MAINE
CLIMATE COUNCIL

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MAINE CLIMATE COUNCIL (LD 1679)
Governor's Bill, sponsored by Senator Woodsome (R)
• Sets reductions in law: 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, 80% by 2050
• Creates Maine Climate Council to advise the Governor and Legislature on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for and adapt to the consequences of climate change
• State Climate Action Plan update due by December 1, 2020
ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WORKING GROUPS

• To develop and recommend mitigation and adaptation actions to the council

• Groups include legislators, representatives of scientific and academic institutions, affected and involved businesses, nonprofit organizations and foundations, youth, and leaders from federal, state and local governments and agencies

• All working groups will solicit stakeholder input; consider costs and benefits including impacts on low-income, elderly and rural residents and other vulnerable communities; advise on economic and workforce benefits and challenges; and recommend funding and financing mechanisms for strategies