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**LD 265 “An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to  
Civilian Life in Maine”  
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs**

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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and honorable members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, I am Scott Young, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (DVEM). I writing to provide a letter regarding LD 265, *An Act to Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine*.

As you are aware similar bills have been proposed in previous legislatures which ultimately resulted in language and funding being provided in Public Law 2021, Chapter 483 *An Act To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds* which established a pilot project to conduct outreach and to provide support services for active-duty military members transitioning to civilian life in the State. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development (DECD), in consultation with DVEM, was designated to establish this pilot and funding was provided to DECD for this purpose. It is our understanding DECD is willing to continue the program.

I also understand DECD has been in contact with the sponsor, Representative Terry, to amend the bill to identify DECD as the agency to carry on and receive funding for this program. We concur with this proposal.

If our department can be of further assistance, please reach out to me at [Scott.a.young@maine.gov](mailto:Scott.a.young@maine.gov).

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The submission is a letter to the committee.