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IN REGARD TO LD 1100

Directing policy modifications to security screening in the State House and to implement security screenings in the Burton Cross Office Building.

Senator Nangle, Rep. Stover, and distinguished Members of the Committee on State and Local Government; my name is Matthew Clancy, and I am the Chief of Police of the Capitol Bureau. I am here today to testify on behalf of the Department of Public Safety in support of this ongoing security conversation and potential modifications envisioned by LD 100, the Resolve to Address Security Changes in the State House and Burton Cross Office Building.

We currently stand Neither for Nor Against the funding component of the bill because it's not currently included in the Governor's budget.

In the 130th legislative session bills were introduced to enhance security at the Burton Cross Office Building by adding a security screening center there. These bills resulted in funding for a security study of the Cross Building (COB) by a security consulting firm.

The study (which has been embargoed due to the security nature) recommended the implementation of screening at the COB and presented recommendations on possible locations for the screening center which would require the construction of a small addition to the COB for that purpose. DAFS has begun preliminary schematic design based on the recommendations of the study.

It is also my understanding that two (2) LRs were filed earlier in the current 131st Session to revisit this project. The sponsors then combined the bills and the result is this resolve which has been referred to the SLG Committee.

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The Capitol Police and Department of Public Safety fully supports enhancements to the security of our critical facilities such as the State House and Cross Office Building.

Providing a safe environment for all to be heard in our democratic process is the primary mission of the Capitol Police specifically and the Department of Public Safety in general.

This action, if approved, will have a fiscal impact on the DPS -Bureau of Capitol Police budget to support program operation moving forward.

The Capitol Police would require a headcount increase to staff and support a new center at Cross and modifications to the current center at the State House.

There would need to be a fiscal note to acquire the equipment necessary to conduct screening operations in Cross.

At present there is no supporting funding encapsulated in the Governor's budget for this purpose.

We are ready and eager to work with the Committee and other stakeholders to enhance the security of these critical facilities as deemed necessary and appropriate.

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety and the Maine Capitol Police, I thank you for your time and would be happy to try and answer any questions that you might have.

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