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LD 2141

Sebago Clean Waters (SCW), a collaborative of non-profit organizations working to protect water quality in Sebago Lake, the drinking water supply for one out of six Mainers, fully supports LD 2141, An Act to Direct a Portion of Unclaimed Beverage Container Deposits to the Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund, the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Program, and Public Defender Office Staffing. This act will bolster funding for lake water quality protection and restoration efforts in Sebago Lake and other watershed lakes that are hydrologically connected to it. If passed, these funds will support important projects that complement SCW's forestland conservation, landowner education, forest management and other ongoing efforts to promote the protection of Maine's most important drinking water supply. This bill could provide resources to SCW collaborative partner Lakes Environmental Association and other organizations working in the Sebago Lake watershed to maintain and improve water quality. Given the importance of Sebago Lake and its watershed to the health and well-being of so many Maine people, we strongly recommend that you endorse LD 2141 with a unanimous "ought to pass."