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IN OPPOSITION TO
L D 1908, AN ACT TO ENACT THE SAFE COSMETICS ACT

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Presented by Rep. Warren

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Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I am Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, speaking in opposition to L D 1908

LD 1908 seeks to establish a sales prohibition on the use of specified restricted substances that are intentionally added to cosmetics sold in Maine. This proposal would create a complex self-implementing regulation prohibiting nearly a dozen categories of chemicals. Each of those chemical categories would require additional specificity through rulemaking. The list of products qualifying as cosmetics is likely to be extensive and the list of potentially regulated manufacturers is likely to be numerous. In the Department's experience, laws creating prohibitions that are described as "self-implementing" can still

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create significant work for the Department to explain the law's requirements to affected manufacturers and to address issues of noncompliance. The Department would request additional staff and funding resources to implement this law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.