



Testimony of the Maine Dental Association
before the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee

**LD 1905 An Act Regarding the Authority of the Office of Professional and Occupational
Regulation and the Licensing Boards and Commissions Within That Office to Pursue
Complaints**

In Support
Public Hearing: Tuesday May 13, 2025

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and Distinguished Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee:

I am Therese Cahill, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Maine Dental Association. The MDA represents all dentists in Maine and is a statewide association dedicated to promoting oral health, advancing excellence in dentistry, and building a future that empowers Maine's communities with sustainable access to oral healthcare. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

On behalf of the Maine Dental Association, I am respectfully providing testimony *in support of* **LD 1905 An Act Regarding the Authority of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the Licensing Boards and Commissions Within That Office to Pursue Complaints.**

Simply put, LD 1905 will allow Licensing Boards and Commissions within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) to delegate to staff the authority to dismiss complaints that clearly do not fall within the purview of the licensing board to enforce. The change does not allow staff to rule on anything other than matters that fall within the purview of the particular Board or Commission. As the MDA supports any effort to streamline the Board of Dental Practice's ability to hear complaints in the timeliest way possible, we are happy to support this effort of OPOR.

Thank you for your time and attention.