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**Testimony of Senator Ben Chipman to introduce LD 1072, “An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles”**  
**Before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**  
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Representative Williams, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Senator Ben Chipman and I represent Senate District 28. I am here to speak in support of LD 1072, “An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.”

I want to thank the Secretary of State and Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for allowing me to sponsor their department bill.

The Secretary of State will speak in more detail about the technical and practical implications of this bill, but I would like the committee to know this bill only seeks to enhance the BMV’s mission of providing accessible, timely, and secure motor vehicle services to people in Maine.

The BMV is one of very few state agencies that get to interact with practically every single person in our state, beginning in their adolescence all the way to adulthood. Therefore, our responsibility as members of this committee is to ensure we are supporting the BMV in their mission to deliver customer-centered services and to enhance the quality of life and opportunity for people in Maine.

Earlier this year, our committee had the opportunity to tour the BMV to see the work that is being done there and review the BMV’s strategic plan. It was great to see that they’re seeking not only to modernize technology but also update the way they provide services to the people of Maine. This bill is intended to clean up areas of statute to align aspects of the motor vehicle laws with modernized services.

I am happy to answer any questions or get additional information to the Committee ahead of the work session. Thank you for your time.