

Testimony of Jeffrey Jones, P.E (jeff@jonespe.com) in Support of:

- L.D. 204     An Act to Reduce the Cost of Electricity by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Renewable Resources of Energy
- L.D. 638     An Act to Create Equal Opportunity Access to Clean Energy by Removing the 100-megawatt Limit on Clean Energy Sources
- L.D. 371     An Act to Expand Hydroelectric Development by Removing the 100-megawatt Cap

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and esteemed members of the committee. I am sorry that I am not able to be there in person. I am Jeff Jones, I live in Bangor, and I run Maine Power LLC, the Standard Offer Provider for the Large Class of customers for most of the state. Our large customers need reliable clean, low carbon power as part of our supply mix. I also volunteer with the Citizens' Climate Lobby, and we promote clean, low carbon resources whenever we can. As we move to more intermittent renewable power in our mix, we (and particularly our large employers) are going to need more baseload and dispatchable resources like large hydro that are available around the clock and in all kinds of weather. These bills would help.

We ran into a problem recently where Class II REC demand outstripped supply, and we saw scarcity pricing in the market. Allowing large hydro power to provide REC credits would help to keep this kind of thing from happening again and a way to lower electric bills while meeting increasing RPS standards. This bill should lower costs to our electricity customers.

Thank you and I hope you will agree to support this legislation.