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Neither for Nor Against LD #827

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Good afternoon, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. I'm Mike Roland, Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards at the Maine Department of Labor. I'm here today to testify neither for nor against LD 827, An Act to Allow Employees to Request Flexible Work Schedules

The Department appreciates the intent but takes no position on this bill. We do, however, wish to note that if enacted as is the resulting statute would contain no enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance. In that case, there would be no additional burden on the Department.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have now or at a future work session.

The Maine Department of Labor is committed to serving Maine workers and businesses by helping employers recruit and train a talented workforce, providing workers with skills needed to compete in our economy, assisting individuals when jobs are lost, aiding people with disabilities reach career goals, ensuring safe and fair workplaces for people on the job and providing research and analysis of employment data to support job growth.