

100x2040 - LD 1868 Testimony Template and Talking Points

Testimony guide:

- All underlined and bracketed sections should be replaced with your information.
- If you are planning to provide testimony live on Zoom or in-person, you will have 3 minutes, so be sure to practice and time yourself beforehand.
- Many more tips on developing and delivering compelling testimony, and more instructions on how to submit online if you can't join in person can be found in NRCM's [Take Action Toolkit](#).
- Thank you for your testimony! Your voice and experiences are invaluable for helping legislators understand the need for change.

Testimony template:

Testimony of [your name] [on behalf of your organization]

Supporting: LD 1868, An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws

[Month, Day], 2025

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, my name is [your name] and I am [from your town]/[testifying on behalf of your organization]. I am here today in support of LD 1868.

[Include two or three paragraphs on why this bill matters to you, including the following:]

- A brief description of your organization and how your work and the people you serve are impacted by climate change and/or transportation barriers.
- At least one short and specific example of how you or the the people you serve or represent would be benefited by climate action, lower energy costs, more readily available clean energy, or jobs in the clean energy industry.
- Why this bill will help. See talking points below

For these reasons, I encourage you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1868. Thank you for your consideration.

[Signed as you prefer]

[Your name]

[Your organization/town of residence]

Talking Points:

Powering Maine Forward with 100% Clean Electricity by 2040

If you say one thing: Reaching 100% clean energy by 2040 will power Maine forward, stabilizing energy costs, creating new jobs, and reducing fossil fuel dependence by investing in homegrown clean energy.

Supporting messages:

Maine's dependence on oil and gas saddles families and businesses with high, volatile energy costs.

- Maine's dependence on fossil fuels for heating, transportation, and power generation is the primary driver of the high energy prices facing Maine families and businesses.
- Burning fossil fuels is the primary cause of climate change, which is already impacting our communities through flooding and extreme storm damage.
- Maine sends more than \$4 billion out of state every year to pay for imported oil and gas -- money that could be spent creating homegrown clean energy jobs instead.

100% clean electricity by 2040 is a practical path forward to a lower-cost energy future and a strong clean energy economy.

- Low-income families and businesses across our state are struggling because of rising energy costs linked to our region's dependence on oil and natural gas, as well as the costs of responding to storms made worse by climate change.
- Because of the falling costs of clean energy, Maine's 2040 Pathways analysis shows reaching 100% clean electricity by 2040 could lower average household energy costs by about \$1,300 per year.
- Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) has already resulted in a billion dollars in investment, \$21.5 million annually in ratepayer benefits, and more than 1,000 new clean energy jobs. More than 15,000 Maine people already work in the clean energy industry.

Creating more homegrown clean energy sources will save Mainers money, create good-paying jobs, and benefit the environment for generations to come.

- Investing in homegrown clean energy solutions creates good-paying jobs that keep people here in Maine.
- Clean energy solutions help save Mainers money and make us more energy independent by diversifying our energy mix and reducing our reliance on expensive out-of-state fossil fuels like home heating oil and natural gas.
- Responsible development of clean energy protects Maine's heritage fishing and farming industries while preserving our rural character and conserving natural resources.
- Advancing the clean energy transition will reduce air pollution and help us avoid the worst impacts of climate change.