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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Neither For Nor Against

LD 646, Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Amanda Campbell and I am submitting testimony neither for nor against LD 646 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's 70-member Legislative Policy Committee.

LD 646 looks to create a commission to study unregulated stormwater pollution.

Municipal officials have concerns about the definition of the term "unregulated" and the limited proposed municipal representation on the commission.

Of more concern, however, are the potential unintended consequences should additional legislation arise from the commission that would place administrative, financial and resource burdens on communities that are not currently part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. Likewise, any potential additional requirements placed on current MS4 communities causes concern.

You will hear testimony today from municipal and other local stormwater management officials and I encourage you to consider them as lived experience professionals who can answer questions and provide explanations about stormwater practice in the real world.

Thank you for your consideration of the municipal perspective. Please contact me or any member of the MMA Advocacy team with questions about municipal operations.