

Testimony in opposition of LD 1074
the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
March 31, 2025

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the Committee:

My name is Sarah Johnson and I am a resident of Sanford.

I am writing in opposition of LD 1074, An Act to Remove the Limit on the Length of Probation That May Be Served for Aggravated Attempted Murder.

I ask how there is no fiscal impact of this legislation? Would it tax the person on probation for “any term of years” equal to the cost of probationary supervision? I also ask how does this empower an individual to be self supportive? The unlimited burden of probation fees, continued restrictive conditions and constant fear of revocation for “any term of years” is not supportive or rehabilitative. I feel stressed just writing this testimony and thinking of the hopelessness this legislation would engender. Our community well being is not enhanced by unlimited probation.

I hope you will oppose this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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