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*Testimony of Rep. Kristen Cloutier presenting*

### **LD 41 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

Good afternoon Senator Grohoski and colleagues on the Taxation Committee. As you know, my name is Kristen Cloutier, and I represent House District 94, which includes part of my hometown of Lewiston. I am pleased to sponsor **LD 41 Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory** on behalf of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Maine Revenue Services.

LD 41 is a resolve that follows the established process for addressing tax-acquired properties in Maine's Unorganized Territory. It provides a structured and fair approach to handling properties with matured tax liens from 2022, while protecting both the state's interests and providing consideration for former property owners.

Thank you for your consideration. I will now defer to the department who can present the bill in more detail and answer any questions you may have.