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**Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA)
Neither For Nor Against**

LD 401, An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Amanda Campbell, and I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) neither for nor against LD 401.

LD 401 seeks to update the statutes regarding overboard discharge systems and bring more transparency to property buyers and more accessibility to state funding for property owners required to replace an overboard system with a traditional subsurface wastewater system.

The proposed changes appear to not have an impact on municipal operations as related to overboard discharge licensing or the current procedure for homeowner grant funding. However, making system replacement more accessible can only improve water quality and the natural environment in those impacted communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you and share the municipal perspective on this important topic. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the MMA Advocacy team with any questions related to municipal operations.