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Testimony of Representative Margaret Craven introducing LD 2151, An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records Before the Health and Human Services Committee

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer and fellow members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Margaret Craven, and I represent House District 93, which includes part of Lewiston. I am here today to present LD 2151, An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records.

This bill seeks to change the fee structure when third party, commercial requests are made for patient records.

The bill raises the \$5 maximum fee that can be charged for validating a request and locating medical records to \$20. The bill also adds a per page fee of 45¢.

I will say, again, that this bill addresses third party, commercial requests for records. This does not affect patients who request their own records.

There are stakeholders here today who can speak to the specifics of this bill and why this change is timely and necessary.

Thank you.