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**Senator Woodsome, Representative Dion and distinguished members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, my name is Denise Harlow and I represent District 36 which is part of Portland. I'm here to present LD 883: An Act to Create the Cellular Telephone Labeling Act.**

**This bill requires manufacturers to include the full language of the safety precautions from the manual on the outside of the packaging or to clearly state on the outside packaging where to find safety information in the manual. There is an amendment being presented later clarifying the original language of the bill. The bill, also, simply requires a cell phone device to include a warning stating, "This device emits radio frequency electromagnetic fields. Avoid direct contact." Lastly, the manufacturer is required to provide the consumer with an informational bulletin warning of potential health hazards from cell phone usage.**

**There are numerous studies linking cell phone usage to health issues. The World Health Organization states these devices emit a type of radiation that may cause cancer. The International Agency for Research on Cancer found in May 2011 that in view of the limited evidence in humans and in experimental animals, the working group classified radio frequency electromagnetic fields as 'possibly carcinogenic to humans'. This evaluation was supported by a large majority of the Working Group members. In 2012 in the Journal of Epidemiology of Community Health, cell phone use was associated with behavioral problems in children who were exposed to it both prenatally and postnatally. These are just a few examples, and I'm sure the experts behind me will explain these, and more, in detail.**

**A simple warning on a cell phone should not be considered too onerous when weighing the evidence of potential damage to human health. Please give consumers the choice to decide for themselves. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.**