

**Public Policy:** The team is currently watching these bills.

**LD 797 AN ACT TO LIMIT GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION AND EFFECTIVELY USE MAINE'S NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that by January 1, 2050 the State must reduce net annual greenhouse gas emissions to at least 80% below the 1990 net annual greenhouse gas emissions level. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish interim net annual emissions levels and to monitor and report on gross and net annual greenhouse gas emissions. It directs the department to update the State's climate action plan and evaluate the State's progress toward meeting the reduction levels.

**LD 893 AN ACT TO CREATE AN UPDATED UNIFIED MAINE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection, working with the Maine Interagency Climate Adaptation (MICA) Work Group and the University of Maine, to update the Maine Climate Action Plan developed in 2004 by the department. It requires the updated plan to address both mitigation and adaptation strategies. It requires the department and the MICA Work Group to convene a group of stakeholders to evaluate the mitigation and adaptation strategies in order to update the plan and it provides for internships for University of Maine students to work on the development and implementation of the updated plan. It authorizes the department to hire consultants. It requires the University of Maine System to develop and implement procedures for providing climate data to residents of the State.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 in the REM office.