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Testimony of Representative Suzanne Salisbury sponsoring
LD 42, An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Good afternoon Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. My name is Sue Salisbury, and I represent House District 128, which includes part of Westbrook. I am pleased to sponsor **LD 42, An Act Regarding the Bind-over and Detention of Juveniles.**

Under current law, a juvenile who is over the age of 18 when a bind-over order is issued must be transferred to an adult facility. This bill would allow the juvenile to remain in the juvenile facility pending their appeal to the Law Court of the bind-over decision at the discretion of the Department of Corrections.

The Department of Corrections, specifically the juvenile services team, has done a lot of work over the last few years to acknowledge and respond to the needs of justice-involved youth. This change will allow the Department of Corrections to work with the courts and allow these residents to stay at a facility that best meets their needs.

I wish to thank Christine Thibeault and her team for bringing this bill forward. She and others from the Department of Corrections are here today and are more than willing to answer any questions. Thank you for your consideration.