

Testimony Regarding LD 356

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LD 356 - An Act to Require Notification of Certain Outdoor Pesticide Applications

Chairpersons Senator Talbot-Ross, Representative Pluecker, and honorable members of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee,

My name is Will Weaver. I am a resident of Portland and the president of MD Weaver, a company providing structural pest control services throughout Southern Maine. I'm an Associate Certified Entomologist and a licensed Master Applicator through the Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

Today I am testifying neither for, nor against LD 356.

Originally, I was prepared to oppose the original version of LD 356 due to its proposed impact on public health pest control. The original bill's notification requirements and waiting periods would have made it very difficult to provide timely and affordable service for public health pests including rats & wasps, and notable disease vectors such as ticks and mosquitoes.

I am instead here today to express my thank you to Senator Bennett for understanding these concerns and amending this bill to direct the Board of Pesticides Control to review. While I feel the existing notification registry is acceptable as is, I have no doubt that modifications to the registry will be carefully assessed by the Board of Pesticides.

Respectfully,

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