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Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets				
 Enacted	45% by 2030 Carbon neutral by 2045 Relative to 1990 levels Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.D. 1679 (2019) • L.D. 1429 (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022
Climate Action Plans				
 Enacted	Maine Won't Wait 2.0 Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.D. 1679 (2019) • Maine Won't Wait (2020) • Maine Won't Wait 2.0 (2024) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2024
State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory				
 Enacted	The 1990-2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory was published in July 2022. Establishing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD 845 (2003) • 38 MRSA §576-A (2019) • 1990-2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022









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Climate Bureaucracy				
 Not Enacted	<p>Climate bureaucracy consists of dedicated climate offices and staff, interagency working groups, task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff. These bodies are often responsible for writing a state's climate plan and implementing the policies and strategies identified to meet its climate targets.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Climate Advisory Bodies				
 Enacted	<p>Maine Climate Council</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LD 1679 (2019)• Maine Climate Council	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2019
Environmental Justice Community Definitions				
 Enacted	<p>"Frontline communities" are defined as those people and communities that experience the consequences of climate change first and to a greater degree than others.</p> <p>The Department of Environmental Protection must also define "environmental justice populations," taking into consideration, at a minimum, median household income, race, ethnicity, and English language proficiency.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LD 2018 (2022)	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2022



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Environmental Justice Mapping Tools				
 Not Enacted	Environmental justice (EJ) mapping tools are interactive maps that visualize key EJ concepts, such as demographic information, EJ community definitions, and environmental and public health threats.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements				
 Not Enacted	Environmental justice (EJ) community investment requirements help ensure communities most impacted by environmental burdens are benefitting equitably from public programs by requiring a certain percentage of funds and/or benefits from other policies are allocated to EJ communities.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Environmental Justice Bureaucracy				
 Not Enacted	Environmental justice (EJ) bureaucracy consists of dedicated EJ offices and staff, interagency task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff responsible for developing and implementing EJ policy. These entities are often tasked with integrating EJ and equity into climate policy design and implementation.	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	



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Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies				
 Enacted	<p>Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equity Subcommittee of the Maine Climate Council	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Cumulative Impact Assessment				
 Not Enacted	<p>Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Just Transition Plans				
 Not Enacted	<p>Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	

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Just Transition Offices and Staff				
 Not Enacted	Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Just Transition Advisory Bodies				
 Not Enacted	Just transition advisory bodies write or advise on a state's just transition plan or report, and make recommendations on ways to support affected workers, communities, and industries. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Just Transition Funds				
 Not Enacted	Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	