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*Testimony of Rep. Holly B. Stover presenting*  
**LD 2241, An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions**  
**Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government**

Good afternoon, Senator Nangle and distinguished colleagues of the Committee on State and Local Government. My name is Holly Stover and I represent House District 48, including Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport, Edgecomb, Westport Island and South Bristol. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today as the sponsor of **LD 2241, An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions**.

It is common practice that every second session of the Legislature a bill is brought forward to eliminate inactive boards and commissions. This typically involves a process for identifying, reviewing, and either reactivating or abolishing entities that are no longer functioning effectively or serving their intended purpose. The list is identified and brought forward by the Office of the Secretary of State.

The process of eliminating any board or commission is thorough and includes engagement with the agencies and individuals who have a good working knowledge of the purpose and status of a board or commission. The work session on this bill should allow this Committee time to review the proposal to eliminate three inactive boards and commissions that no longer meet and have no plans to continue to meet. The three boards and commissions include the Advisory Board on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise, the Advisory Committee on Medical Education and the Board of Trustees for the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation, and Engineering. I look forward to having a fuller discussion about these three boards and commissions during the work session.

The effort to eliminate inactive boards or commissions is not a statement about the value or impact of the members or the work that they completed on behalf of the state. Boards and commissions are formed to perform certain functions and meet the objectives they were tasked with. It is simply an administrative function of our committee to manage this and make final decisions about eliminating those that have met their intended purpose.

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Overall, legislation aimed at removing inactive boards and commissions is designed to streamline government operations, improve efficiency and ensure that public resources are being used effectively to serve the needs of our state.

Please join me in supporting LD 2241 and I am available to answer any questions you may have.