

CLAC MEMORANDUM/TESTIMONY
LD 2171 (Support)

TO: Senator Anne Carney
Representative Matt Moonen
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

FR: Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)
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RE: LD 2171, An Act Establishing Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Federal Courts in Certain Juvenile Matters.

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The Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)* respectfully submits the following testimony in support of LD 2171.

CLAC supports LD 2171, with the recommendation that references to “crime, juvenile crime or infraction” be changed to “juvenile crime as defined in section 3103.”

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