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LD 637

Good afternoon, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Honorable Members of the Committee On Health and Human Services.

My name is Representative Alicia Collins. I represent the towns of Sidney and Vassalboro.

I will keep my testimony brief as I know you will hear much testimony today.

I appreciate the opportunity to ask you to please support LD 637 (Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Evaluate the Municipal General Assistance Program Database).

Much like our voter roles these data bases need to be updated.

The taxpayers are counting on us, the Legislators, to be good stewards of the funds they send to Augusta. I want to be able to look my constituents in the eye and say, "I know how your money is being spent."

The General Assistance program ought to be set up to show if a disqualified individual is applying in multiple communities for assistance. And, the system should be able to identify if an individual is applying for and receiving assistance in multiple communities.

My husband and I updated our heating system a few years back. Two companies worked on the installation.

The first was hired to install the new boiler and copper tubing. The second was hired to install the new propane tank.

The second company attempted to charge us for the same copper tubing the first company charged us for.

Fortunately, my husband and I reviewed the billing and found the error. It was corrected.

Much like our household budget the GA funds need to be managed.

Thank you for your time today. Please vote ought to pass on LD 637.

Respectfully,

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