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Senator Denise Tepler, Chair  
Representative Lori Gramlich, Chair  
132<sup>nd</sup> Legislature  
Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04330

**RE: L.D. 1928 – An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers**

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Gramlich, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express the Department of Environmental Protection's ("the Department") position with regards to L.D. 1928, An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers. The Department is neither for nor against L.D. 1928.

L.D. 1928 prohibits lodging establishments from providing single-use plastic containers for personal health and beauty products. It does so in a tiered approach based on the capacity of the lodging facility, with lodging establishments with 50 or more units prohibited beginning January 1, 2030, and fewer than 50 units beginning January 1, 2032. The Department supports the goal of this bill, which is to reduce the use of single-use plastics and resulting waste stream through reduction and reuse – the top rungs of Maine's solid waste management hierarchy ([38 M.R.S. § 2101](#)).

L.D. 1928 does not require the Department to develop educational materials or provide outreach, and the Department would not plan to do so. If the bill is passed, we would plan to handle this as a complaint-based program, similar to the way we implement the single-use plastic bag ban. If active education and outreach are intended, additional Department resources may be required. Additionally, it is unclear if the enforcement language regarding a fine of \$100 (page 2, lines 3 through 9) are intended to not require Board of Environmental Protection review and approval under 38 M.R.S. §347-A.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. I can be available to answer questions of the committee at the work session.

Sincerely,

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