

Placeholder Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

LD 1946, *An Act to Clarify the Eligibility of Certified Recovery Residences for Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Vouchers*

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Kate Dufour, and I am submitting placeholder testimony on LD 1946 because our Legislative Policy Committee will establish its official position on May 14.

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 stance. However, with respect to LD 1946 staff remain uncertain of the response.

The proposal found in LD 1946 could decrease the pressures placed on the General Assistance program, and in turn relieve some of the burdens placed on the property taxpayers. However, it is unclear as to how this change would affect the Bridging Rental Assistance Program Housing Voucher program, particularly with respect to housing for individuals who may not have an alternate option.

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.