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Testimony in Support of LD 2222, *“An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine”*

Senator Nangle, Representative Stover and distinguished and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

My name is Randy Greenwood and I proudly represent House District 56 which includes the towns of Litchfield, Monmouth and my hometown of Wales.

I am here to speak in support of LD 2222, “An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine.”

I am pleased to have served on the working group that resulted in this bill.

LD 2222 will establish a state calendar based on the thoughtful and deliberate work done by the working group to identify 20 major religious holidays impacting many faiths held by the people of Maine.

The primary purpose of the state calendar is for state agencies to be aware of religious practices and holidays observed by Maine people when scheduling meetings or holding public events. This bill does NOT, in any way, intend to create any additional paid state holidays for state employees, nor would the state calendar be imposed on private entities. The calendar is strictly for state agency use only and could also be described as more of a reference calendar, if you will.

The Department of the Secretary of State has agreed to maintain and update the calendar on an annual basis and ensure its distribution to all state agencies.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will join me in supporting this bill.

Randy Greenwood
State Representative

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