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Testimony of Senator Craig V. Hickman in support of LD 405, "An Act to Define "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing Jails and Correctional Facilities,"

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Monday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Craig Hickman, and I am proud to represent Senate District 14, twelve municipalities in southern Kennebec County including my beloved hometown of Winthrop. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in favor of <u>LD 405</u>, "An Act to Define "Solitary Confinement" for the Laws Governing Jails and Correctional Facilities."

There is currently no definition of "solitary confinement" in statute, and this legislation corrects that deficiency.

I hope you will join me in supporting this legislation.

Thank you.

Craig V. Hickman State Senator, District 14