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*Testimony of Representative Suzanne Salisbury presenting*  
**LD 914, An Act Regarding Employees in the Office of the State Auditor**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*

Good afternoon, Senator Baldacci and distinguished colleagues on the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, I am Sue Salisbury and I represent House District 128, which includes part of Westbrook. I am here today to present **LD 914, An Act Regarding Employees in the Office of the State Auditor**.

I want to thank our State Auditor, Matthew Dunlap, for the opportunity to present this bill. My experience working with the State Auditor's office, and my role on the State and Local Government Committee are new, but I am very fascinated by the roles and functions of the State Auditor's office and how we, the Legislature, can support that work. The current statute states, "The Office of the State Auditor must be organized in the manner the State Auditor considers best suited to the accomplishment of its functions." I don't know if other departments have the same type of compelling wording describing their offices, but I hope so.

The request from the State Auditor is to add a single line that says "classified, titled and compensated as the State Auditor considers appropriate." Mr. Dunlap is here today and will be able to answer any questions you may have about this additional wording.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill.