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*Testimony of Rep. James Dill introducing*  
**LD 728, An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Smelt Fishing**  
*Before the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee*

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and very distinguished members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, my name is Jim Dill, and I represent House District 26 and the communities of Bradley, Old Town and Penobscot Nation Voting District. I am here before you today to present **LD 728, An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Smelt Fishing.**

This is a fairly straightforward bill, and it came to me by request of a former House colleague. It simply states a person may exceed the daily bag limits when actively fishing for smelts as long as the fish are held live in a grading container or other live containment device and any live fish over the daily limit are immediately released back into the same waters in which they were caught when finished fishing. The bill also allows the person fishing the opportunity to measure their catch before deciding which fish to keep or release.

Thank you for your time this afternoon. I would be happy to answer any questions you have for me.