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LD 1418, An Act Concerning Single-use Disposable Water Bottles and Water Refill Stations
Sponsored by Rep. Gramlich
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I am Anya Trundy, Chief of Legislative and Strategic Operations for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am providing testimony Neither For Nor Against LD 1418 as it relates to the State of Maine as an entity.

As written, this legislation proposes that bottles containing less than 1 liter of uncarbonated, unflavored water may not be purchased, sold or provided to a consumer by a food service or function of the State and may not be purchased by a state agency. It also requires that all state-owned facilities and functions have reasonable access to water refill stations.

There should be minimal impact to State-owned buildings on the East and West Augusta campuses, and in Hallowell and Vassalboro as all have water fountains available in public areas, satisfying this bill. However, the state leases approximately 19 million square feet of space across 250 buildings for State offices and services, much of which is likely not already compliant with the proposed law. The fiscal impact of expanding that compliance across the entirety of the State's leased space is estimated at a minimum of \$100,000-200,000.

DAFS would also like to flag for the Committee that Procurement Services is aware of a couple of specific incidences in which certain Departments purchase bottled water. The purchase of bottled water within State facilities for agency personnel is not allowed unless an exception has been granted by the Bureau of General Services in response to water quality concerns at a facility. One prominent example of where this is the case is the Mountain View Correctional Facility in Charleston where the Department of Corrections is providing bottled water in response to water quality concerns at that facility. Also, MEMA stockpiles bottled water for distribution in emergencies. We raise these examples to suggest that the Committee may want to consider reasonable exceptions if you move forward with this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify, I would be happy to answer any questions.