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In support of LD 768, *An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*

Sponsor: Senator Ingwersen
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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and members of the Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Bill Montejo, and I serve as the Director of the Division of Licensing and Certification for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS/DLC or the "Division"). I would like to thank Senator Ingwersen for sponsoring this bill. I am here today to testify in support of LD 768, *An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*

The intent of this bill is to establish clear authority for state licensing standards applicable to federally certified Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities. It establishes terms and definitions in Maine Statute that are consistent with those used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which establishes Conditions of Participation that these facilities are required to adhere to. This bill creates consistency in the statute for facility licensure by the department and establishes clear authorization for licensure, licensure fees, and inspection processes while also establishing the statutory foundation for rule revision.

Passage of the bill will establish in statute the ability for the department to conduct joint licensure and federal CMS recertification surveys at the same time in order to reduce provider burden and department costs.

Thank you and I would be happy to address any questions you have.