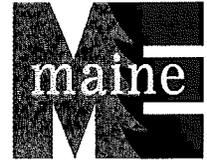




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Neither for nor against LD 941

An Act Facilitating the Efforts of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and the Town of Brunswick to Design and Carry Out Improvements to the Storm Water System and Other Infrastructure at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

Good afternoon, Sen. Curry, Rep. Roberts, and distinguished members of the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. I am Victoria Foley, legislative liaison for the Department of Economic and Community Development, and I am testifying neither for nor against LD 941.

Since the bill was printed, we have had a good conversation with the bill sponsor. Based on that discussion, we understand that there will be an amendment to the concept draft that seeks to create a commission focused on some of the infrastructure concerns identified in the current bill title.

DECD would be pleased to have a staff person participate on the commission as it has been described to us, and happy to be helpful in whatever ways we are able in terms of expertise – though stormwater management is not our strength. We have spoken with our colleagues at DEP and they share our position on this bill. A member of DEP's Stormwater Engineering Team could serve on the commission as well.

Thank you for your time, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.