the threshold for applicability of mandatory building codes from current population threshold (>4,000) to new threshold (>10,000)
- **LD 210 (Biennial Budget)**
- Action – Transfer powers and duties of the “Division of Building Codes and Standards” from the State Fire Marshal’s Office to the new Maine Office of Community Assistance (MOCA).
  - Duties include training and certification.

# Electric Vehicles

- **LD 585** (Sponsor – Sen. Ingwersen)
- Action – Modify EMT authority for use of FCM revenues
  - Allow use of FCM revenues: “to promote or to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification measures that are cost-effective and reliably reduce electricity rates over the life of the measures, including high-performance air source heat pump technology and electric vehicles.

# Beneficial Electrification (BE)

- **LD \_\_\_\_** (Sponsor – Sen. Grohoski)
- Action – Amend the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act
  - Distinguish treatment of utility procurement for resources that cause electric rates to decline from procurement of traditional energy efficiency resources
    - Remove limitations of the “cap” that is applied to procurement of Energy Efficiency when dealing with costs of procuring Nonwires Alternatives, Demand Management, and Beneficial Electrification
    - Direct the PUC to revise its rules to reflect this policy

# Efficiency Maine Green Bank

- **LD (concept)** (Sponsor – Rep. Sachs)
- Action – Mandate EM Green Bank to finance renewable energy generation, energy storage, smart grid applications by disbursing, from existing revenues, a minimum set amount in equity investments and a minimum set amount in other forms of finance (debt, credit enhancement, etc.) within 1 year of enactment.

# Net Energy Billing

- **LDs** – Multiple (32, 257, 359, 450, 515)
- **Actions** – Repeal / Revise NEB Program. Sampling of proposals:
  - Repeal entire NEB program, prohibit PUC from adopting NEB by rule or order, repeal references to tax exemptions for NEB systems.
  - Repeal “shared financial interest” resources for NEB eligibility
  - Limit eligible resources to on-site customer, primarily for customer load
  - Limit eligible resources for Tariff rate to <1 MW
  - Revert NEB program to 2017 terms & provisions
- **Notes** – Ongoing PUC adjudicatory docket studying benefits of NEB; SEA analysis updated 2/7/2025.