

**Testimony from Toby Bragdon**

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**In Support of LD 2212 - An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2026**

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs as the committee**

**February, 17, 2026**

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