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Statement in opposition to

L.D. 1034, An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. My name is Jason Moen. I am the Chief of the Auburn Police Department, and President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association in opposition to LD 1034.

The mission of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association is to secure a closer official and personal relationship among Maine Police Officials; to secure a unity of action in law enforcement matters; to enhance the standards of police personnel, police training and police professionalism generally; to devise ways and means for equality of law enforcement throughout the state of Maine; to advance the prevention and detection of crime; to prescribe to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics; and to promote the profession of law enforcement as an integral and dedicated force in today's society sworn to the protection of life and property.

Last year, the Legislature had before it LD 1914, which would have created an entirely new regulatory process for providing psilocybin products to individuals in Maine who are 21 years of age or older. We objected to that bill's passage, and it ultimately died when the Legislature adjourned for the year.

One of our primary objections to last year's bill still remains with LD 1034. It allows for personal use of psilocybin. We do not take any position on the clinical and therapeutic benefits of psilocybin, but we do not think that there is enough information for persons to consume it safely without guidance from a medical professional.

For these reasons, we would ask you to oppose LD 1034 and vote ought not to pass.