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I URGE YOU to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1927, An Act to Protect Housing Quality by Enacting Mold Inspection, Notification and Remediation Requirements. First of all, there already is a process in place to handle this issue. If a tenant feels there is a problem in their rental they should 1. Let the landlord know and let them try to cure the situation if it truly exists and 2. They may call the municipal fire department and get an inspector to come and see if it is truly mold and help the landlord get it cleaned up. What this bill proposes is the tenant going directly to the agency without giving the landlord a chance to correct the situation. It also does speak to the fact that most, if not all, mold situations come from not having a clean home. Mold is an organism. It needs food to live. If you don't feed it, it will not live. Therefore, if the tenant doesn't clean up food or counters or sinks, etc. they will grow mold. Mold will spread. It's a living thing. Continually putting the onus on the landlord for misbehavior/actions of the tenant is not a fair process. There is nothing in this bill that says the tenant must use due diligence to work with the landlord before "calling the cops" sort of speak. I think way too much is put against the landlords for actions of an ever increase "entitles" society that takes no responsibility for their own actions. Until it is written to reflect the duality of the situation, I implore you to go back to the drawing board. PLEASE VOTE OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1927. Thank you for your service to our State!