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Testimony of Rep. Kristen Cloutier presenting

LD 114, An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Good morning, Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. 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 114, An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority**.

The Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) is a quasi-municipal entity managing the wastewater treatment system for Lewiston, Auburn and surrounding communities. They are the second-largest treatment plant in Maine.

On their 50th anniversary, LAWPCA decided that they wanted a name that better reflected their mission and values. LD 114 would allow the entity to operate under the name Lewiston Auburn Clean Water Authority.

Because of the way their charter is written, this simple name change requires legislative action that will provide the Authority with the ability to update their business operations, including bank accounts and billing information. The change is purely administrative, updating their name to more accurately represent their current function while maintaining their existing operational responsibilities.

I am happy to answer any questions, but Paula Drouin, Assistant General Manager of the Authority, and slated to speak after me, may be better suited to address them.

Thank you for your consideration.