

CLAC MEMORANDUM/TESTIMONY

Neither for Nor Against LD #717  
An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the Costs of All  
Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs

TO: Senator Anne Beebe-Center  
Representative Tavis Hasenfus  
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

FR: Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)

RE: LD # 717 An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code Governing Restitution to Include the  
Costs of All Analyses of Suspected Illegal Drugs

DA: March 10, 2025

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The Criminal Law Advisory Commission (CLAC)\* respectfully submits the following testimony on LD #717.

CLAC is neither for nor against LD # 717. CLAC members noted that it is unlikely that much additional income would be generated by this change in the statute.

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