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Testimony of Senator Anne Carney introducing
**LD 26, An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of
Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up
and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of
Environmental Protection**
before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and esteemed members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I am Anne Carney, proudly representing Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, and part of Scarborough. It is a pleasure to be with you today to introduce LD 26, “An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection.”

This bill from the Department of Environmental Protection would adjust the limit on the amount of revenue from the importation of oil into Maine that can be used by the Department for administrative costs, such as personnel salaries. The current limit was set many years ago and does not reflect the fact that personnel costs change over time. The Department's expenditures from the Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund are reviewed regularly by the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board to ensure that revenues are prioritized for remediation and prevention of oil spills.

A representative from the Department of Environmental Protection will follow me to present more specifics, and I invite you to direct your questions to them.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce this bill.

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