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Testimony of Representative Kristi Mathieson presenting

LD 707, An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage Insurance and Financial

Good morning, Senator Bailey and esteemed colleagues on the Health Coverage Insurance and Financial Services Committee. I am Representative Kristi Mathieson representing House District 151, Kittery. Thank you for your time today. It is my honor to present to you **LD 707, An Act to Amend the Membership of the State Employee Health Commission and Make Referential Changes to the Office of Employee Health, Wellness and Workers' Compensation**

This is a bill submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204. For more technical information I ask that the committee direct questions of the Department, but I do want to bring attention to one friendly consideration as we work this bill. On line 5, under Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §285-A, sub-§2, "24" is struck. I would suggest the committee come to an agreement around a reasonable membership number associated with the State Employee Health Commission. As an unlimited number, which would happen if this number is struck, on a commission does not bode well for equal representation and a smoothly run commission. I have spoken with the Department about this and they are open to this friendly amendment.

Thank you for your time.