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Senator Ingwersen, Chair  
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Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services  
100 State House Station  
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Re: LD 1736 – *An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts*

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide information in opposition to LD 1736, *An Act to Increase the Supply of Child Care Services Through the Use of Contracts*.

LD 1736 would require OCFS to enter into direct contracts with child care providers to furnish slots for specific categories of children, including those under three years of age, those with disabilities, and those in underserved areas. This bill would require OCFS to adopt rules to implement these changes.

OCFS is opposed to this bill as the strategy of using contracted slots as part of the state's subsidy program (the Child Care Affordability Program (CCAP) is already a part of new federal requirements that OCFS is in the process of implementing. OCFS is working on the development of this system, including drafting rules, with a plan to roll out contracted slots in SFY 2026. OCFS does not believe this bill is necessary given the requirement put forth by the federal government but also notes that this bill's language aligns with the federal language.

OCFS appreciates your consideration of this information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions during your deliberation of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobbi L. Johnson, LMSW".

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