

**Maine Climate Council
Natural and Working lands Group**

**132nd Legislative Recap
5/12/26**

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Overview of 132nd Legislature

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2,243 total bills introduced

76 to ACF Committee

984 bill enacted

5 bills recalled and not enacted again

794 bill were signed

174 bills became law without signature

8 bills vetoed

Increase

- Increase the total acreage of conserved lands in the state to 30% by 2030;

Increase

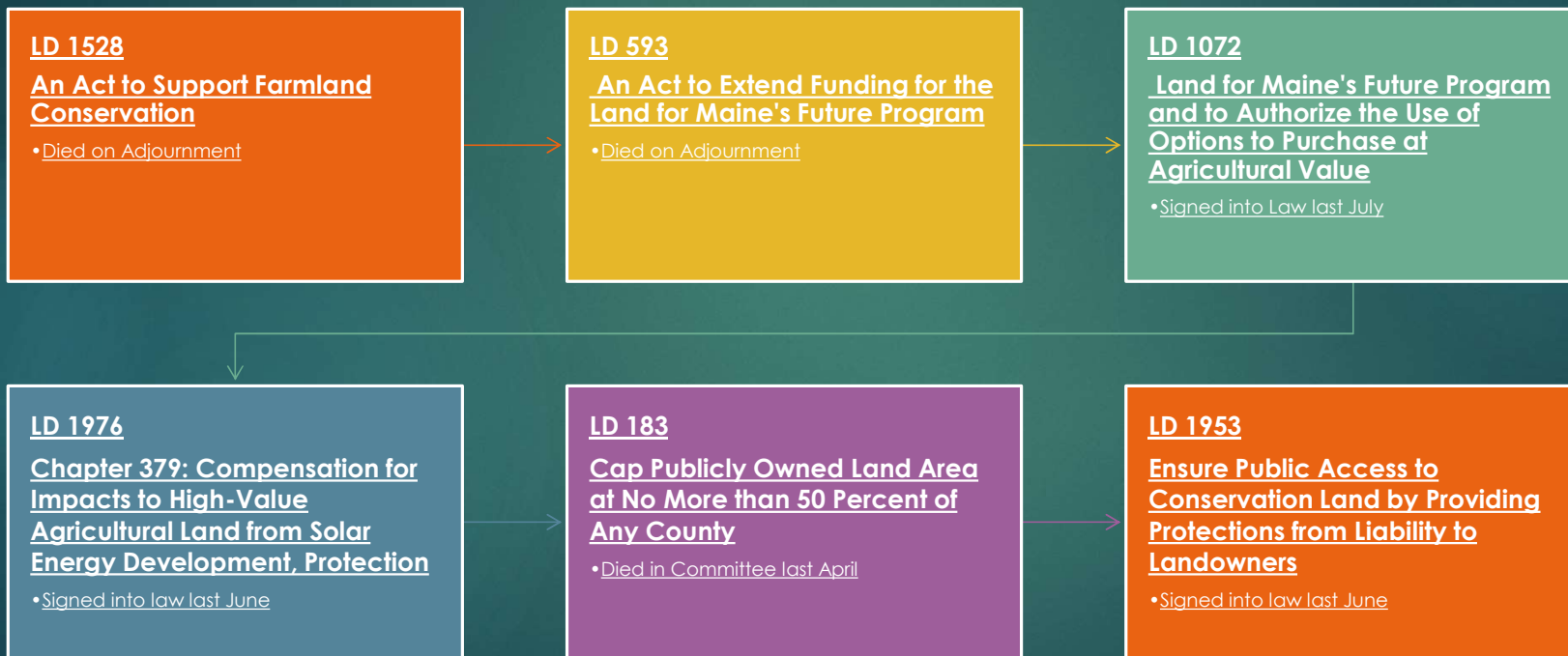
- Increase the amount of food consumed in Maine from state food producers to 30% by 2030 through local food system development;

Establish

- Establish an incentive-based forest carbon program for woodland owners to increase carbon sequestration and storage.

