

Positions Established via Polls *UPDATED 3/19/25*

Below are the positions the LPC established via the use of polls, which were necessary due to the scheduling of public hearings. Since these positions were created without the benefit of a full LPC debate, on Thursday members will be asked if they would like to reconsider any of the established positions.

To do so, when the chair presents the consent agenda for approval, members will be asked to remove items from the agenda, if any. Once members have had the opportunity to remove items, what remains on the list will be adopted in a single motion and then the chair will open the discussion on the removed bills and call for a motion for each bill.

There are two bills that staff have removed from the consent agenda because the polling results were inconclusive and require additional LPC feedback.

Off Consent Agenda

Energy, Utilities & Technology

Support [LD 873](#) *An Act to Expand Municipal Authority over Utility Pole Permits*

This bill was moved to the ‘off consent’ portion of the consent agenda due to questions posed by members of the Energy, Utilities & Technology Committee at the public hearing on the bill. The committee is requesting municipal feedback on the following questions for the work session:

- 1) The bill language refers to a municipality having a population of more than 40,000 inhabitants. Do members have concerns about not pointing to a source, such as the census, for determining the population and further with the use of the term inhabitants rather than population?
- 2) Since poles are used for other utilities besides electricity, like broadband or telephone service, do members have concerns in that aspect as it relates to LD 873?
- 3) Utility poles have a dedicated section for E-911 attachments. Do members have any concerns about E-911 attachments as it relates to LD 873?

Housing & Economic Development

Sup/Opp/NFNA [LD 907](#) *An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities*

Taxation

Support/Oppose [LD 934](#) *An Act to Provide 100 Percent of the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption Amount to Seniors and Veterans*

On Consent Agenda

Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services

NFNA [LD 784](#) *An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders*

Judiciary

NFNA [LD 785](#) *An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act*

Taxation

Support [LD 819](#) *An Act Concerning the Status of Battery Storage Systems with Regard to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption*

NFNA [LD 888](#) *An Act to Expand Property Tax Relief for Veterans and Survivors of Veterans*

Veterans & Legal Affairs

Oppose [LD 397](#) *An Act to Require a Voter to Show Photographic Identification*

Support [LD 811](#) *An Act to Require a Municipal Public Hearing and Vote Before a Sports Wagering Facility May Be Established*

Oppose [LD 948](#) *An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis*