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Senator
Dawn Hill

Maine senator Dawn Hill represents Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit, York, South Berwick and a part of Berwick. Now in her third term, Sen. Hill currently serves as the Assistant Senate Democratic Leader and is the top Senate Democrat on the Energy, Utility and Technology Committee.

Previously, Sen. Hill was the Senate Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, where she led negotiations for a balanced budget that garnered bipartisan, supermajority support in both chambers of the Legislature. During this time, she was named Democratic “Woman of the Year” by Emerge Maine.

In her first term, Hill served as the lead Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. She fought to secure state and federal funding for repair and replacement of Maine’s three gateway bridges, held the Maine Turnpike Authority accountable to citizens, and shepherded legislation allowing expanded bus service in her district.

Prior to her time in the Senate, Hill served two terms in the House of Representatives, during which time she served on the Judiciary Committee and as the House Chair of the Government Oversight Committee. She also served on the Right to Know Advisory Committee, and on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

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