The Health and Human Services Committee is soliciting public comment and feedback regarding the briefings and information about the child welfare system that the committee received at the June 8 meeting about the activities of citizen review panels (Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel, Child Death and Serious Injury Review Panel, and Justice for Children Task Force) and the recent efforts of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system. A recording of the committee meeting from June 8, 2022 can be viewed here and the presentations/slides from the meeting are available here.

The Committee welcomes written comments from the public at any time. Interested parties who wish to submit written comments should send them via email to anna.broome@legislature.maine.gov. Written comments will be distributed to committee members. If you wish to provide written comments in advance of the September 19 meeting, please submit your comments by 12:00 noon, Friday, September 16 to ensure that your comments are received by committee members prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed as soon as possible.

<u>Please remember that any comments for distribution to committee members are a matter of public record.</u> They may be posted to the web and they will be provided upon request to any member of the public. Please avoid including any private, confidential, or sensitive information in your submission.