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Testimony of Senator Michael Tipping introducing
LD 576, An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers
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Representative Roeder and members of the Labor Committee, I am pleased to sponsor LD 576, An Act Regarding Reciprocal Licensure for Professional Engineers.

LD 576 allows highly qualified engineers licensed in the US or UK to become licensed in both jurisdictions. Once licensed engineers are deemed to have met substantially equivalent requirements in their home country, they can become licensed in the other country without repeating basic qualifying requirements.

Because the licensure standards and protocols of each country have been vetted and recognized as substantially equivalent through a Mutual Recognition Agreement established by the National Council of Examiner for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the UK Engineering Council, both countries continue to assure that the safety, welfare, and property of the public is protected.

LD 576 would allow this Mutual Recognition Agreement to take effect in Maine.

Thank you, and I will any direct questions to the representative of the Board who will address the Committee.