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Good morning Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. My name is Joe Baldacci, and I represent Senate District 9, which consists of Bangor and Hermon. I am pleased to introduce my bill LD 1191, "An Act to Ensure Timely Reimbursement for Providers of Child Care Services for Children in Foster Care."

This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to pay the invoice of a child care provider for foster care services rendered to a family foster home within 15 days of receiving the invoice. The bill would also require DHHS to establish procedures to ensure the timely processing of the reimbursement to the provider, to provide guidance to child care providers on requirements for submitting invoices and to issue an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Department's compliance with these provisions.

Thank you all for your time and consideration, and I look forward to working with you all during the work session.

Sincerely,

Joe Baldacci