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LD 1563

Members of the State and Local Government Committee,  
I am writing to express my strong support for LD 1563, An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation.

As it stands currently, concept drafts allow legislation to be proposed with little to no context. Full drafts of these bills are often released only hours before hearings take place - offering little time for constituents to be able to provide comments to their representatives. If legislators aren't receiving feedback from voters, how can we expect them to do their jobs and be a voice for the people they serve? This practice effectively cuts out Maine people and obscures from view what really goes on behind closed doors in our government.

I urge you to join the growing number of legislators taking action to demand transparency from our elected officials. Please vote in favor of ending concept drafts and help Maine voters find their voice again.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.