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Representative Doudera and distinguished colleagues of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I am Senator Denise Tepler, representing Senate District 24, all of Sagadahoc County and the Town of Dresden, and a long-time resident of Topsham. I am here today to introduce L.D. 36, “An Act to Clarify the Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection.” This is a bill from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to align the Board’s processes with recent legislation that changed the Board’s licensing authorities, and to allow timing for appeals of just one specific type of order by the Department (for uncontrolled hazardous substance sites) to align with the public participation procedures required by the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

Uncontrolled hazardous substance sites are the state version of Superfund sites. The department rarely designates a site, and each time it’s for very case-specific reasons. Example sites are the Mallincrodt site in Orrington (mercury) and Beal’s Linen in Auburn (dry-cleaning solvent vapors in a low income apartment building).

Thank you for allowing me to present the bill. Please refer all questions to the members of the DEP who will testify shortly.