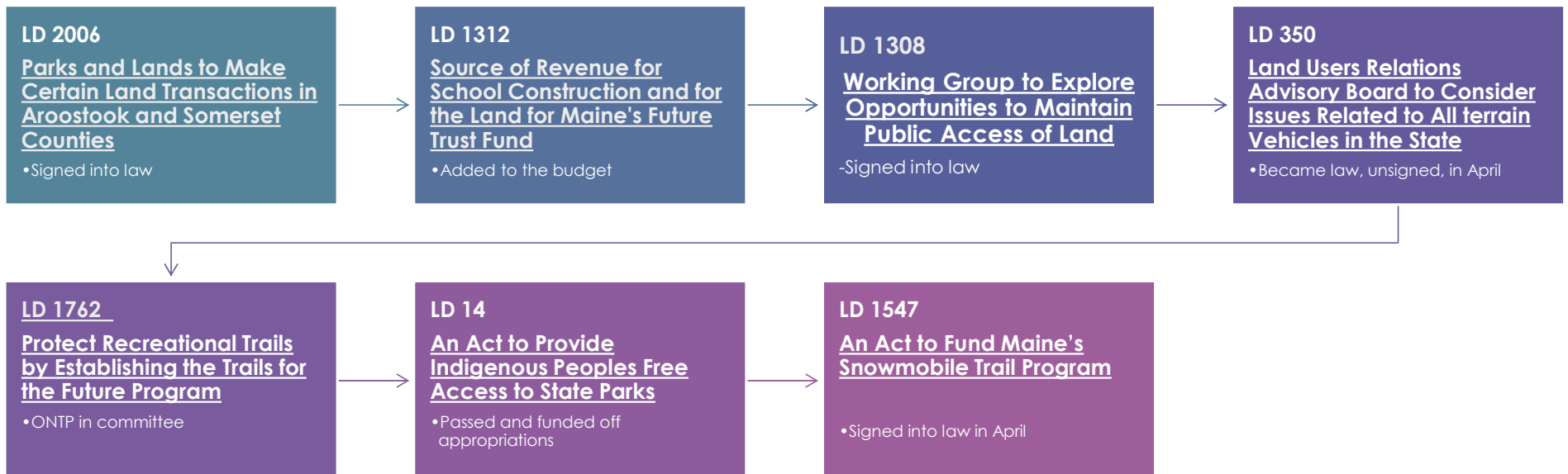
Increase Land Conservation

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Land Conservation continued

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Increase the amount of food consumed in Maine from state food producers

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LD 1141

An Act to Increase the Procurement of Maine Foods by State-funded Institutions

- Became law without signature last January

LD 468

An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

- Signed into law and funded off the appropriations table

LD 1925

An Act to Improve Access to Grant Funding for the Maine Farms for the Future Program

Signed into last June

Forest Carbon & Forestry Related Legislation

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LD 39

An Act to Require Forest Landowners to Report the Registration or Sale of Their Forest Carbon Credits

Became law last May

LD 1630

An Act to Amend the Open Space Tax Law

ONTP last May

LD 1529

An Act to Enhance the Protection of High-value Natural Resources Statewide

Became last July

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LD 2244

Implement Certain Preliminary Recommendations of the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force

Signed into Law

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Became LAW last July

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BONDS: 76 bonds introduced

- LD 2094/ LD 299 DACF Agriculture & Forestry Bond
 - Enacted in Senate failed in House
- LD 362 An Act to Authorize a bond to Replenish the Land for Maine Future Program
- LD 798 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Mass Timber Manufacturing
- LD 762 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maintenance, Preservation and Promotion of State Historic Sites
- LD 1739 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Support Maine's Agricultural Sector
- LD 1140 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Strengthen the Resilience and Growth of Maine's Agricultural Economy
- LD 560 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Coastal Climate Resiliency
- LD 798 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Mass Timber Manufacturing

CROSS CUTTING LAND ISSUES

- LD 1661, Resolve, Requiring a Review and Assessment of the State's Invasive Species Management Efforts
- LD 2118, moved MNAP to DIFW
- LD 307, An Act to Establish the Maine Data Center Coordination Council and Place a Temporary Limitation on Certain Data Centers
- LD 1870, Assess the Total Cost to the State of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

LEGISLATIVE WINS 2018-2026

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- Healthy Soils Program
- Farmer Drought Resilience Program
- Agriculture, Food Systems & Forest Products Investment Fund
- Maine Forest Service forest carbon database
- Working Farmland Access Protection Program (WFAPP)
- Permitting on High Value Agriculture Land (HVAL)
- Growth Management Law (LD 1751)
- Increase local food purchasing by state institutions
- \$18M CARES Act funding for e-commerce, food security, and agriculture infrastructure
- \$20M Agriculture Infrastructure Investment Program (AIIP/ARPA)
- \$50M to rebuild Maine State Parks
- \$40M Land for Maine's Future (LMF) funding
- \$6.5M to modernize Maine Forest Service aircraft fleet
- Ongoing General Fund support for Maine State Parks (LD 700)
- Ongoing Local Food Nutrition Incentive Program funding
- \$30M recreational trails
- \$20K Maine Forest Service environmental remediation landowner cleanup program

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