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Testimony in Support of LD 400

Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of The Joint Standing Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources. My name is William St. Michel, I am the retired Fire Chief of The Town of Durham and currently The Executive Director for Maine Fire Chiefs' Association. Maine Fire Chiefs Association is in support of LD 400.

There is not an accurate inventory list of the amounts and locations of Aqueous film-forming foam concentrate in the State. We feel a quantification survey is necessary before a concrete action plan can be developed for collection, mitigation and replacement. LD 400 authorizes the survey process through the Office of The State Fire Marshal. A strong working relationship exists between the Office of The State Fire Marshal and the Fire Service which should lead to a complete and accurate inventory.

We ask for your support of LD 400 in recommending its passage!

Thank You!

Respectfully,
William St. Michel
Executive Director
Maine Fire Chiefs' Association