



Statement of Abbie Strout-Bentes, Director of Education and Community Engagement,  
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LD 494, An Act to Conform State Funding to the Federal Hyde Amendment,  
Limiting Funding for Some Abortion Services

LD 771, An Act to Protect a Woman's Right to Withdraw Consent for an Abortion

LD 1197, An Act to Prevent Coerced Abortion

LD 1249, An Act to Protect the Quality of Care Provided via Telehealth by Prohibiting  
Physicians from Prescribing Abortion-inducing Drugs or Devices Through  
Telehealth or Other Electronic Communication

LD 1614, An Act to Require an Ultrasound and Certain Counseling Before an Abortion

Ought Not to Pass

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the joint standing committee on Judiciary, my name is Abbie Strout-Bentes, I am the Director of Education and Community Engagement at Mabel Wadsworth Center in Bangor. Mabel Wadsworth Center is the only independent, not-for-profit, feminist health center in Maine. We provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive healthcare, including prenatal care, abortion care, birth control, STD testing and treatment, cancer screenings, and other wellness care.

I am here today on behalf of our health center to oppose all five bills being heard this morning.