

Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Opposition to

*LD 1927- An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements*

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Rebecca Graham, and I am submitting placeholder testimony on behalf of MMA's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) as they have not had the opportunity to meet and take a formal position on this proposal.

Our LPC is made up of individuals from across Maine with municipal officials elected by their peers across Maine's 35 Senate districts representing communities with very different access to available enforcement resources and local capacity.

The bill proposes a review authority that may not be able to be achieved in all municipalities as some local health officers do not have access to the necessary equipment required to make a determination of mold abatement or problem, while mold related issues and tenancy occur in all communities. The effect of mold is very different across a spectrum of sensitivities. Additionally, these may be shared employees between several municipalities complicating record keeping which may also be a mandated activity as described in Sec. 1 (5) of the bill, similar to the requirements in LD 1344.

I will submit additional testimony following the meeting scheduled for Wednesday of this week when the Association will take an official position on the bill, but it may be helpful for the committee to consider the potential mandate during its deliberation.