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Judicial Branch testimony neither for nor against LD 330, Resolve, to Create an Advisory Council to Oversee the Review and Technical Revision of the Maine Criminal Code and Other Statutes Establishing Criminal Offenses:

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, my name is Julie Finn and I represent the Judicial Branch.

While the Judicial Branch takes no position on LD 330, we would like to make one point regarding the membership of the advisory council created by the resolve. The advisory council includes an active retired judge or justice, rather than a full-time appointed judge or justice. Because active retired judges are paid on a per-diem basis, we will have to estimate the amount of a judge's time that would be spent as part of the council and add a fiscal note to the proposal. The Committee may want to consider deleting the words "active retired" from the resolve.

Thank you for your time.