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LD 1263

Testimony to oppose LD 1263
to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety on April 14, 2025. Senator
Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and distinguished members of the
Committee:

My name is Janet Drew. I'm a retired RN, and I live in York, and I ask that you
Please OPPOSE this bill.

In principle, I support legislation that lifts up individuals, families and our Maine
communities. Our broken, biased, undefended criminal legal system, and inadequate
healthcare system harms our most vulnerable Maine neighbors.

Increasing penalties has potential Lifelong consequences while giving DAs unjust
leverage.

Incarceration creates stress/ the punishment affects innocent members of whole
families, struggling without their provider, caregiver, loved one

Please support compassionate alternatives to incarceration. Support earned release
programs and second chances.

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Thank you
Janet Drew, RN, ret

Here, we have the additional need to help our Maine neighbors successfully return to
the community

Judges can decide to offer a second chance. reducing fees as much as possible
because the fees add and reducing fees helps that cause

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Please Oppose this bill. We don't need another layer of crime and sentences. It's
punishment enough to be involved with our broken US legal system. In addition, the
harm of incarceration exacerbates all social woes, hurts our vulnerable Maine
neighbors which makes our communities less safe.