



Testimony in support of LD 1793 Act to Improve Management and Reduce the
Volume of Solid Waste

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of LD 1793, which proposes to clarify the DEPs authority to manage waste, convene a task force to study that waste waste generated in Maine and among other things to specify through licensing ways in which that waste will be dealt with and hopefully to minimize how much waste is needed to be incinerated and and landfilled in the state of Maine.

This bill seems to clarify that a new license be given with regards to collaboration among neighboring communities.

Town and City solid waste budget line items are likely among the highest expenses. We all make waste in one form or another and it costs a lot to dispose of it. What a unique approach to offer grants and entertain plans for technology that is possibly in its infancy and could be very helpful in mitigating what we leave behind on this planet.

We commend the framers of the bill and hope for its success.

Land is a precious commodity and they are not making any more of it.

We are encouraged with what this proposed bill LD 1793 seeks to accomplish and urge the committee to give it an Ought to Pass vote.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Respectfully submitted
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The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting professional and sustainable materials management in Maine.

Established in 1984, MRRA serves over 160 municipalities through its work to provide ongoing education on waste regulations, evolving waste streams, and best practices. We also assist 60 transfer stations and recycling centers and help members find markets for recyclable materials, reinforcing Maine's commitment to resource recovery.