

MAINE

Resolve To Establish a Pilot Program To Encourage Climate Education in Maine Public Schools



OVERVIEW

LD 1902/
HP 1409

ENACTED
MAY 3, 2022

- Establishes a 3 year pilot program that provides grants for teacher professional development about climate education.
- Assists school districts in partnering with nonprofit, community-based organizations to create and implement teacher training that is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Prioritizes grant awards for historically underserved communities.

EQUITY AND
YOUTH
VOICE ARE
CENTRAL TO
THIS BILL

COALITION

LD 1902 was created based on community input solicited during the 2021 Maine Climate Education Summit and championed by the Nature Based Education Consortium's youth-led Climate Education Advocacy Working Group. Students, teachers, organizations, and groups from across Maine supported this bill.

FUNDING

Beginning in FY22, LD 1902 provides \$2,094,519 for the grant program. Additionally, \$94,519 was allocated to create a new position at the Maine Department of Education to support the grant program. Funds were transferred from the General Fund, the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund, and settlement funds.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Funding is prioritized for school districts and communities that have historically been underserved by climate science education. Partnerships between school districts and community organizations are the foundation for implementing professional development for teachers.

IMPACT

LD 1902 stresses community partnerships and equity as vital to implementing teacher training and climate education. Furthermore, LD 1902 is key to advancing climate education goals that are outlined in Maine's Climate Action Plan.



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Link to find
more
information

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