

Placeholder Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

LD 1793, *An Act to Improve Management and Reduce the Volume of Solid Waste*

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Kate Dufour, and I am submitting placeholder testimony on LD 1793 because our Legislative Policy Committee will establish its official position tomorrow, April 29.

Normally, testimony of this nature would provide a sense of our members' likely position on proposed legislation, with a promise to follow up with an official position. However, with respect to LD 1793 staff remain uncertain of the response. There are elements of the bill, such as providing access to technical and financial assistance and collaborating on how best to support local level solid waste management responsibilities, that are routinely supported by municipal leaders. However, our members might raise concerns with the unknowns, such as how the development and implementation of rules, policies, programs, and incentives designed to reduce the volume of solid waste might impact municipalities and its property taxpayers.

As soon as practical, MMA will submit supplemental testimony outlying the association's official position for the committee's consideration.

Thank you for your time and patience.