

LD 440, An Act to Protect Customers from Financial Scams by Requiring Retailers to Provide Information on Potential Signs of Financial Scams

- Will reduce the loss of personal funds in financial scams targeting Mainers.
- Maine residents lost \$21.7 million to scams in 2022, including gift card scams.
- Bill is supported by law enforcement and Maine Credit Union League



Sponsor:

Rep. Lydia Crafts

Committee: Innovation,
Development, Economic
Advancement &
Business

Status:

- Public hearing held
March 21
- Awaiting work
session

LD 829, An Act to Improve Behavioral Support for Students in Maine's Public Schools.

- Will reduce the ratio of school counselors to 250 students for every 1 staff counselor
- Adds the same ratio requirement for social workers.
- Funds behavior support training and stipends for school staff to better serve children with challenging behaviors.



Sponsor:

Rep. Lydia Crafts

Committee: Education &
Cultural Affairs

Status:

- Public hearing
March 28

LR 1121, An Act to Establish a Commission to Study Mining Materials.

- This bill will study the possibility of safely mining rare earth minerals, such as lithium, in Maine.
- These minerals will be important in meeting our climate goals and there is current interest in sourcing them domestically.



Sponsor:

Rep. Lydia Crafts

Committee: Not
assigned

Status:

- Bill has not been
printed

LD 1126, Resolve, to Increase Community Action Grants

- Increase grant amounts through Community Resilience Partnership
- Funds projects to reduce energy use/costs or make communities more resilient to climate change effects
- Would double the current grant amount cap, raising it to \$100,000
- Program has already helped Wiscasset, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Westport Island, Monhegan Island



Sponsor:

Sen. Cameron Reny

Committee:

Environment & Natural Resources

Status:

- Public hearing
April 5

LD 1276, An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses

- Supports employee-owned businesses and cooperatives
- Incentivizes sale of manufactured housing parks and small businesses to employee/resident owned co-ops through tax incentives



Sponsor:

Sen. Cameron Reny

Committee: Taxation

Status:

- Awaiting public hearing date

LR 735, An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs Using Reference-Based Pricing

- Ties prescription costs in private insurance to Medicare prices
- Could help cut costs without violating the commerce clause
- Four other states have passed referenced-based pricing legislation



Sponsor:

Sen. Cameron Reny

Committee: Unassigned

Status:

- Bill has not been printed

