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***Testimony of Rep. James Dill introducing
LD 2135, Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal
Services Issues***

Before the Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich and distinguished members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Jim Dill, and I represent House District 26 and the communities of Bradley, Old Town and Penobscot Indian Island. I am here before you today to present **LD 2135, Resolve, to Investigate and Address Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services Issues**.

This resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Environmental Protection to investigate and make recommendations by April 1, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to address several critical issues and developments in the State's solid waste management system which affects approximately 159 municipalities in the central and northern areas of the State and sewer and utility districts and departments all across the State.

Currently, all the waste from the 159 municipalities is going to Juniper Ridge Landfill. The landfill is getting full and will need to expand if something isn't done soon. The two alternatives PERC and Fiberight are not functioning at the moment. The long-term viability, if they function, of these facilities is uncertain. Therefore, the problem of solid waste disposal in Maine must be addressed.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am happy to answer any questions you may have for me.