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*Testimony of Representative Ambureen Rana introducing*

**LD 1035, Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

Good morning, Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. My name is Ambureen Rana, and I have the honor of representing House District 21, which includes part of the City of Bangor.

I am here today to introduce **LD 1035, Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters**.

This measure directs the Department of Environmental Protection to study the current infrastructure for the disposal of single-use propane canisters and make recommendations regarding improvements around disposing them safely, which is to be detailed in a report given to this committee in December. Further, LD 1035 directs the department to evaluate how single-use propane canisters may be managed as part of the Stewardship Program for Packaging.

Currently, it's a real challenge to safely get rid of propane canisters.

In my community, some metal recycling centers like AIM Recycling will only accept propane canisters if they have a hole punched in them or they're cut in half – something that isn't possible for some community members to do either because they don't have the tools to do it, don't feel safe doing it, or both.

Stories of propane canisters exploding are not uncommon, and without a collection program in place, these canisters just stick around people's homes posing a hazard, or even worse, get dumped in places where they shouldn't be like our lakes, rivers and ponds or in the woods.

I believe that LD 1035 is necessary so that we can begin to learn how to manage the disposal of these canisters more properly. Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**LD 1035**  
**Proposed amendment, Representative Rana**

*Amend the bill by striking everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following in its place:*

**Sec. 1. Management of used single-use propane canisters; evaluation. Resolved:**  
That the Department of Environmental Protection shall evaluate whether single-use propane canisters meet the criteria in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1772, subsection 2 as a candidate for a product stewardship program. The evaluation must include a review of the current infrastructure for the disposal of used single-use propane canisters, recommendations regarding improvements to allow residents of the State to safely dispose of used canisters and an evaluation of how used canisters may be managed as part of the stewardship program for packaging under Title 38, section 2146. The department shall include its findings and recommendations from the evaluation under Section 1, including any proposed legislation, in the annual report required by Title 38, section 1772, subsection 1 and due February 15, 2026.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the resolve and resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to evaluate whether single-use propane canisters meet the criteria in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1772, subsection 2 as a candidate for a product stewardship program. The evaluation must include a review of the current infrastructure for the disposal of used single-use propane canisters, recommendations regarding improvements to allow residents of the State to safely dispose of used canisters and an evaluation of how used canisters may be managed as part of the stewardship program for packaging under Title 38, section 2146. The department is directed to include its findings and recommendations from the evaluation, including any proposed legislation, in the annual report required by Title 38, section 1772, subsection 1 and due February 15, 2026.