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Testimony in Support of:

L.D. 76, "An Act to Allow Use of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund to Compensate Hatchery Staff When Certain Operational Needs Require Overtime"

Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

I am Jim Thorne, State Representative for House District 35 that includes the towns of Hermon and Carmel.

I'm here today in support of LD 76, "An Act to Allow Use of the Fish Hatchery Maintenance Fund to Compensate Hatchery Staff When Certain Operational Needs Require Overtime."

This bill expands the use of the fish hatchery maintenance fund to allow the funding of overtime personnel services costs when overtime for fish stocking and other hatchery-related work is operationally required.

At this time, I'd like to defer your questions to Liz Latte, the Director of the Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Fisheries and Hatcheries Division.

Thank you,

Jim Thorne State Representative