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Testimony of Senator Craig V. Hickman introducing

LD 137, An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work

for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and honorable members of the Committee on Labor, my name is Craig Hickman and I am proud to represent Senate District 14, twelve municipalities in southern Kennebec County including my beloved hometown of Winthrop in the center of the beautiful Winthrop Lakes Region. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce <u>LD 137</u>, "An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Employees Who Work for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner," to the Committee today.

This bill will include employees of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner under the 1998 Special Retirement Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. This bill recognizes the extraordinary and challenging working conditions of the dedicated state employees in the Chief Medical Examiner's Office.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce this bill.

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