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Sponsor's Testimony in Support of LD 2104

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District

Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler, esteemed colleagues on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, my name is Cameron Reny and I represent District 13 which consists of most of Lincoln County and the towns of Washington and Windsor.

I am here today to introduce to the committee LD 2104, *An Act to Amend the Charter of the Wiscasset Water District*. This bill is intended to modernize the Wiscasset Water District to meet the needs of constituents of Wiscasset and neighboring towns now and in the future. This legislation will allow expanded distribution of water and sewer services from Wiscasset to Woolwich and Edgecomb when, and if, the residents give them permission at the ballot box.

This committee is already aware of how critical water and sewer services are to communities. This bill is needed to allow these important discussions so the region can maximize its resources.

This bill will ensure proper representation amongst consumers, create water equity amongst smaller municipalities, and open opportunities for municipalities to take control of their utilities as they see fit. Please note the testimony from the neighboring communities as well as the co-sponsors who signed on showing their support for this bill.

I respectfully ask that you support this legislation. I am happy to answer what questions I can. Although, please note there are people with far more knowledge than myself of water and sewer district operations who will be testifying after me.

Thank you.